



Holy Family RC Primary School Newsletter

"Working together as a family, following in the footsteps of Jesus, always giving our best."

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Catholic Life of the School



This week in Assembly we thought about the disciples; they left their families and jobs to follow Jesus. We are going to show that we are followers of Jesus by our actions this week.

Reminder:
We have Inset Days on Monday January 29th and Friday 9th February.

Rags 2 Riches

There are spare bags in the Office. The bags will be collected on **Thursday February 1st.**

Attendance



You have probably noticed the banner outside the school. We are working alongside Cardiff Council to try and get our attendance back to where it was pre-pandemic. We regularly had attendance of 95% each day, currently we are lucky to achieve 90% each day. Please make every effort to send your child to school every day unless they are unwell.

Late in the mornings

This has become a problem again, in many of the Classes. It is extremely disruptive when children are late for the following reasons:

1. They miss the vitally important introduction to the day's learning
2. The Teacher has to get the Register back out to record the late mark (this stops them from teaching)
3. The Dinner register has to be changed (this stops the teacher from teaching)
4. Miss Jenkins/ Mrs Chivers/ Mrs Mills has to leave the Office to escort children to their Classroom, particularly if they are in the Foundation Phase. This leaves the Office unstaffed; the telephone and door unanswered and important administration work interrupted.
5. Some children receive additional learning interventions from the Teaching Assistants, these begin at 8.55, your child would then miss these short but very important daily sessions. They cannot be rescheduled as the Teaching Assistants work to very tight timetables.



Most importantly they miss out on valuable learning opportunities and, they are often very embarrassed if they are regularly late.

Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school for 8.55a.m. Thank you.

Be on time



at five to nine

Llangrannog Meeting

Meeting for Year 6 parents. This will take place on **Thursday February 8th at 3.30pm** in the Hall.

Diary dates 2023/24

These will be regularly updated:

January 2024

Thursday 25th January St Dwynwen's Day – children to wear red

Monday 29th January Inset day school closed to children

February 2024

Thursday 8th February 3.30pm Meeting for parents attending the residential visit to Llangrannog (Y6)

Friday 9th February Inset day school closed to children

Friday 9th February school closes for half term

Monday February 19th Children return to school after half term

March 2024

Friday March 1st St David's Day- children to wear traditional Welsh costume or the colours of the Welsh flag

Wednesday 6th March Class 6 assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend

Monday 11th March Year 6 children go to Llangrannog

Wednesday 13th March Year 6 children return from Llangrannog

Thursday 14th March Individual photos

Monday 18th March Class 1 and 2 Easter Assembly 3pm

Tuesday 19th March Class 3 Easter Assembly 3pm

Wednesday 20th March Class 4 Easter Assembly 3pm

Thursday 21st March Mass in the Hall 9.30am

Thursday 21st March Class 5 Easter Assembly 3pm

Friday 22nd March Class 6 Easter Assembly 3pm

Friday 22nd March School closes for the Easter holidays

April 2024

Monday 8th April children return to school

Monday 8th April 3.30pm meeting for parents of children attending the residential visit to Manor Adventure (Y5)

Monday 8th April Year 6 children begin 2-week swimming course at Fairwater Leisure Centre

Tuesday 16th April Parental Consultation Evening- appointments will be emailed

Tuesday 23rd April Parental Consultation Evening- appointments will be emailed

Friday April 26th Year 5 children go to Manor Adventure residential weekend

Sunday April 28th Year 5 children return from Manor Adventure residential weekend

Monday April 29th Year 6 Cycling Course begins

May 2024

Thursday 2nd May Year 6 Cycling Course finishes

Monday May 6th Bank Holiday School is closed

Wednesday May 8th National Tests begin for children in Years 2-6

Wednesday May 8 Class photographs

Thursday May 9th Ascension Day Mass 9.45am at Holy Family Church Years 2-6 to attend

Thursday May 16th Class 1 assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend

Thursday May 23rd National Tests finish for Years 2-6

Friday May 24th Inset Day School closed to children

Friday May 24th school closes for half term

June 2024

Monday June 3rd Inset day school closed to children

Tuesday June 4th children return to school after the half term

Thursday June 6th 2pm Corpus Christi Procession- school grounds led by Canon Hayman

Sunday 9th June First Holy Communion Mass

Thursday June 13th Class 2 Assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend

Tuesday June 18th Sports Day

Wednesday June 19th Sports Day if it is postponed from the 18th June

July 2024

Tuesday 9th July Y6 full day Transition visit to Corpus Christi High School

Thursday July 11th Class 3 Assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend

