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Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

Well - here we are at the end of the half term! It has gone in the blink of an eye.

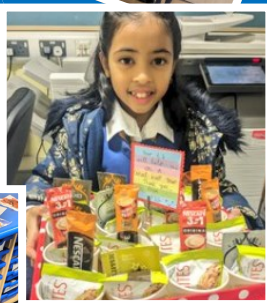
Have a look at your Spring Term parent overviews with your child and ask them to tell you which bits they have already learnt! We are loving our fabulous curriculum!

This week welcomed lots of visitors into school— parents in for a coffee morning, Margot in from Father Hudson's care and Mr Hammond from the Diocese to find out more about wonderful St Wilfrid's!

After half term, we will be entering into the season of Lent. Our classes will be leading their own Lenten Acts of Service, helping those in need ; please do ask them about this and support when you can

Thank you to all of those who participated in Wear your Wellies to School Day. Thank you to Billie in Y6 who organised this. This was to raise money for Second City Dance School, in order to help fund their show later on in the year. Wear your Wellies to School Day was an idea Billie discussed often with her dad, who passed away suddenly early this academic year , so this was also held in his honour. What a proud dad he would be!

This week has been ATTENDANCE PRIZE WEEK. The winners of the class prize for highest attendance will be revealed further down on our ATTENDANCE PAGE. Also, scroll down to find out who won the individual attendance £10 Amazon voucher !





Attendance—Target 95%

REMINDER : TERM TIME HOLIDAYS WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED

Class	%
RDG	95
RBB	80
1DS	84.6
1P	83.2
2G	91.5
2M	96.5
3CM	94.6
3G	91.7
4C	97.5
4S	90.5
5P	94.5
5B	94.1
6G	95.4
6W	95.8
Whole school	92.3

Well done! An increase of 2.3%

Classes achieving at and above 95% overall

These classes all get a sweet treat

6G, 6W, 4C, 2M, RDG

We also had two classes close at 94.5 and 94.1 in Y5! Next time!

This was attendance prize week - the winners of the mystery prize—a cooked breakfast from Janis is 4C! And the individual prize winner who Ms Brown chose from the lucky dip of 100% attenders was...Kaydan P!

If class teachers are
concerned about your child's
attendance they will speak to you in the first in-
stance and work with you to put
something in place to improve this.

Termly

Pupils will get a certificate if they achieve 95% and above attendance. **Autumn Term certificates will be coming out next week!**

One term of 95% bronze certificate

Two terms of 95% silver certificate

Three terms of 95% gold certificate

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Catholic Life and Mission

The God who Speaks

This week, we welcomed Margot Scotford in from Father Hudson's Care, who told us about the work that they do for the homeless. The children learnt about one young man who had been supported by the facilities in the city centre - we will be fundraising for Father Hudson's during Lent, to support this worthy cause.

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Tell someone at home about Father Hudson's—ask your child what they know!



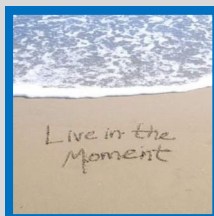
Fundamental British Values



Tuesday 6th February was Safer Internet Day and the theme was

'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. In class the children discussed how they enjoy using technology for enjoyment and communicating with friends (Article 31- Every child has the right to relax and play). The children learnt the importance of staying safe online (mutual respect and tolerance) and always telling a trusted adult if they see something they are unsure of. At St Wilfrid's we thought of how we can inspire change and break bad habits.

A challenge for all - put the phone down and live in the moment.



Virtues of the Half Term And Catholic Social Teachings



We have had a Compassionate and Loving half term, considering our Responsibilities towards others. We have considered their Rights to have a decent quality of life, considered how we can help and plan how we are going to help during Lent, and beyond.

Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile : Values

Infants

Juniors

Favour and Junior (1P)

Olivia (3CM)



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Dates for your Diary

Teacher Days for Academic year 2023-24

~~Monday 4th September 2023~~
~~Friday 29th September 2023~~
~~Friday 27th October 2023~~
Monday 19th February 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024

Date	Event (more dates will be added as finalised, so please continue to check)
February 20th	Return to school—REMINDER—19TH IS A TEACHER DAY, THEREFORE SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
February 21st-23rd	Year 6 Residential to Alton Castle
February 28th and 29th (Y5— 26th and 28th, Nursery 27th and 28th)	Parents' Evening—please note differing dates .
February 29th	Parent Arts and Craft Café—Hodge Hill Arts Forum . In School.
March 4th	Attendance Prize week
March 6th	Autism Awareness Coffee Morning
19th March	Class photos
21st March	Year 3 'Bake off'
18th March	Attendance Prize Week
April	Year 3 Reconciliation. Final date to be confirmed
June 15th	Year 3 First Holy Communion 9:30am





Awards

Each week, our children will be awarded certificates/trophies in Celebration Assembly .

