



St Peter's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Week 4 – 27.9.24

Theme of the week:

True Greatness: This week we explored how true greatness comes in the form of putting the needs of others first, not necessarily by 'being the best' at any one skill. The essence of serving others is the way which we can bring joy and hope to others, especially those in greater need than ourselves.



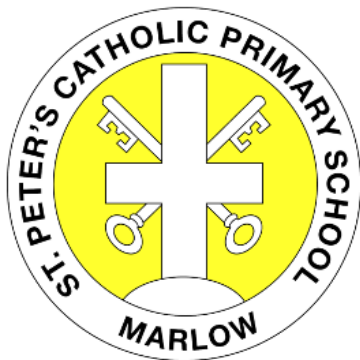
In science this week, St. Bernadette's carried out an investigation to find out if the length of a person's femur determines how far they can jump. The children measured each other's femurs using metre sticks, marked their jumps using chalk and measured the distance they were able to jump. -and had a lot of fun in the process!

This week – thank you to everyone for bearing with the weather so positively this week and for bringing the children to school dry and happy! It's quite a contrast to last week weather wise and I'm mindful of requesting that the children are brought to school in appropriate footwear ie. in uniform shoes, as opposed to trainers (unless it's a PE day), to prevent them from getting unnecessarily wet feet, which can be uncomfortable for them during the day. This said, the weather hasn't dampened the spirits of the children in any way with a lot of laughter and creativity - and hard work – evident around the school on a daily basis.

The school magazine has begun its preparations for publication and its ace reporting squad have been busy interviewing and article writing – all will be revealed at a later stage!

Additionally, over the last couple of weeks **music** lessons have begun again, **hockey** coaches have been coming in running **training** drills and mini-games and we have the sports coaches regularly coming in at lunch time during the course of the week, all keeping the children busy and running about.

Our army of community volunteers continue to visit, reading with many of the children on several occasions during the course of the week, for which we are truly grateful.



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Amazing Children! Awards this week go to:

Explorer of the Week – Bea (Year 5) for curiosity in science which resulted in her independently researching in her own time to find out more.

Stars of the Week

St Christopher – Sio for bringing such imaginative ideas to his writing and for carefully considering his intended audience and purpose.

St Bernadette – Amara for bringing joy to the classroom and showing great resilience in every aspect of her learning.

St Cecilia - Johanna for being so attentive, thoughtful and reflective during our RE lessons.

Reception – Lara for being so involved in all the class activities and for being an excellent classroom helper.

Disciples of the Week

Ben (Year 6) for looking after his friend on the playground, **Pera (Year2)** for being a kind, gentle and happy member of our class who always comes to school with a smile and **Mauri (Reception)** for being a lovely friend to others.

Updates:

Change to Y6 mass date: Please be aware that the originally published date of Wednesday 2nd October for the Year 6 mass at Church has now moved to Wednesday 16th October. This is to allow the newly combined Y5 and 6 class to celebrate together. It remains at 10am and parents are most welcome to attend.

Forthcoming Parents Evenings: We are running Parents Evening in a similar format to last year. You will soon receive a letter inviting you to choose between attending on Monday 14th or Tuesday 15th October, along with the choice of whether you can attend either before or after 5pm. This can simply be returned to your child's class teacher, after which the appointment time will be confirmed.

Breaktime snacks: Please could I ask everyone who provides their child with a break time snack that this should be fruit or vegetable based. As delicious as the sugary snacks may **appear** to be, the science behind diet and its effect on children's attention span, engagement and behaviour is well established and would therefore request your assistance in helping create the best conditions for your child's learning.



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Newsletter feedback:

Thank you to everyone who contributed their thoughts and suggestions about how we might move forward with the newsletter. Almost unanimously, parents wished to keep this as a standing weekly item which we will gladly do – in pdf form – along with many other useful suggestions which we will seek to address at the earliest opportunity.

School donations:

Firstly, a huge thank you goes out to the parents who have contributed, or continue to contribute, via the school's covenant account. This account is currently still active however I have been asked by some newer parents about how best to contribute. I understand that the system as it stands is required to change under the Trust's financial procedures but that it will still be possible to donate. I am meeting next week about the specifics of this so I will pass on all relevant information at the earliest opportunity.

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.

Piano lessons:

Sue Walton holds lessons on Wednesdays and currently has space for two more children. Please contact Sue directly at suewalton001@virginmedia.com

Recap from last week:

Annual Consent for Trips and Visits

Thank you to those parents who have completed the consent form via the link below - this was also emailed separately to all parents last week. Please could we ask that if anyone hasn't yet completed it, that you seek to do so at the earliest opportunity to authorize trips for **each of your children** throughout the year. Many thanks.



<https://forms.office.com/e/HECKUh9aBq>



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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.

Upcoming dates:

Celebrating Mass this term:

*Please note the change in red below – Y5 and 6 Mass will now be celebrated together.

Wed 16th October - Year 5 and 6 Mass in Church 10am

Wed 6th November Year 3 and 4 Mass in **Church** 10am

Wednesday 27th November Year 6 Mass in **Church** 10am

Thursday 12th December Reconciliation in **Church** 1.30pm

Friday 20th December End of term Mass in **School** 9.30am

Friends of St Peter's AGM – Thursday 03rd October, KS1 Classroom. Everyone is welcome!

Halloween Disco - Weds 23rd October. Please watch out for promotional materials from FOSP.

Open Afternoon – Thurs 24th October, 4.30 – 6.30 pm. We will be holding an Open Afternoon for prospective and current parents later this half term.

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



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School contact:

Please either:

- email 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.

Wishing everyone a happy, restful and dry (!) weekend ahead.

Best wishes

Al Nicol

Headteacher