



Newsletter 30 6th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 4 led a moving Marian Liturgy this morning as we reflected on the selflessness of Mary in saying yes to God and how we can follow in her example of serving others in even the little everyday things we do. The singing, including Ave Maria, was beautiful and as was the playing by our orchestra. The flowers, brought in by children from all year groups truly added to the occasion.



First Holy Communions

It is wonderful that First Communions are taking place in the parish churches this year. We like to be there to see the children on their special day and hope to have a member of staff at each celebration. First Communions at Hemel West and Hemel East are on the same days – May 14th and 15th - so we will do our best to be there. We also have children who may be making their First Holy Communion elsewhere and we would like to celebrate their receiving of the sacrament too or mark the occasion.

Please could I ask you to write in your child's home/school diary the date/time/church that your child is taking their First Communion. Alternatively this can be emailed to the school office and we will pass the information on to the class teacher.

Staff Appointments

We are delighted that Mrs Welch has been appointed Deputy Head from September alongside our new Head Mr Sallis. Mrs Welch, currently teaching in Year 4 two days a week, will be working full time and brings valuable knowledge and continuity to the role having taught at the school since 2006 and as a valuable member of our senior leadership team.

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	Elsie Fitzgerald	For trying her best in all areas of learning, but particularly in Maths.
3Nightingale	Peter Byrne	For his resilient attitude in swimming and his excellent effort in Reading.
4Jemison	Una Jones	For her outstanding performance in the times tables and all Maths! She is a really kind friend to all.
4Attenborough	Sabina O'Reilly	For her positive learning attitude and for showing us all how to be a resilient learner – well done on your times tables!
5Mandela	Allegra Blasi-Colleran	For her valued contribution during pupil voice and for her consistent positive learning attitude.
5Einstein	Zander Bothma	For his pleasing effort in his work, especially in English. Well done.
6Johnson	Miguel Martin-Rueda	For his tremendous progress in Maths since the beginning of the year and all the hard work he has put into his learning.
6Martin Luther King	Lola Richardson	For her fantastic attitude towards her revision this week. She has worked so hard – well done.

World Earth Day

As part of our World Earth Day initiatives, 5Mandela decided to create renewed life by growing willow branches which they hope to use to strengthen our willow circle. The idea came as part of plant reproduction in Science and 5Mandela's Easter tree. Bella and Ellis are now the tree monitors nurturing the project. Once growth has been established in our Rainbow Garden, these will be replanted and, hopefully, go from strength to strength.

Year 6 Rounders/Cricket Club

Mr Collingwood's Year 6 Rounders/Cricket club starts this Monday from 3.20 to 4.30pm. It will run until 27th June. The club is open to boys and girls with a maximum of 28. Please book this free of charge activity via the Arbor Parent Portal under Clubs.



PA News

Happy Bags - these were sent home last week and will be collected from school next Friday (Friday 13th May). Please get busy filling your bag with unwanted clothing. Additional bags are available from the school office. Your full bags can be returned to school on Thursday 12th May at drop off time and again in the afternoon at collection time. Thank you in advance for supporting this fundraising event – it is an easy way to help raise money for the school and get rid of unwanted items.

Lenten Boxes – There are still a few boxes coming in for the Lenten charity this week. Thank you for your thought and generosity. We hope to announce how much we have raised for the Catholic Children's Charity next week.

Congratulations

Rory Moloney went to Belgium with JPPRO on tour last weekend. He played tournaments on Saturday and Sunday against local clubs with JPPRO U11s lifting the cup in both tournaments. Well done.

Good Luck

Skye Ivory is taking part in a sponsored walk for SADS UK with her family around the Serpentine in Hyde Park. SADS UK raises money to fight heart disease and sudden cardiac arrest.



Reminders for next week

SATs Year 6 will be taking their Statutory Assessment Tests next week. We wish them every success after all their hard work. They do not need to be anxious as they are prepared. Please ensure they are at school promptly each day (Monday to Thursday) and let us know as soon as possible if there is any delay. The tests will start soon after registration each day.

Monday	SATs – Grammar, punctuation and spelling Yr6 Rounders/Cricket Club starts	
Tuesday	SATs - Reading 3Anning swimming	Remember kit
Wednesday	SATs – Maths (two papers) 3 Nightingale swimming Yr4 Athletics skill sessions	Remember kit
Thursday	SATs – Maths paper 3	

Have a peaceful weekend,

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher