



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

Yesterday afternoon Father Gray celebrated the Mass of the Ascension with us. It was a joyful celebration, the children read and sang beautifully.

We listened to the Gospel of St. Mark:

"And so, the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven; there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it".



Year 6 Cycling

Last week Year 6 completed their Cycling Proficiency training. They learnt many new skills and had a great time on their bikes.



Class 1 Assembly

This will take place on Thursday 16th May at 3pm in the Hall. Parents and Grandparents are welcome to attend.

Inset Days

A reminder that we have 3 Inset Days before the end of this year:

Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Diary dates 2023/24

These will be regularly updated:

May 2024

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

Wednesday June 5th Class 1 and 2 visit Walnut Tree Farm

Sunday 9th June First Holy Communion Mass

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

Tuesday June Year 6 Leavers' Mass St David's Cathedral- **Holy Family and Christ the King School are leading the Mass this year.**

Wednesday June 19th Sports Day

Tuesday 25th June reserve Sports Day

July 2024

Tuesday 2nd July Year 5 and 6 Summer Play 2pm

Wednesday 3rd July Year 5 and 6 Summer Play 2pm

Thursday July 4th 6.30pm Mass at Corpus Christi High School for Year 6 children attending Corpus Christi in **September 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

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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



We have enjoyed painting chicks.



This week we have absolutely loved having the chicks and we have been lucky enough to hold. They have grown lots over the week and it is now time for them to go back to the farm! Good bye chicks we will miss you!



We have also been very busy practising for our class assembly next week. We hope you can join us next Thursday at 3.00!



Class 2

THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

This week we have learned about the Feast of the Ascension of Jesus. We learned that it is a Holy Day and Catholics should go to Mass on this day. We also learned that Jesus made a promise to His disciples. He promised that even though He had to leave them, He would send a special friend, the Holy Spirit to come to them and stay with them. Jesus told the disciples what the Holy Spirit would give to them. Working in small groups we used these words from Jesus' promise to create stunning Word Art images.



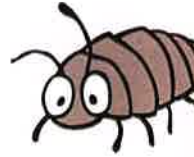
This week we have continued to take care of our beautiful chicks and write about them in our Chick Diaries. We also got the chance to get up close and hold the chicks ourselves. It was a fantastic experience for us all.



Class 3
10.05.24



Hooray, the sun came out! We took our maths lesson into the garden this week! We searched for minibeasts and kept a tally chart of how many we saw.



We talked about the different places in the garden which we would expect to find minibeasts. We looked under logs, stones, in the soil, on the leaves of the bush, up in the sky! We found them everywhere!



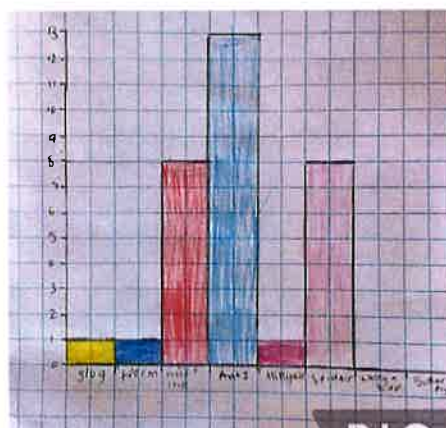
Once we came back for a pit stop, we counted up our tallies. We tried to count in 5s to make counting the tallies quicker.



As we saw each one, we would mark a tally on our charts. When we got to five, we would close the gate! Mrs Stanford-Stroud put a timer on for 5 minutes, so the search was on!



We took our tally charts and turned them into bar graphs.



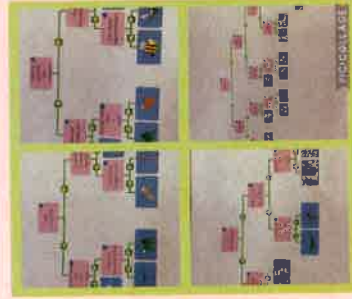
Class Four.

Wild Wood.

The children have been very busy completing and presenting their Wild Wood Presentations.

They have been learning the Points of the Compass and using the outside area to collaborate with each other in small groups to design their own Compass games.

They compiled their own branching keys using I.T. for identifying a variety of mini beasts.



Key vocabulary to learn:

Environment
Habitat
Evergreen
Deciduous
Nutrients
Nocturnal
Diurnal
Germination
Photosynthesis
Carbon dioxide
Oxygen
Transpiration
Producer
Consumer
Predator



CLASS 5 LITERACY LESSONS

Class 5 have been reading creepy stories and learning the main features of these stories and films. Here is an example:



A remote setting:

A forest/ derelict house/ hospital/day-care/fun-fair/derelict hotel/light-house/rusty old ship/museum. It will take place as it is getting dark.

Minimal characters:

In your creepy story, there should be a minimum of characters so there can be no safety in numbers.

Show not tell:

You're probably wondering what 'show not tell' means, it means when the impending danger- a possessed child's doll/demon/ghost – is present, as a writer, you DO NOT show it but show what IT can *do*.

Time running out

When writing a spooky story, you need to have a time limit. You need a time limit so the story will not go on forever, also so there is a fast pace and urgency.

Short sentences

Short sentences are great for a dramatic effect to grip the reader's attention for e.g: IT moved. Cold. Dark Silence. RUN!

Ellipsis

An ellipsis is a punctuation mark that is normally used for a dramatic pause e.g.: *IT was waiting for me.....*

Fear and emotions

Your main character will: talk to themselves, stutter, their heartbeat will increase, their hands will shake, they will cry and panic etc.

Top tips for writers!

The mobile phone will die / have no signal, the torch should break, the secondary characters will disappear one by one, make sure it is night time and keep the threat hidden for as long as possible.

By Mbinky



Class 6



This week in our RE lessons, we have been discussing some modern-day witnesses for Christ.

A modern-day witness is a person who sacrifices (gives up) virtually everything they own and spends their life supporting others and doing good work for Christ Jesus. They continue Jesus' mission, just like Paschal Uche and Mrs Maricho.



WELCOME TO NATANDOLI



Mrs. Maricho is a woman who grew up in the capital city of Manila in the Philippines. She had a good job in the city but she felt unfulfilled and wanted to give something back to society and to those less fortunate. When she was a young girl, she had been part of an organisation called 'Mission Together'. Their motto was always 'Children helping Children!' This charity inspired her to train as a teacher with the intention to support children in Natandol, an island in the Philippines in south east Asia. The children on this island were in desperate need of a school and education.

Mrs Maricho has changed the quality of life for so many children in Natandol by establishing a small school there. Mrs Marchio is the only teacher and there is only one classroom, serving around 600 children. Each child receives approximately one lesson each week. Her dedication



and determination have positively impacted so many lives. She is an inspirational person who should be greatly admired. She is a true modern-day witness who is continuing to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ! By Amelia and Niamh.