



Newsletter 5
4th October 2019



Dear Parents,

Rosary Liturgy

To mark October, the month of the Rosary, Year 5 led us in a Rosary Liturgy at the beginning of the week. It was a prayerful reflection on the Rosary and its mysteries. Each class brought an envelope of prayer intentions to the Liturgy and placed these on the prayer display. Children were then given a Rosary pack to take back to class and are being encouraged to pray the Rosary during October. Thank you to Year 5 for leading us in this.

“The God who speaks” – the Year of the Word

As you will have heard in your parishes this Sunday, the Bishops of England and Wales are launching a time of special focus on Scripture. We launched this in school today in assembly. Throughout the Year of the Word, children will be taking part in a variety of activities which we will keep you informed about through our newsletter.

Merit Certificates

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

3Anning	Niamh Cooper	For always being ready to learn and listening on the carpet. For being extremely helpful in the classroom.
3Nightingale	Luca Johnson	For always being engaged and contributing on the carpet. For great effort in English, particularly handwriting.
4Jemison	Angel John	For giving 100% in all her work. For being kind and caring. Never has a child been so well named!
4Attenborough	Michele Giacomantonio	For always being the first to show that he is ready to learn. For being the first to respond to his teacher.
5Mandela	Maisie Redman	For being a super helpful member of the class and becoming more resilient in lessons by taking part.
5Einstein	Freya Appleby	For her detailed answers and use of the text in reading lessons.
6Johnson	Giusy Capr	For persisting with challenging Maths.
6Martin Luther King	Stanley Robbins	For always being ready, organised, offering to help and keen to push himself.

Achievements

Well done to Alexander Harris in 4Attenborough for winning this week’s French certificate.

Year 3 trip to Lincolnsfield

Year 3 had a lovely trip to Lincolnsfield on Thursday, where they took part in a variety of workshops, including role-play, about World War 2. They returned to school very excited, talking enthusiastically about all they had learnt. Our thanks to staff and helpers who organised the trip and helped on the day.

Tag Rugby

Two mixed teams took part in a Tag Rugby Tournament at Camelot Rugby Club on Wednesday afternoon. Our 'A' team played five fixtures in their league and won all five. Even though it is billed as a 'non-competitive' tournament, everyone still keeps score! It does mean however, that there were no semi-finals or final to move on to. Our 'B' team also performed well, winning three of the five fixtures in their group. Well done to all of those who took part.

Sports Ambassadors

Our newly appointed Sports Ambassadors, Holly McDonnell and Noah Gilder, attended a training day this week. They had a great day, which included a guest speaker – Linford Christie. The children were tasked with writing a report for our newsletter:

On Tuesday 1st October, we were privileged to go to the Herts Sports Village in Hatfield for a Sports Ambassador training day. To our surprise, we had a famous sports legend Linford Christie OBE as a guest speaker and we were tasked to write a piece about it for our school newsletter.

Linford spoke about his career, achievements and more recently his swimming challenge for Cancer Research. He then encouraged us, and the teachers, in a daily mile run.

Linford Christie was an Olympic, World and Commonwealth 100m champion.

He said his greatest achievement was not his Olympic Gold medal in Barcelona but his World Championship Gold medal, as this was his best ever time and toughest competition. His main/toughest opponent was Carl Lewis and his biggest fear was crocodiles!

Linford's key message was to work hard, never give up even when it is tough and to work as a team.

We had a great day learning activities, which we hope to be able to pass on to everyone in school, together with the School Games Values: Determination, Honesty, Passion, Respect, Self-belief and Teamwork.

Well done and thank you Holly and Noah, for this informative report.

Football

The Year 6 Boys' football team had their first match on Thursday when a large squad played a friendly against Galley Hill. We played four quarters and had several substitutions at each break to give everyone a good run out. We eventually triumphed 6-2 with our goals scored by Ethan Thomas (2) Joshua Moody, Harry Gorman, Finnley Stockdale and Benji Wylde.

Our first league game is next Wednesday 9th October away at Broadfield.

Cross Country

On Tuesday 8th October, all of our children will be taking part in a cross country run at the Laureate Academy, along with six other local schools. Could you please ensure that your child has their PE kit and trainers in school on that day. Year 3 and 4 will run in the morning, and Year 5 and 6 will run in the afternoon. Unfortunately, due to safeguarding regulations, no parents are allowed on site to spectate. We will let you know about the results in next week's newsletter.

Bikeability

Year 5 children have thoroughly enjoyed Bikeability. After initial assessments, they have been out on the roads around the school putting their skills into practice.

Secondary Transfer Applications

John F Kennedy School have asked us to pass on the following message to parents:

A reminder that any Year 6 parents wishing to apply to JFK should submit the Local Authority (Herts/Central Beds/Luton/Bucks) application form and also return completed JFK Supplementary Information Forms to the school by 31st October 2019. Please submit all applicable documentation (including photocopies of Baptism certificates) as detailed in the Admissions Policy.

Coming up next week

- Monday – a talk in assembly led by Darocum Foodbank
- Tuesday – whole school Cross Country event
- Wednesday – football match v Broadfield (A)

Wishing you all a good weekend.

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