



Newsletter 6 8th October 2021

Dear Parents,

Our week and this special month of the Rosary was marked by a Liturgy on Monday morning. As we are still unable to have whole school assemblies, Year 5 prepared the Hall and a liturgy for each Year groups to participate in over the morning. Thank you to Year 5 and to all who participated so reverently. Each child was presented with a Rosary to take home and share and use with their family.



Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival Liturgy on Wednesday October 20th. Our chosen charities will be Dens and the Hemel Food Bank. They have indicated that money would be preferable to bringing in food donations. Children will be invited to come into school with Autumn coloured accessories (but still in school uniform) such as an Autumn coloured jumper, socks/tights or hair accessories. Any donations will be via the school gateway but we hope that children will be able to raise the money themselves – maybe by doing jobs at home or outside. Please join us in supporting these very worthy causes in our local community and mark our Harvest celebrations.

School Council

The School Council are now our POPstars (Protect Our Planet ambassadors). They are already busy setting up recycling bins and working on ways to help protect our planet. They have a message they have asked to go in the newsletter this week:

Pumpkins: Did you know that 2.5 billion pumpkins are produced each year and only one fifth get recycled. If you use a pumpkin this Autumn, we are asking you to think about protecting our planet and recycle these. Please can we request that you break up your pumpkin and leave them in woods/fields locally to help our wildlife. The seeds inside a pumpkin act as a natural dewormer but also a tasty treat.

This week's Wednesday email

There were a number of important items in our Wednesday email this week. These included: Instructions for signing up for our **Parents evenings** on October 19th and 21st. The sign-up sheets are now open via our Parent Evening System on the Virtual Office dropdown on our website or click on this link:

<http://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/virtual-office/parent-evening-system/>

If you have any difficulty using this please telephone the office.

We hope all parents will be able to join us as it is also a chance for you to look at your child's work too and see their classrooms.

Year 4 will be having an **Outdoor Learning Day** on Tuesday. Pupils are asked to come in to school in suitable outdoor clothes and footwear (wellies). More details are in the Wednesday email.

All year groups will be taking part in the **Dacorum Sports Network cross-country event** held at JFK next Thursday. We have booked a coach to ferry the year groups back and forth (so they can put all their energy into their running) on the day.

We are asking children to bring a spare pair of shoes in a bag that is suitable to hold their running shoes. This is necessary so the coach driver will allow the children on the coach after running on what could be very muddy ground.

Year 3&4 are asked to wear their PE kit (including tracksuit) to school and bring their uniform to change in to when they get back to school. Year 5&6 should come in school uniform and will change later as they are running in the afternoon. Please note for Year 3 that the coach will be leaving promptly straight after registration.

This is a great event. If your child is not an enthusiastic runner they are still asked to take part but jog at their own pace. For keen runners, there will be nominations for regional finals.

Merit Certificates

Well done to the following children who have been selected by their class teacher for being shining examples of our Mission Statement – *Growing together in love and learning as followers of Jesus.*

3Anning	Sophie Halden	For persevering with her times tables and showing a "can do" attitude.
3Nightingale	Phoebe Appleby	For being resilient at the start of the day and for trying hard in her learning, being brave and putting her hand up.
4Jemison	Leo Sweeney	For a real change in his learning behaviour and his interaction with others. Well done.
4Attenborough	Nina Janik	For continuing to be an excellent learner and, this week, showing her resilience and bravery in all she does.
5Mandela	Zofia Henry	For being so resilient with her Maths learning and for showing such a positive attitude in all aspects of school life.
5Einstein	Catherine Byrne	For a great start to Year 5. She has such a positive attitude to learning. Well done.
6Johnson	Miguel Martin-Rueda	For always having a go in our learning and using our key stem sentences confidently in Maths.
6Martin Luther King	Scarlett Barber	For throwing herself enthusiastically into every lesson. You have a fantastic attitude in all that you do. Well done.

Head Teacher Awards

Dominic Mensah-Roberts (3A) - Brilliant reasoning in Maths to answer a measuring question and then justifying how he knew he was correct.

Sports Ambassadors

Four of our Year 6 were picked to be inaugurated as our Sports Ambassadors at an induction day at the University of Hertfordshire on Thursday. Well done to Sophie Emslie, Oscar Liddle, Rory Moloney and Amelie Carberry who represented the school. We look forward to seeing some of the great ideas you discussed come to fruition in school over the coming months.

Mentoring, Interventions and Nurture Groups

Interventions, Nurture and learning mentor letters have gone out this week and we plan to get these started this coming week.

Covid Update

We have had two new cases of Covid this week. Thank you for taking all possible precautions and keeping us informed. Please continue with your diligence and help us keep disruption to school life to a minimum.

Our full guidance is on the website:

<http://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SCM-Parents-guidance-Sept-2021.pdf>

Reminders for this week:

Monday: Orchestra Practice

Tuesday: Year 4 Outdoor Learning Day

5M Swimming

Year 6 Positive Minds

Wednesday: 5E Swimming

Thursday: All year groups – Cross Country event

Friday: Year 3 Football with Watford FC Sport and Education Trust

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Mrs Smith

Head Teacher