Thursday 18th July Leavers' Mass 18th July 9.30am

Thursday 18th July Leavers' Assembly 18th July 2pm

Friday July 19th school closes for the summer holiday

Inset Days

Monday 29th January 2024

Friday 9th February 2024

Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Term dates 2023/24

Term	Term begins	Half Term begins	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn Term	Monday 4/9/2023	Monday 30/10/2023	Friday 3/11/2023	Friday 22/12/2023
Spring Term	Monday 8/1/24	Monday 12/2/24	Friday 16/2/24	Friday 22/3/24
Summer Term <small>*6/5/24 May Day Bank Holiday</small>	Monday 8/4/24	Monday 27/5/24	Friday 31/5/24	Monday 22/7/24

Term Dates 2024/25

Term	Term begins	Half Term begins	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn Term	Monday 2/9/2024	Monday 28/10/2024	Friday 1/11/2024	Friday 20/12/2024
Spring Term	Monday 6/1/25	Monday 24/2/25	Friday 28/2/25	Friday 11/4/25
Summer Term <small>*5/5/25 May Day Bank Holiday</small>	Monday 28/4/25	Monday 26/5/25	Friday 30/5/25	Monday 21/7/25

Class One

In Class One we have been using our ICT skills to draw the Three bears. They looked grrrreat!



We used our measuring skills to find out which, cups and bowls held the most for the bears.



We loved celebrating Dydd Santes Dwynwen in school on Thursday. We wore red and did lots of fun activities. We made cards, decorated biscuits and rescued Maelon from the ice.





Class 2



We really enjoyed wearing red to celebrate St Dwynwen's day. We listened carefully to the story of her life and shared a range of activities such as card making, art work and word matching.



We also used our number skills to help Rapunzel work out the best way to build her tower using the correct number and colour of bricks. We tried to find as many ways as possible of using 10 or 20 bricks to build the tower.



Class 3
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This week in Class 3 we have been researching the special feast days of Mary. Here is what we found out about the feast of 'Mary, the holy Mother of God'.



**Mary, the holy Mother of God -
1st January**

**She brought
our Saviour
into the
world.**

**Mary is
celebrated
because she
said 'yes' to
God.**

**Mary
teaches
Christians
to be kind
and loving.**



**Mary was a loving
mother to Jesus
and made him a
loving human for
all Christians to
follow as an
example.**

**Without
Mary we
would not
have Jesus
in our lives.**

**Mary
helped
bring
peace to
the world.**



As part of our Religion topic "Community" the children created brochures and leaflets to advertise the Holy Family Church Community. Here is Jaxen and Alan's Jamboard.

Class Four.

They included information about "The Kano Mission" in Nigeria which we heard about from Father Alex last week. We are thinking of ways that we, at Holy Family School, can help to raise funds.

Alan
and
Jaxen

WELCOME TO
HOLY FAMILY
CHURCH

The mass times are
Sunday 9:30 and 6 pm
Vigil and on Thursday
it is 9:30 also on
Saturday the times
are 6 pm. Some times
there are coffee and
cakes on special
occasions.

Holy Family Parish
Church
Address: Carter Pl,
Cardiff CF5 3NP
Phone number: 029
2023 0492
Priest: Canon
Hayman.

The Kano Mission:
This is when we
donate to the Mission.
Father Alex makes
wells in Nigeria and
gives the children a
free education. Holy
Family school are
helping raise money.

Come and receive
the Body and Blood
of Christ in our
beautiful church!

A warm
welcome is
awaiting You.

You should go to the
Holy Family Church
because there are
multiple Priests and
Altar servers and
there are many
pews for people to
come and listen to
God's word.

Two Parishes
... One Mission.
Sharing the
Joy and love
of Jesus
Christ.

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KING

A civil rights hero

A biography by Hallie-Mae, Class 5



"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. I have a dream that my four little children will live in a nation to not be judged by the colour of their skin but by their personality.'"

Introduction

April 4th 1968 a tragedy happened. People all over the world heard about this tragic news. The civil rights leader Martin Luther King was shot dead. This breath-taking news took place at the Lorraine Motel, Tennessee, United States. He got shot for standing up for the rights of all people across the world. This biography will explore Martin Luther King. What he has achieved, his legacy and why he is such an amazing person to this day. Martin Luther King will always be remembered for his achievements in civil rights and the work that he put in for not just himself, but for everybody around the world.

Early years

To begin, Martin was born in Atlanta in 1929. Growing up, Martin Luther King was the middle child out of his brother and sister Christine King Farris and A .D King. When he was younger he was a paperboy and had always dreamed of being a firefighter when he grew up. Martin Luther King and his siblings were taught how to play the piano by their mother. Martin had many hobbies playing sports such as; baseball, football, golf, tennis and he also enjoyed singing and doing other odd jobs. His father was in charge of the children's moral and religious education. At a certain age he started to realise that black and white people had different rights in different parts of America. He started to realise this when one day he was playing with his friend. His friend was white and his dad was racist therefore, he stopped his son from playing with Martin.

