



# St Peter's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Week 8 – 25.10.24

## Theme of the week:

### The eternal prize

This week we have been thinking about the Gospel's message of the eternal prize awaiting in Heaven and how Jesus' service and sacrifice for us has made this possible. Coupled with this are Jesus' words to James and John. When asking about how to win a seat at the table in Heaven, He replied to them – “anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant”, directing them to appreciate the need to serve of others before themselves. This is the very essence of *servant leadership* which we have discussed in assembly and which, pleasingly, also shone though in lots of discussions with the pupil leadership team below.

**This week** – further to our discussions around servant leadership, we gathered all of our recently appointed Pupil Leadership Team and those with positions of responsibility together on Tuesday for a great team photo. Here is the magnificent team raring to go!



Although a slightly shorter week in school this week due to Friday's INSET day, it has been no less busy than normal. On Monday we had a very helpful visit from Sue Hayes, the Chair of the Local Academy Committee who came to visit assembly and see the Year 5 and 6 classes in action. Joe Richardson the SEL of St Thomas Catholic Academies Trust came and worked with various classes, assisted in

duties and spoke to lots of the pupils. Finally, Pauline Cuddihy, the Director of Schools across the Diocese of Northampton came and spoke with staff in the afternoon about the new RE curriculum which is rolling out across our schools over the next two years. The feedback and assistance of all three visitors was very useful for us.



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On Tuesday, Reception were busy working on travel leaflets focusing on the Kapiti Plains in Kenya which they had recently been learning about through their story. They are exploring the different types of animals, weather and ways of life which can be experienced there and could speak beautifully about the challenges of the climate, the problems encountered there, as well as looking at ways people can try to help the area remain sustainable.

Y3 and 4's recent Science project on the human skeleton was rounded up with a competition and prizes for the models made for homework. From stop/start animations, to Powerpoint displays, to clay models and to almost life size mock ups, the effort was tremendous by all. Particular congratulations to Amara, Loic and Timothy for their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards!



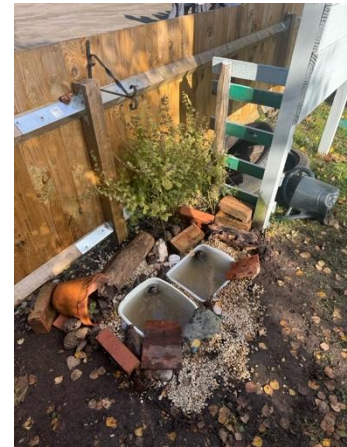


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**Also** on Tuesday, Years 5 and 6 were fully involved in their Biodiversity Day. Mrs Colley and Miss Eaves, ably assisted by Mrs Passler and Mrs Taylor (thank you!), led the creation of



a Toad Sanctuary in the garden, creating bird feeders for the trees and a whole host of other activities. Mrs Hughes and the children counted and noted different types of wildlife in various sections of the bushes and trees around school to encourage an understanding of ecosystems and what else we share our site with!



## **Amazing Children!** Awards this week go to:

### Stars of the Week

**St Bernadette – Loic Pugh for writing an amazing recipe for the perfect pet in English**

**St Cecilia – David for excellent contributions about endangered animals in English**

**St Peter – all of Reception for settling in so wonderfully! Always full of happy, smiley faces and showing an enthusiasm for learning**

### Disciples of the Week

**All of St Bernadette for making their teachers smile every day**

**Frankie (St Cecilia) for being kind, helpful and for recognising the good in others**

**Kiaan (St Christopher) for wonderfully happy greetings**

**Explorer Awards-** Leandro (St Christopher) for fantastic independent maths investigation work on squared numbers. Amara Jack (St Bernadette) for outstanding investigation and presentation on the topic of the human skeleton.



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A big thank you also goes to Tiffany, Madeline and Rosie (left) for their contribution to keeping our community clean and tidy with their efforts in the canteen each lunchtime, in their new role as Lunchtime Monitors.



**Poppy Appeal:** Our Mission team will be out and about selling poppies in school during the week after half term, and these will also be available in Reception. Please do send your child in with a voluntary contribution if you would like to get a poppy from school. All donations are voluntary, however the Charity has requested that if you would like to buy an enamel poppy coat pin, then these cost £3.50.

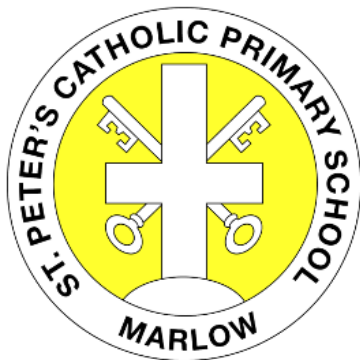
**Litterpicking Stars:** On Monday, Christopher and Brendan of St Cecilia's and Mara of St Peter's noticed quite a bit of rubbish near school on the walk home for a play date. We got the litter picker out and decided to go back to pick it up. Altogether, we found: 1 McDonalds Happy Meal box, 1 plastic clothespin, 3 coffee lids, 4 plastic bottles, 5 cans, multiple cigarette ends, 1 razor blade, and lots of candy wrappers and decomposing paper. All together they filled 2 bags of rubbish, and we thank them for their efforts!



**Winter Uniform:** After half term all children should be wearing their full winter uniform. A reminder that this consists of grey trousers or grey dress/skirt, white shirt, green and gold tie, and jumper or cardigan. Girls to wear grey tights with skirts or dresses. All children to wear school shoes as opposed to boots or trainers. Thank you!

**Recap from previous weeks:**

**School Magazine - The Live and Learn – this is now live:** The magazine is on sale now until the end of first week of the next half term. Individual copies will be sold at £1.50 each, however



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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!

**Social Media Photography consent:** If you have not yet had the chance, please take 5 minutes to complete the consent form via the link below:

<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 Pugin Rooms at St Peter's Church and you are warmly invited to attend.

**School contact:**

Please either:

- email [office@stpetersrc.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpetersrc.bucks.sch.uk)
- 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.



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**And finally...** I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the pupils for all their hard work and enthusiasm this half term, parents for all your involvement and support and also the teachers for their commitment to our wonderful school community. I'd also like to wish everyone a happy half term and hope that you all get the opportunity for a decent rest and recharge in readiness for the run up to Christmas. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November!

Best wishes

**Al Nicol**

Headteacher