



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to you all for successfully making it to half term. You have all been amazing supporting your children with remote education, health and well-being, homework and life in general. I cannot thank you all enough. You all deserve a medal.



Over the half term we have been able to support 40% of our critical worker and vulnerable parents with places in school. We now have a waiting list for most year groups and are hoping and praying that the announcement that will be made with regards to the return of schools will be positive for everyone. We are all missing having our school family together each day and hope that we will soon return safely to school.

Thank you to you all for your kind words and gifts of gratitude. This week we received this lovely photograph of school with the words 'thank you' and also 2 baskets of goodies for each staffroom. They have been very much appreciated this week as school has been extremely cold with the need for ventilation and the weather outside being so chilly.



Another piece of wonderful news is that Phoebe in Foundation became a big sister. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Swift on the birth of Jacob.



This week we participated in 'Safer Internet Day'. Different children across the school took part in different activities. I have chosen a selection to share with you.



"Inspiring each other to learn, in the light of Christ"

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Father John and Deacon Nick kindly came to school today for our liturgy. We filmed it and shared it on the Google classroom. The theme was 'Lent' and we learnt all about the symbols of Lent.

Our special thanks to Father John and Deacon Nick. Lent begins next week with Ash Wednesday.



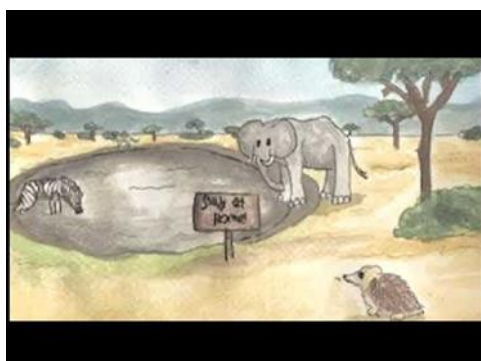
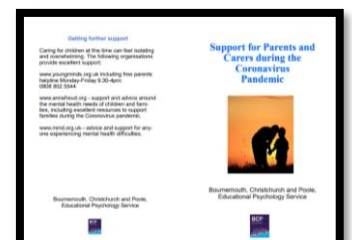
Hopefully next week you will be able to take part in CAFOD's 'Walk for Water Campaign' which is taking place virtually on the 20th February and the water droplet trail. Please stick a droplet in your window and then walk and see how many droplets you can see. Please watch the assembly again here <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Primary-school-assemblies/Water-of-life-primary>



Here are the instructions <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/School-fundraising/Water-Droplet-Trail>

Attached with this update is a support booklet for use during the pandemic which I hope you find useful.

Also a kind parent in Year 2 sent in the following link to a session which can support the whole family during lockdown. It's called Hetty's in Lockdown again and also has exercises to do to support children. <https://youtu.be/GbWBqc7oOV0>



[Therapeutic Stories - Hetty's in Lockdown Again](https://youtu.be/GbWBqc7oOV0)

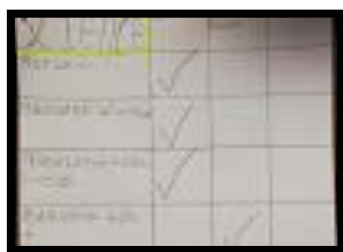
Illustrated by Erin Cooper A series of therapeutic storytelling videos for primary schools and parents/carers or teachers to use with children.

On Wednesday 4th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Please see the attached letter for further information.

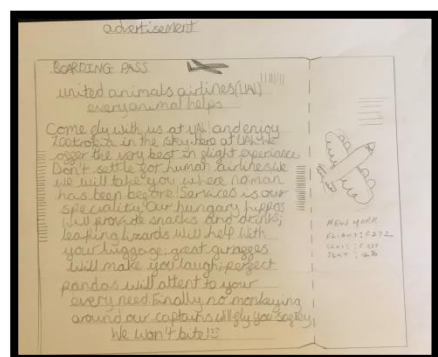


Once again the work on the Google Classroom has been first class. I could share so much!

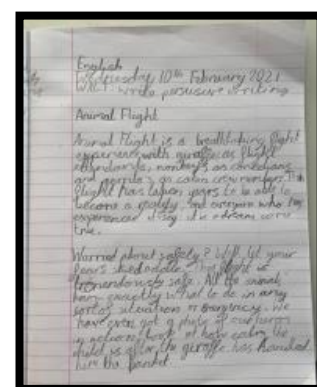
Ben in Year 2 has been conducting some fantastic, independent science investigations using ice over the weekend. He has presented his findings beautifully.



Valeria in Year 6 and her mum had an Egyptian Day. Look at what they made!

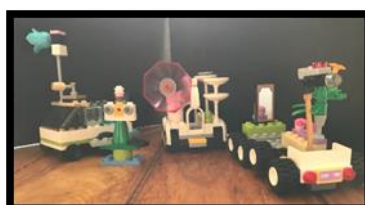


There has also been some amazing writing in Year 6. Well done Oisin and Romeo.



In Year 5 they have done some brilliant PSHE work. Well done Ralph and Roxanne.

Year 1 have been extremely creative this week. Adam has made a lego Mars Mission. Elena drew a rocket. Guiliana made a space rover. Ava drew the planets. Freya was baking.

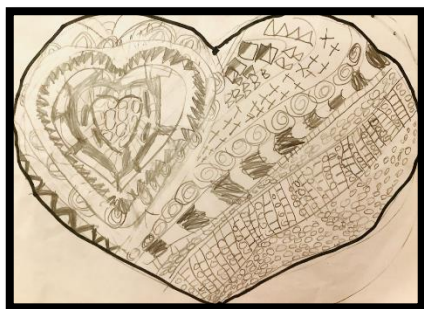


Charity Research			
Research the charity below. Write notes on how they support the community and who they support in the community.			
Charity/charity group	Who do they support in the community?	How do they support the community?	
RED	people who get the water	provide clean water	
for Ambulance	carrying sick people, emergency cars	provide medical care, transport, and the emergency services	
NSPCC	children	help children who are in need, protect them, support them	
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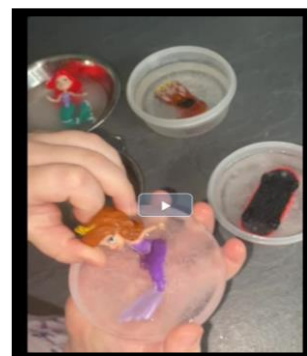
The Art work in Year 4 was amazing. Well done Aarish and Francesca.



In Year 3 it was amazing to see all their fantastic talents! We have Jude the movie maker, Nadia the roller skater and Tristram the cricketer.



Emma and Isabelle in Foundation have been having fun painting planets, Sam and Eliza took part in the ice challenge.



I am pleased to share with you that there are lots more house points this week. Thank you to you all for contributing

Red – 208

Blue - 294

Green – 256

Yellow - 327

Thank you for all your thoughts, kind words, suggestions and prayers. Please keep sharing them.

Please stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully,

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