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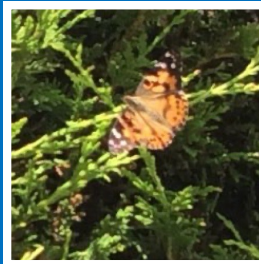
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NEWSLETTER

Friday 30th June 2023

Newsletter No 36

Interim Executive Headteacher : Mrs H Milligan
Interim Head of School : Mrs L Husted



We strive to follow Christ example , to always do our best

Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

A lovely week here in school.

We were able, on Tuesday, to meet the parents of the children who will be starting at St Wilfrid's in Nursery and Reception this September. It was wonderful to see some familiar faces and some new and we very much look forward to meeting the children properly for their transition day later next month.

Due to the proposed industrial action on 5th July, we have moved our transition morning, when our children will get to meet their new teachers for the first time. This will be on Monday 17th July. Please remember to check the date of your child's transition day if they are moving to secondary school, as some of these have changed.

Yesterday, we celebrated the Feast of St Peter and Paul with a whole school mass for us and for the parish. This was a beautiful mass, ably led by Year 6—thank you children.

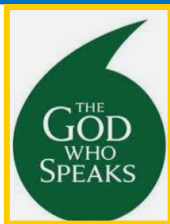
We are still very much in the swing of things here in school, so don't forget to keep checking the newsletter and other messages from school for dates, times and arrangements.





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The God who Speaks

This week, in Gospel Liturgy, we reflected on the conversion of St Paul.

We considered his role on earth and a leader in sharing the word of God across the world. Our mini mission this week has been to consider our role now and in the future doing the same. We revisited our work on 'vocations', asking 'who does God want me to be?'

Virtues Award

Infants

Beulah (RCT)

Juniors

Dontae (6G)

Virtues of the Half Term



Intentional and Prophetic

This half term, we are Intentional and Prophetic.

This week, we have been intentional in trying to think more about our role on earth as leader in sharing God's word.

Catholic Social Teachings

This year, we have dedicated one half term to focus on each Catholic Social Teaching.

This half term, we will be keeping all of these in mind and thinking more about how they form the basis of our whole curriculum.



In our new parent meetings this week, we talked about 'Family and Community' and how this is a very important part of our school mission - doing our best for everyone in school, in the locality and across the world.



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Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 4th July	Reception—Attwell Farm
Tuesday 11th July	Year 2 -Buddhist Temple
Wednesday 12th July	Music Ensemble—Symphony Hall -PM
Tuesday 18th July	Bring your Faith to School Day
Wednesday 19th July	Sports' Day—times to be confirmed
Thursday 20th July	Year 5 trip to Castle Bromwich Hall
Thursday 20th July	Year 6 Leavers' Production



Reminder: Janis is selling lollies at lunchtime, for the bargain price of 60p, to help to keep the children cool. These can be purchased on ParentPay, and will be distributed in this way. Please remember to SELECT THE LOLLY on ParentPay when you add the money.

Industrial Action—5th July

School will be CLOSED on Wednesday 5th July. We will clarify arrangements for 7th as soon as we can.

Transition morning in school will be moved to 17th July to enable all pupils to meet their new teachers and Tas.

Due to these proposed strikes by members of the NEU, the decision has been made by the local authority to move the secondary transition day for Birmingham Schools from 5th July to 12th July.

St John Henry Newman Catholic College plan to continue with their transition day on 4th July, but have cancelled their day on 5th July





Attendance

Please note that holidays in term time will NOT be authorised.

CONGRATULATIONS to all of those children who have been entered into the attendance draw for this week for achieving the best attendance in their class.

They will go forward for the star prize at the end of the term.

Remember...
YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN TO WIN!



Attendance—period 23rd—29th June 2023

Our whole school attendance target is 96%



Class	%
RCT	88.8%
RNM	85%
1DG	81.9%
1M	84.2%
2B	81.7%
2G	79.3%
3M	84.5%
3PB	85.2%
4B	89.1%
4P	96.2%
5P	80.5%
5W	76.3%
6G	84.1%
6W	85.7%

This weeks whole school attendance is: 84.2%



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Awards

Class	Name/s
Nurs	Muntaha
RNM	Sara
RCT	Lilly-Rose
1DG	Antonia
1M	Cullen
2B	Umar
2G	Akiro
3PB	Yanis
3M	Klay, Mason
4B	Keira
4P	Whole class
5P	Armani
5W	Whole class
6G	Whole class
6W	Whole class
Wise Owl	Aiden (2G)
Music	1DG
Sport	4P
Lunchtime	Nurs, Noah (RCT), Jada (3P)

Star Awards—well done everybody!



Each week, we celebrate our children's achievements in our Friday assembly and award them with certificates.

Well done to everyone

Mrs Dunleavy's (formerly Miss Turner!) Walk Once A Week Award

We are still on a mission to reduce damage to the environment and to keep ourselves fit..
Keeeeeep walking!



Mrs Dunleavy is leading us in our drive to protect God's beautiful world by reducing air pollution!





