



Holy Family RC Primary School Newsletter

"Working together as a family, following in the footsteps of Jesus, always giving our best."

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February 8th 2024

Inset Day Friday February 9th.

Ash Wednesday

After half term as we always do, we will raise funds for those in need around the world as part of the Catholic tradition of giving alms during Lent. We will provide further details after half term.



Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday February 14th, this marks the beginning of Lent. It is a penitential season and a time for spiritual growth. During the 40 days of Lent Christians traditionally fast, say more prayers and give alms to the needy. Please check the Holy Family Newsletter for details



Change of date for Class 6 Assembly

The assembly will now take place on Thursday 25th April.



St David's Day



Eisteddfod Home Competition

As part of our St David's Day Eisteddfod celebrations on **Friday 1st March** we are once again asking the children to take part in our home craft competition. All children who enter will receive a certificate for their participation. All entries will be judged by the staff during our Welsh Week and the winners will be announce during our Eisteddfod on St David's Day.

This year we would like:

Reception (Class One) to create a model daffodil.

Year 1 (Class Two) to create a 3D model Welsh castle.

Year 2 to make a model Welsh dragon.

Year 3 to create a Welsh themed wreath.

Year 4 to make a Welsh shield.

Year 5 to create a 3D model of an iconic Welsh building.

Year 6 to design and make a Welsh inspired t-shirt.

The children have brought home letters with details of the year group competitions and some examples of possible entries.

All entries need to be returned to school by **Monday 26th February** for judging.

Eisteddfod Cooking Competition

All children are also invited to take part in the cooking competition. Show off your cooking skills by making a Welsh themed biscuit/cake/pizza etc....

All entries need to be in school on **Friday 1st March** for judging.



Attendance

The banner features a red background with white text and images of three children in school uniforms. The text includes 'GADEWCH I NI ROI PRESENOLDEB', 'NÔLARY TRYWYDD IAWN', 'LET'S GET ATTENDANCE BACK ON TRACK', '#PobDyddYnBwysig', and 'www.caerdydd.gov.uk/presenoldebnyrsgol'. It also includes 'EveryDayMatters', 'www.cardiff.gov.uk/schoolattendance', and logos for 'CRUYCH TACH YNHYRSGOL' and 'STRONGER TOGETHER'.

You have probably noticed the banner outside the school. We are working alongside Cardiff Council to try and get our attendance back to where it was pre-pandemic. We regularly had attendance of 95% each day, currently we are lucky to achieve 90% each day. Please make every effort to send your child to school every day unless they are unwell.

Late in the mornings

This has become a problem again, in many of the Classes. It is extremely disruptive when children are late for the following reasons:



1. They miss the vitally important introduction to the day's learning
2. The Teacher has to get the Register back out to record the late mark (this stops them from teaching)
3. The Dinner register has to be changed (this stops the teacher from teaching)
4. Miss Jenkins/ Mrs Chivers/ Mrs Mills must leave the Office to escort children to their Classroom, particularly if they are in the Foundation Phase. This leaves the Office unstaffed; the telephone and door unanswered and important administration work interrupted.
5. Some children receive additional learning interventions from the Teaching Assistants, these begin at 8.55am, your child would then miss these short but very important daily sessions. They cannot be rescheduled as the Teaching Assistants work to very tight timetables.

Most importantly they miss out on valuable learning opportunities and, they are often very embarrassed if they are regularly late.

Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school for 8.55a.m. Thank you.



Diary dates 2023/24

These will be regularly updated:

February 2024

Thursday 8th February 3.30pm Meeting for parents attending the residential visit to Llangrannog (Y6)

Friday 9th February Inset day school closed to children

Friday 9th February school closes for half term

Monday February 19th Children return to school after half term

March 2024

Friday March 1st St David's Day- children to wear traditional Welsh costume or the colours of the Welsh flag

Monday 11th March Year 6 children go to Llangrannog

Wednesday 13th March Year 6 children return from Llangrannog

Thursday 14th March Individual photos

Monday 18th March Class 1 and 2 Easter Assembly 3pm

Tuesday 19th March Class 3 Easter Assembly 3pm

Wednesday 20th March Class 4 Easter Assembly 3pm

Thursday 21st March Mass in the Hall 9.30am

Thursday 21st March Class 5 Easter Assembly 3pm

Friday 22nd March Class 6 Easter Assembly 3pm

Friday 22nd March School closes for the Easter holidays

April 2024

Monday 8th April children return to school

Monday 8th April 3.30pm meeting for parents of children attending the residential visit to Manor Adventure (Y5)