This is a celebration of their God given talents and skills!

Please send in any awards they have achieved outside of school.



Class	
Nurs	Whole class
RDG	Whole class
RBB	Whole class
1DS	Kay'arnie
1P	Aparyl
2G	Logan
2M	Mason
3G	Bentley
3CM	Tajoj
4C	Aun
4S	Daanish
5B	Sara
5P	Rueben
6G	Sefora
6W	Lulia
Music	Julia (3G)
Sport	Layla (4C)
Wise Owl	Haider A (3G)
Lunchtime	Oluwafirefunmi (RBB) Kylah (3G) Class 1DS



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A message from Miss Pate :Maths

MATH WorkShop FOR PARENTS



All parents
Welcome

Year 1 - 6

Letter to follow

Monday 26th February 2024
3:30-4pm



A message from Miss McCoy : Composer of the Month

Our composer of the week continues to be

Elvis Presley



Born: 8th January 1935

Died: 16th August 1977

Nationality: American

Famous music: Hound dog, Suspicious Minds,
Unchained Melody and Jail House Rock

There's also an Elvis by Candlelight event on at Lichfield Cathedral in April!

[Buy tickets - Elvis by Candlelight at Lichfield Cathedral - Lichfield Cathedral, Multiple dates and times \(tickettailor.com\)](#)

Rock n Roll

Interesting facts:

- Elvis Presley or just Elvis was an American singer, musician and actor
- He is regarded as one of the most significant cultural icons of the 20th century and is often referred to as the "King of Rock and Roll" or simply "the King".
- Presley's earliest musical influence came from gospel music at his church
- He was known for his very energetic dance and performance styles
- He was drafted into the military in 1958
- He won many awards including 3 Grammys



[Elvis Presley - The Wonder of You \(Official Audio\) \(youtube.com\)](#)



A message from Miss Gripton: Artist of the Half Term



Jean-Michel Basquiat

- An important artist from the USA.
- Born on 22nd December 1960.
- His parents split up when he was young and he mainly lived with his dad because his mum was sometimes unwell.
- From a young age, Jean-Michel enjoyed art.
- Created his own drawings of his favourite cartoon characters, comics and biblical scenes.
- When he was seven years old, Jean-Michel and his friend (Marc) created their own children's book.



In 1967, Jean-Michel was knocked over by a car. He had to have an operation and spent a long time in hospital. To help pass the time, Jean-Michel's mum gave him a book used by doctors to learn more about the human body. Jean-Michel copied lots of the pictures from the book.

When he was 17, he started creating graffiti art under the tag SAMO, and quickly became famous, appearing on TV and magazines. By 21, he started painting and his work was displayed in art galleries. He used oil pastels, crayon, spray paint and pencil. He liked to collage ideas together.

John-Michael didn't go to art college, he just took inspiration from things around him. He was inspired by diversity and lots of his later work explores the power and vulnerability of various groups of people who have been at risk of discrimination or oppressed.

He travelled the world showing his art and became friends with famous artists and created a painting with Andy Warhol.

Within a few years he was making 1 million dollars a year selling his paint-

Competition:

Many of Jean-Michel's paintings featured cartoon-like figures.

They were created using bright colours and sometimes had crowns.

Create your own cartoon figure (you may want to put a crown on it! You could create your own graffiti by using chalk and drawing on the ground outside. Chalk soon wears away but you could take a photo of your art so that it will last forever)

Entries will be displayed in the hall and the winner will win an art set!! (Shall we set the deadline for entries for Friday 23rd February



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A message from Mrs Gazey and Miss Pate: Votes for Schools

*Coming
Soon*

Exciting News! Here at St Wilfrid's we believe in the voice of our students and this is how we show it. VOTES FOR SCHOOLS is an innovative and forward-thinking platform that empowers young voices, builds oracy, confidence and critical thinking.

Watch this space for our new initiative to get our children secondary ready, give them time to express their points of view and become a well-rounded individual, prepared for life - STRIVING to achieve!