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Online Safety Newsletter

July 2023

Quora

Quora should only be accessed by users that are 13+. Quora is a question-and-answer site. You do need to set up an account to see and post replies.

Due to the nature of the site, users can communicate with strangers, either through the Q&A boards, spaces or via private messages. Private messaging can be turned off in settings and users can block other users.

Quora is a platform where users can post publicly. If your child is using this site, then please ensure your child understands that they should not share personal information. As content is user generated, talk to your child about how information they read online may not be factually correct. Your child may also come across content and topics that are not age appropriate.

You can find out more about the safety and security of Quora here: <https://help.quora.com/help/en-us/sections/115001205786-Safety-Security>

Reporting to Social Media Sites

CEOP provide an overview of how to contact several different social media sites: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Reporting-to-social-media-sites->

Safe Searching

There is so much online that we would not want our child to view and even an innocent search can result in inappropriate content being seen. To make our child's online world safer, we would firstly recommend switching on Safesearch settings for the search engine your child uses. However, as not all search engines allow you to 'lock' Safesearch on (so users may be able to simply turn it off), we would encourage you to apply further parental controls.



For some search engines, for example Google, you can set up a Family management account, which will ensure that Safesearch settings cannot be switched off. We would recommend using a family management account (either Google or Microsoft) so even if your child is using a search engine that cannot be locked, there will at least be an additional level of content filtering provided.

In addition to the above, make sure you have set up appropriate parental controls on your home broadband (and any consoles/ devices/ apps/ websites that your child uses/accesses) for example, to restrict access to explicit websites or access to websites that are not suitable for children.

Please remember that no filtering/ parental control is 100% safe, so it is important that you talk to your child about how they can stay safe online and that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if they need to.

CEOP have produced an article exploring what you could do if your child sees something inappropriate online:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-to-do-if-your-child-has-seen-something-inappropriate-online/>

Further information

Parent Zone have published an article to help you understand searching in more detail:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/search-engines>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.
Current as of the date released 1.7.23.



Online Challenges

Our children may not have developed the skills and ability to critically analyse all situations yet so it is important to talk to your child about hoaxes and challenges that may appear on the Internet. Some challenges are fun and provide no risk, however there will be challenges that are risky/dangerous. Your child may see others complete certain challenges online without being harmed and therefore may want to repeat them and not consider the potential risks to themselves. Make sure they know that they should talk to you (or another trusted adult) about what they see online, particularly if they plan to try a challenge or if something scares or upsets them.



We would always advise that if your child has not heard about an online challenge, then do not draw attention to it as this may lead to them searching for it out of curiosity, so just talk about challenges in a general sense. Reassure your child that challenges that suggest that bad things will happen if they do not complete the tasks are not real.

The following link will provide you with further information as well as content to help you talk to your child:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online/advice-for-parents/tackling-the-hard-stuff-on-social-media-to-support-young-people/online-challenges-are-they-harmless/>

TikTok have also produced this resource to help you talk to your child about challenges and the potential risks:
<https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en-gb/online-challenges/>

Summertime

As we head into the summer holidays, we may find our children online more or having more screen time. Childnet have produced this blog, which includes how to help your child with managing their screen time: <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/screen-time-boundaries-parents/>



You may also be looking for activities to do with your child. Google and Parent Zone have produced some great resources that are free to download. They include a mix of online and offline activities, such as asking them to create a poster to show what they would do if they were worried about something they see online. You can access all the resources here:
<https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/download>

Vinted scams

Have you used Vinted to buy and sell used clothes? Please be aware of potential scams. Vinted have published an article highlighting how scammers might target Vinted users and how you can protect yourself. You can read the full article here:

<https://www.vinted.co.uk/help/628-recognise-spoof-and-phishing-messages>

Children's Online Safety Test

Virgin Media have created four different Internet Safety Tests around four key topics to help you learn more about the internet and different terms that you might come across such as catfishing. You can access them here:

<https://www.virginmedia.com/blog/online-safety/childrens-internet-safety-test/>

What is Virtual Reality

Did you know that many VR headsets have a minimum age rating of 13?

Childnet have produced this article detailing what virtual reality is and the considerations that you should consider before using:
<https://www.childnet.com/blog/virtual-reality-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers/>





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Extra Messages

School Uniform

We are making a small change to our uniform for September.

For children in Reception up to Year 6, we will be expecting ALL children to be wearing a tie.

These are available from the school office.

This will mean that the children will need to wear a collared shirt—short or long sleeved.

The option for your children to wear a branded or non-branded jumper/sweatshirt or cardigan remains.

If any Year 6 leavers have a tie (or indeed ANY uniform) in good condition, that they would like to donate to school at the end of term, we would be grateful to keep it in our collection of pre loved items available to donate to others at school. Thank you.

The consultation period for the changing of school hours has now finished, therefore, from September onwards, Nursery will finish at 3pm and Reception to Y6 children will finish at 3:15pm. Thank you for your responses to our consultation—next week we will send out a response to points raised.

Please remember that school currently ends at 3:30pm and 3:15pm for Nursery

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted
and all the staff

