



**Newsletter 20**  
**7<sup>th</sup> February 2020**



Dear Parents,

**Catholic life of our school**

We had a lovely start to our week - Year 3 led us in a Liturgy of Light. This included drama as well as prayers, Scripture readings, quiet reflection and beautiful hymns. Thank you to all involved.



We have also had a lovely end to our week, with Kimberley from the Catholic Children’s Society leading our assembly today, to launch our Lenten Appeal. Kimberley talked to us about the work of the charity, explaining how the money we donate is used. At the start of Lent, children will be receiving a collection box to take home.

**Cake Sale**

We are planning a cake sale next Friday in aid of Leukaemia charity, to show solidarity with a past pupil who is suffering from the illness – more details to follow, but we hope you will support this by making and buying cakes.

**Merit Certificates**

Well done to the following children who have been selected by their class teacher:

3Anning	<b>Johan John</b>	For always challenging himself and working hard in all areas of the curriculum.
3Nightingale	<b>Allegra Blasi-Colleran</b>	For becoming a valued member of the class and her dedication in getting involved with all aspects of school life.
4Jemison	<b>Michal Sojka</b>	For excellent work on using speech punctuation and showing a great attitude to learning.
4Attenborough	<b>Ruby Baverstock</b>	For showing excellent enthusiasm for her RE homework and a fabulous “won’t be beaten” mindset in her Maths.
5Mandela	<b>Sean O’Brien</b>	For coming to school last week with a fantastic learning attitude. He tried his best in every aspect of his learning.
5Einstein	<b>Lola Dennis</b>	For her excellent attitude to learning which is reflected in all her work.
6Johnson	<b>Romy Lee</b>	For always looking at ways to further improve her writing.
6Martin Luther King	<b>Mia Seabrook</b>	For becoming more confident as an independent learner – and her love of writing.

### **Head Teacher Awards**

**Zuzzana Korytowska** (6J) – for wonderful work in writing following the Shakespeare workshop. Great use of vocabulary in her scene setting.

**Catherine Byrne** and **Georgie Garnham** (3A) – for their beautifully presented work and play adaptation on A Midsummer Night's Dream. Fabulous structure and acting directions too.

### **NSPCC visit**

5Einstein, 5Mandela, 6Martin Luther-King and 6Johnson had valuable workshops with the NSPCC as part of the charity's nationwide Speak Out / Stay Safe campaign. These were enjoyable sessions which gave children very clear messages about keeping themselves safe.

### **Times Tables Parent Meeting – date for your diary**

Parents of Year 3 and 4 children are invited to a Parent Information meeting at 2.30pm on Tues 25<sup>th</sup> February so we can let you know more details about the new statutory times tables testing which happens in Year 4 in June.

### **Story writing homework**

All children are being encouraged to write a 500 word story and enter the BBC2 500 word competition. Year 5 and Year 6 are writing their stories for homework but they will be editing them in school. For Year 3 and 4 the 500 word story is optional homework. We would love to see their entries and celebrate their work if they decide to take part. In all cases, official entries will need to be made by parents. Further details of the competition and how to enter your child's piece can be found at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>  
The closing date for entries is February 27th.

### **Sports News**

#### **Netball**

The Year 6 Netball team have had two matches recently, both at home. Firstly, we entertained a strong Bovingdon side, and despite storming into an early lead, we were eventually over-powered and lost 9-2. Our goals were scored by Scout Cowman-Daly and Darcy Pirie. On Tuesday, we played Kings Langley and in a much more even contest, we lost 4-1 with their more accurate shooters swinging the balance. Darcy was again on target for us and Harriet Foster was named our Most Valuable Player by the opposition in both matches. Well played Harriet.

#### **Football**

The Year 6 Boys' Football team beat Broadfield 5-1 on Wednesday in their final group game, and that now guarantees them a place in the quarter finals of the District Cup. Our goals were scored by Finnley Stockdale (2), Stanley Robins and Thomas Marskell. The fifth was an own goal, which Dillon Jennings is trying to claim, as it was his dangerous cross that was deflected in. Take it up with the 'dubious goals panel' Dillon. Our Man of the Match was Finnley for scoring two goals whilst carrying an injury, which eventually forced him off. Good luck in the quarter final boys.

## Cross Country

Twelve of our pupils represented St Cuthbert Mayne School at the Hertfordshire Cross Country Championships last Saturday morning. Our runners were:

Year 6 Girls - Olivia Slusarczyk, Hannah Corr and Mia Seabrook.

Year 6 Boys - Joshua Moody, Matthew Moody and Jude Smith.

Year 5 Girls - Ruby Hibberd, Martha Carey and Eva Janes.

Year 5 Boys - Harry Sanderson, Harry Wheeler and Ethan Glynn.

All runners performed very well over a 1600m course. They all finished well up in the chasing pack in their respective races, where a top half finish is very respectable, considering that about 60 schools enter, and can only send their top three runners; very competitive.



## Reminders for the coming week

Mon	Maths Challenge 4.00pm – group of children in Year 5
Tues	Parents Evening 5-8pm – please note that this is for parents only
Wed	Fr Brian visiting 4Attenborough
Thurs	Parents Evening 5-8pm – please note that this is for parents only
Fri	Cake Sale Half-term holiday begins 3.20pm

Have a good weekend  
Best wishes

**Mrs Smith**  
**Head Teacher**