VOTESFORSCHOOLS

VotesforSchools strives to help educators to embed youth voice into any and all settings, which is why we offer a range of other opportunities for young people to make their voices heard in addition to their weekly lessons:

- 1** We have our very own Youth Ambassadors, who give us insights into the issues that they want to talk about and why these matter to them. They even help us choose our VoteTopic questions! This year, our focus is on Bullying & Intolerance, The Online World, and The Climate Crisis.
- 2** For the wordsmiths in your class who have something they want to be heard on, we also have a Young Writers section on our website. This gives voter responses to a wide range of topics a platform that we hope will influence their peers and changemakers alike.
- 3** Every year, we are proud to host our National Student Voice Awards, which allow any young people or schools to submit applications that showcase the impact their work on youth voice has had. With the help of a panel of esteemed judges, we award Primary and Secondary students and schools prizes and celebrate their achievements on our website.



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A message from Ms Brown and Mrs Dunleavy: Reading

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
Nursery	Joseph Coelho 	Michael Rosen 	Shirley Hughes 
Reception	Oliver Jeffers 	Julia Donaldson 	Eileen Browne 
Year 1	Anthony Browne 	Mairi Hedderwick 	Nathan Bryon & Dapo Adeola 
Year 2	Ade Adepitan 	Roald Dahl 	Jacqueline Wilson 
Year 3	Simon James Green 	Maise Chan 	Marcus Rashford 
Year 4	Rashmi Sirdeshpande 	Jenny Pearson 	Stewart Foster 
Year 5	Floella Benjamin 	Louie Stowell 	Onjali Q Rauf 
Year 6	Michael Morpurgo 	Benjamin Zephaniah 	Malorie Blackman 

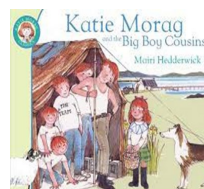
Please take a look at our Yearly Overview of "Authors of the Term". These are the Authors that we will be delving into throughout the year!



Our **Spotlight Author of the Week** is Year 1's Author

Mairi Hedderwick

Mairi Hedderwick is a **Scottish** illustrator and author, known for the **Katie Morag** series of children's picture books set on the Isle of **Struay**, a fictional counterpart of the inner Hebridean island of Coll where Hedderwick has lived at various times for much of her life. **Mairi Hedderwick was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award at the inaugural Scottish Book Trust Awards in 2017.**



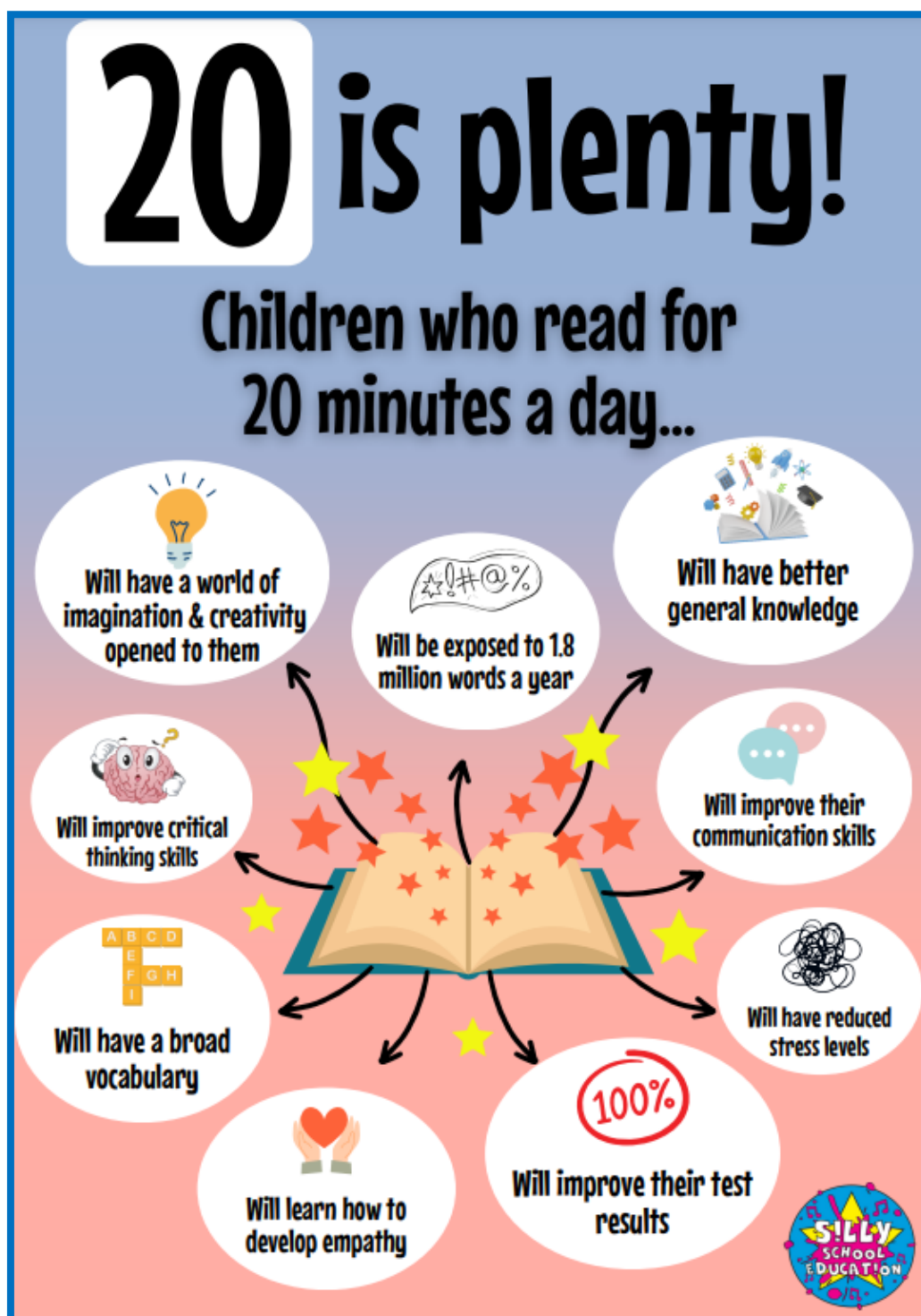
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A message from our Ms Brown and Mrs Dunleavy: Reading





