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Week 7 – 18.10.24

**Theme of the week:
Treasure in Heaven**

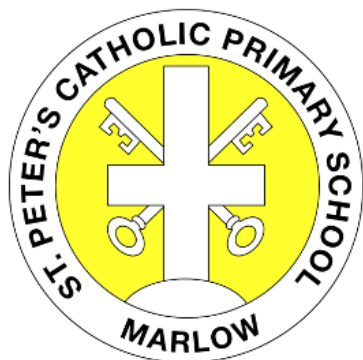
This week we have been thinking about Archbishop Romero's advice about "striving not to have more but to BE more" in relation to the question that Jesus was asked, "How hard is it to enter the kingdom of heaven?" Whilst it's lovely and sometimes exciting to have the latest things – phones, consoles, clothes etc. we should ask what do these things actually bring us in the long term? Instead, the priority should lie in helping those with greater needs than ourselves in order to support them, just as Jesus instructed the rich man to sell his possessions and give his wealth to the poor.



Our outdoor learning activities continue each Wednesday with pupils from the different year groups on rotation in the school garden and around the school site. Please refer to Mrs Boyle's 'Welly Wednesday' comments below.

This week – This week has been really exciting for both staff and students as we have been finalising the appointments for the Pupil Leadership roles. After several interviews - during which the applicants performed brilliantly and gave really good account of themselves – we are delighted to announce the following appointments:

Head Girl	Colomba Medina Gonzalez
Head Boy	Luke Byrne
Mission Team	Amrita Senthil
	Tiffany Rada
	Rosie Bonwick
	Beta Ndoci
House Captains	GAFFNEY – Gianni VellaValletta
	FISHER – Elisa Claparede Ramos
	MORE – Angela Nikolov
	WILSON – Niamh Donohue
Ambassadors	LIBRARY – Sio In



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	LIBRARY – Gabriel Bennis
	LIBRARY – Maja Passler
Ambassadors cont'd	ARTS – Salome Kharatishvili
	ENGLISH – Maja Passler
	MATHS – Amrita Senthil
	SPORTS – Ben Ives
	SPORTS – Jack Milton

We are really confident that they will work together as an amazing team, are eagerly anticipating the exciting events and activities that they are so keen to organise and we all wish them the very best for the year ahead. We are also looking to add to the Leadership Team from the other classes as we move forward into next half term.

Welly Wednesday

This week we ramped up the gardening again and got even more children involved. Children from across KS2 worked with some from KS1 to rake leaves, distribute home-made leaf compost, tidy areas and weed beds. Along with expert help from Deacon Kevin, Miss Street, Mrs Boyle and Mrs Maliangkay, they achieved so much! The weekly gardening offer will continue, and if it is

Amazing Children! Awards this week go to:

Stars of the Week

St Christopher – Ruben for engagement and listening to instructions during fluency bee maths group and all of St Christopher's for wonderful participation in Mass at St. Peter's.

St Bernadette – Aiden McGuire for an amazing piece of work for black history month.

St Cecilia – William for always being helpful.

St Peter – Kabir for a super week at school and learning with his classmates.

Disciples of the Week

Leandro (St Cecilia) for always being kind. Angelina Tran and Alex Harper (St Bernadette) both for being an amazing friend.



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your child's turn, they will be asked to bring a change of clothes so that they can preserve their school uniform. Overtrousers, wellies, gardening gloves would all be ideal. Thank you.

UPDATES:

Visitors next week: We welcome Joe Richardson, the Strategic Leader of St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust, back to St Peter's on Monday along with Sue Hayes, the Chair of our Governing Body (or Local Academy Committee) both of whom are visiting to support the progress of the school. Later in the day Pauline Cuddihy, the Director for Schools in Northampton Diocese, is visiting to provide training to the staff – we are grateful for all of their support.

Open Afternoon: Thursday's Open afternoon is approaching and will run between 4.30 and 6.30 pm and is aimed at both existing parents and prospective parents. We are hoping to have as many children as possible in school to participate in a number of events in order to showcase their talents, and it would be wonderful if some of our existing parents were willing and able to come and speak to prospective parents about their experiences at the school. Thanks to those who have offered their child to come and support our open afternoon. We would love even more children to take part so please complete the form via the link below if you can help. If your child can only attend for a portion of the time, this is fine! Please simply just comment in the 'other' box.

<https://forms.office.com/e/XwcqTGrSPT>

Parents Evenings: thank you to everyone who attended Parents Evening(s) this week and for engaging with the teachers about your child's learning. We always appreciate the high levels of parental engagement at such events as the more we understand and know about the children, the better equipped we are to help them and, hopefully, the reverse is true – the more you know about what is being studied in school, the better equipped you are to reinforce this at home.

Mass for St Christopher: We managed to dodge the rain on Wednesday morning and walk to church to celebrate Mass with our wonderful Y5/6 class, the parishioners and several parents who attended. We heard from Fr Ken who reflected on the themes of perseverance, overcoming challenges and sticking to one's principles – all important reflections!



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From Miss Colley: Digital Tools for Mathematics - A list of digital tools can be found within the document attached to the bulletin. These tools come recommended by Mrs Colley to help support your child's journey with mathematics at home. Last term, we communicated with you the importance of improving our children's recall of number facts across the four operations by developing their fluency.

Fluency in maths is often linked to number sense and calculations. When children are fluent they are able to calculate accurately and efficiently and be flexible in their choice of strategies. They feel confident in working with numbers and can explain their thinking and apply their understanding in different contexts.

We hope you find these digital tools useful, but please contact Mrs Colley or your child's teacher if you need any further guidance.

School Magazine - The Live and Learn

We are so pleased to be releasing an autumn version of The Live and Learn, our school's lovely magazine, which aims to showcase our student's talents whilst having lots of fun and being creative. Parent Pay will be open for orders on the Wednesday 16th October. Copies purchased will be delivered to children from Monday 21st October. Individual copies will be sold at £1.50 each, however you may wish to purchase a £7 bundle which covers you for a full year of editions, five in total, when they're released. Thank you for your support!



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Garden Gallery:



Recap from previous weeks:

Social Media Photography consent

We now have received 31 responses to the social media (and other permissions) photography consent form. As this is fewer than half of the pupils our school, we will have to pause all posts



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on social media until we receive permissions for the remaining children. Please be sure to return the form at your earliest convenience via the link / QR below. It takes just 5 minutes of your time.

<https://forms.office.com/e/x22ry21QC6>



Pupils arriving late or leaving early: Please remember we are now using the screen in reception to sign in pupils who arrive late or need to be collected early for any reason. By selecting 'Pupils', 'Year Group' and 'Class' you will be able to find your child by selecting the first letter of their first name and select a reason such as 'medical appointment', 'transport issues' etc. This information then feeds back into our registers electronically. Thank you for your cooperation whilst we embed this new way of recording attendance.

Catering - Ordering Meals - Deadline Reminder and Gluten Free and Halal Options: Please remember that the cut off for ordering meals for each following week is 11.30pm on a Saturday evening. If your child requires a Gluten Free or Halal option, please indicate this when ordering online.

St Peter's Toddler Group: this operates each Tuesday morning between 9.30 and 11.30 in the

Friends of St Peter's Halloween Disco - Weds 23rd October – please watch out for promotional materials from FOSP.

INSET DAY: Friday 25th October – children will not be attending school on this day.

School contact:

Please either:

- email office@stpetersrc.bucks.sch.uk



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- or call 01628 472116 (please leave a message if need be)
- or contact your child's class teacher directly via email
- or speak to a member of the leadership team on the front gate.

I wish everyone a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Al Nicol

Headteacher