Education

Several years later Martin started going to high school. Martin was a very clever boy. Martin went to a school called Booker. T Washington high school and he was so clever that he skipped 2 years of high school because he was very smart and learned everything he could've possibly learned. He started university at age 16. Whilst in college Martin got 5 degrees. In university Martin got married to a woman called Coretta Scott King. In college Martin Luther King studied; sociology, theology and philosophy. In university he earned a doctorate in systematic theology. Martin earned his Bachelor art degree, his bachelor of divinity degree and his doctorate degree.

The Civil Rights movement.

After university he became a civil rights/equal rights leader and was a leader of the bus boycott in 1955. Martin wanted people to be treated equally whether they were black or white, he wanted everyone to be treated the same. As a result of standing up for blacks, he got arrested 29 times and *not once* did he break the law. Although no matter how many times he got thrown into prison he never stopped his fight for equal rights. He also raised awareness of racism. A lot of the time he would stand up in front of massive crowds and share speeches that changed a lot of lives. His most famous speech was called 'I have a dream' meaning that his dream was that the United States stops racism and everyone is treated equally. Even to this day Martin Luther King's speeches still inspire people.

Non-violent protest

Martin never believed in using violence to change things. Martin didn't experience the power of non-violence until the Montgomery bus boycott in 1955. He was both morally and practically committed to nonviolence. During this police were letting off police dogs and using water jets against peaceful protesters. Again, just because the police threw him into prison cells he never gave up protesting to tell people that violence isn't the answer. They protested at Birmingham, Alabama in 1963. He also had a speech for non-violent protesting. Whilst he was alive, constantly he and his family were getting death threats. Also, their house and their car got blown up. He was stabbed and abused. You could even say that he kept on risking his life for the rights of others.

Death and Legacy

Finally, on April 4th 1968 Martin was shot. He was shot by a 40 year old man called James Earl Ray. He was standing on a balcony at a motel in Tennessee. Martin got shot just for standing up for the rights of not only himself but other people. Apparently James Earl Ray just wanted him out of the way. He will always be remembered for standing up for the rights of others, being the youngest to win the Nobel Peace Prize and also, dying for his beliefs. Due to his death on the 15th of January we celebrate a day called Martin Luther King Day to remember what he did for the world. It is a national holiday in the USA. He will always be remembered for being a hero. He always looked up to Jesus and was just a remarkable person.

"I must continue by faith or it is too great a burden to bear and violence, even in self-defence, creates more problems than it solves. Only a refusal to hate or kill can put an end to the chain of violence in the world and lead us toward a community where men can live together without fear".

By Hallie, class 5

<https://thekingcenter.org/about-tkc/martin-luther-king-jr/>



Class 6

The Dead Sea Scrolls

By Clara



What Are The Dead Sea Scrolls?

The Dead Sea Scrolls are ancient scrolls containing scripture. They are fragments of the books from the Old Testament, with the exception of the Book of Esther. Isaiah's book was found in its entirety. Isaiah is one of the most important prophets in the Bible. The Dead Sea Scrolls are over 2000 years old. They are proof that the Old Testament is real. Experts translated them into English and many other languages, for all to enjoy. The scrolls are made of papyrus, parchment, or dried animal skins. They are written right-to-left, not left-to-right. This proves that the old Testament is real and that God really exists.

Where were the Dead Sea Scrolls found?

The Dead scrolls were found in a cave near the Dead Sea. After WW2 a shepherd was exploring some rocks when he stumbled on a cave. He threw a rock down into the cave and he unexpectedly heard the rocks shatter against some jars. The ancient Dead Sea Scrolls were found in these jars. The scrolls contain parts of the Old Testament. The only book that was not found in these pots was the book of Esther. After the discovery, archaeologists looked for more. They found 10 more caves with a few more fragments of scripture. In conclusion they found the whole book of Isaiah and many fragments of other books from the Old Testament. This proves that the old Testament is real and that God is real.



What is the Shrine of the Book of the Scrolls?

The Dead Sea Scrolls are stored in the Shrine of the Book of the Scrolls in Israel. The Shrine of the Book of the Scrolls was built as a repository for the first seven scrolls discovered in 1947. In this museum the Dead Sea Scrolls are stored in a repository. The temperature in the building is at the appropriate heating to keep the scrolls preserved. The walls of the building are round and white and looks like a dome. The Dead Sea Scrolls are important to us as Christians because it gives us proof that the Old Testament is real.

