



**Newsletter 13**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been a week to celebrate our pupils' learning, actions and achievements both in the living out of our mission statement and Catholic life; and in their progress in Religious Education. The Diocese of Westminster's Inspection team were with us all day on Thursday and we await the outcome in the next couple of weeks. What I can say is that your children shared their strength in religious literacy and displayed excellent behaviour throughout the day and we were very proud of them. Thank you to our parents who gave up time to talk to the inspectors at the start of the day.



On Tuesday Year 4 led us in celebrating St Cuthbert Mayne's feast day. They recapped the story of St Cuthbert Mayne and thought about heroes in our lives and how they themselves can all be heroes. Our thanks to Father Brian for celebrating Mass and to Callum Moore who assisted the altar server. Mr Moore is the Parish / JFK Youth Worker and he visited Year 4 after Mass to talk about training to be altar servers at Mass. The Orchestra were brilliant in supporting the singing for Year 4 and Year 5 while Year 3 and Year 6 followed the Mass remotely from their classrooms.

## **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	<b>Oliver Manning</b>	For joining in with all tasks set in class, especially with a special focus on his English.
3Nightingale	<b>Melanie O'Brien</b>	For excellent enthusiasm in RE and for being confident in her delivery of collective worship.
4Jemison	<b>Imogen Schofield</b>	For excellent retelling of the Nativity and extra happy playtimes.
4Attenborough	<b>Edward Castle</b>	For his brilliant contributions to our RE learning throughout the term and his hard work and perseverance in times tables.
5Mandela	<b>Finn Eustace</b>	For his beautiful Advent homework and kindness/positivity within the class. Well done.
5Einstein	<b>Akain Fernando</b>	For his positive attitude to learning. He is a delight to teach. Thank you.
6Johnson	<b>Cian Terry</b>	For his great sticky learning this week and helping his peers to remember key learning.
6Martin Luther King	<b>Lucas Merlino</b>	For his fantastic work in RE this week and for his helpful contributions to our discussions.

### **Head teachers award**

**Zachary McQueen (4A)** – For achievement in his focus on learning

### **Covid Update**

While absences have been higher at the start of the week, we are now seeing children return and no new cases in the last two days. There were two positives earlier in the week and we look forward to seeing several children returning after their required 10 days next week. Thank you for taking your child for a PCR if they were a close contact or had symptoms. It is helping reduce numbers of cases in school.

A copy of our parent guidance is on our website:

<https://www.cuthbertmayne.herts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/SCM-Parents-guidance-Nov-2021.pdf>

### **Sports News and Fixtures**

Our Girls football team are proving tough opposition this season. On Thursday they beat St Albert's 3-0 to extend their unbeaten run. All of the goals were scored in the first half, by Aoife Jones (2) and Lexi Thompson.

The Boys' Year 6 football team managed to play their first two football matches on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Firstly, we played Pixies Hill at home and won 3-2 with two goals from Mikey Giacomantonio and one from Luke McNamee. On Wednesday, we lost 3-1 to Gade Valley after taking an early lead through Jack Hancock. Despite lots of late pressure and

numerous chances, we were unable to get back on level terms. Well done to all of the boys from both squads for excellent effort and good sportsmanship in muddy conditions.

Two Waters have asked if we can squeeze in a boys' match this Tuesday 7th Dec. Mr Collingwood will let the squad know if this is confirmed.

### **Reminders**

There was a lot of important information in the Wednesday email this week regarding:

Shakespeare Week (January) – payment requested by December 15<sup>th</sup>

Year 4 swimming lessons for the Spring term – payment requested by December 8<sup>th</sup>

Year 6 school journey – deposit requested by December 10<sup>th</sup>

All these payments can be made via the school gateway.

Our thoughts and prayers go to all those suffering illness and loss.

Have a restful and peaceful weekend

Best wishes

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