A message from Mrs Dunleavy: Modeshift Stars

We are proud to announce that we have been awarded the

Modeshift Stars Silver Award,

for our whole school initiative in promoting sustainable travel, and
achieving a reduction in car use on the journey to school

What is Modeshift Stars?

Modeshift STARS is the national school's awards scheme that has been established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking, and other forms of sustainable travel. The scheme encourages schools across the country to join in a major effort to increase levels of sustainable and active travel in order to improve the health and well-being of children and young people. Every school in England (outside of London) can participate in Modeshift STARS for free. On completion of an application for Modeshift STARS, schools will automatically have a brand new national standard School Travel Plan.

How did we achieve the Silver Award?

Whole school participation in travel surveys and moving from high fossil fuel transport to more environmentally friendly options. These include pupils moving from a taxi to a bus/bike. Mrs Dunleavy has continued to work on our travel plan-carrying and delivering 20 Sustainable Travel Initiatives, 10 Supporting Initiatives and establishing a travel team within school.



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And finally...

Au Revoir!

Today, Mrs Harrison, our Senior Office Manager, leaves us for pastures new. We wish her many congratulations for securing a new job nearer to home, but will miss her hugely.

Mrs Harrison— thankyou for your dedication to St Wilfrid's and for your wonderful work. You are one in a million.



Have a happy and safe half term. Enjoy your pancakes, and don't forget to go to Mass on Ash Wednesday—see Twitter (x) later for Mass time.

Have a lovely week
Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the staff.

Playtime snacks

Monday to Thursday Healthy Snacks:

Fruit from home or school (EYFS/KS1)

Yoghurt

Toast/juice from Janis

Friday is...

Free Choice FRIDAY!

Bring a snack of your choice!

Only enough for one...no family size/sharing snacks!




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WEDNESDAY**



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KIDD SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCING

SOLIHULL
SUTTON COLDFIELD



Irish Dancing classes
for boys & girls
aged 3+

Enrolling now

We are now enrolling for our leaping leprechaun
beginner classes at the following locations

Saturdays	Thursdays
Solihull Women's Institute Warwick Road Solihull B91 3DQ 09:45 - 10:45	Bishop Walsh Catholic School Wylde Green Road Sutton Coldfield B76 1QT 17:00 - 18:00

Contact us today to register or find out more:

 Kidd School of Irish Dancing  @TheKiddSchool  01911 851935

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Annie Kidd ADCRE Siobhan Monaghan TCRC Fiona Kidd ADCRE

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Friendship
Fitness



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KARATE

£4.00 A LESSON (FIRST LESSON FREE)

WEDNESDAYS 6PM – 7PM

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29 ROGERS ROAD,

WARD END (just past Fox & Goose)

B8 2JJ



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