Monday 8th April Year 6 children begin 2-week swimming course at Fairwater Leisure Centre

Tuesday 16th April Parental Consultation Evening- appointments will be emailed

Tuesday 23rd April Parental Consultation Evening- appointments will be emailed

Thursday April 25th Class 6 assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend

Friday April 26th Year 5 children go to Manor Adventure residential weekend

Sunday April 28th Year 5 children return from Manor Adventure residential weekend

Monday April 29th Year 6 Cycling Course begins

May 2024

Thursday 2nd May Year 6 Cycling Course finishes

Monday May 6th Bank Holiday School is closed

Wednesday May 8th National Tests begin for children in Years 2-6

Wednesday May 8 Class photographs

Thursday May 9th Ascension Day Mass 9.45am at Holy Family Church Years 2-6 to attend

Thursday May 16th Class 1 assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend

Thursday May 23rd National Tests finish for Years 2-6

Friday May 24th Inset Day School closed to children

Friday May 24th school closes for half term

June 2024

Monday June 3rd Inset day school closed to children

Tuesday June 4th children return to school after the half term

Thursday June 6th 2pm Corpus Christi Procession- school grounds led by Canon Hayman

Sunday 9th June First Holy Communion Mass

Thursday June 13th Class 2 Assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend

Tuesday June 18th Sports Day

Wednesday June 19th Sports Day if it is postponed from the 18th June

July 2024

Tuesday 9th July Y6 full day Transition visit to Corpus Christi High School

Thursday July 11th Class 3 Assembly 3pm parents are welcome to attend

Thursday 18th July Leavers' Mass 18th July 9.30am

Thursday 18th July Leavers' Assembly 18th July 2pm

Friday July 19th school closes for the summer holiday

Inset Days

Friday 9th February 2024

Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Term dates 2023/24

Term	Term begins	Half Term begins	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn Term	Monday 4/9/2023	Monday 30/10/2023	Friday 3/11/2023	Friday 22/12/2023
Spring Term	Monday 8/1/24	Monday 12/2/24	Friday 16/2/24	Friday 22/3/24
Summer Term *6/5/24 May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 8/4/24	Monday 27/5/24	Friday 31/5/24	Monday 22/7/24

Term Dates 2024/25

Term	Term begins	Half Term begins	Half Term ends	Term ends
Autumn Term	Monday 2/9/2024	Monday 28/10/2024	Friday 1/11/2024	Friday 20/12/2024
Spring Term	Monday 6/1/25	Monday 24/2/25	Friday 28/2/25	Friday 11/4/25
Summer Term *5/5/25 May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 28/4/25	Monday 26/5/25	Friday 30/5/25	Monday 21/7/25



Class One



This week in Class One we learnt all about the gingerbread man. We retold the story with some of our paintings, and we also made our very own gingerbread men.



We mixed up the dough and cut the man out.



Then we decorated them.

We put them in the oven and made sure he didn't escape.



They were delicious!

We heard the story of The Colour Monster and made our own monsters.

For Mental Health Week we relaxed with a mindfulness yoga session.



We learnt how to stay safe when we are online.





Safer Internet Day
2024 | Tuesday
6 February
www.saferinternetday.org



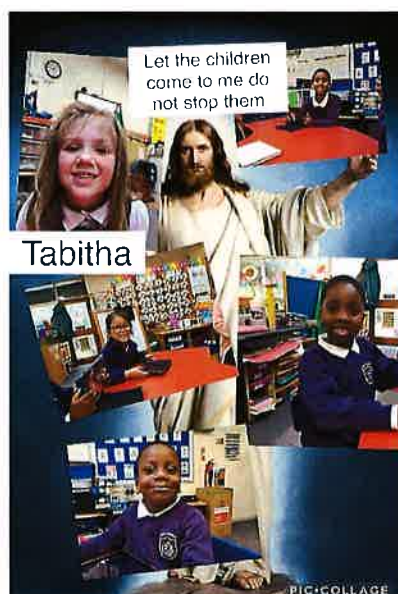
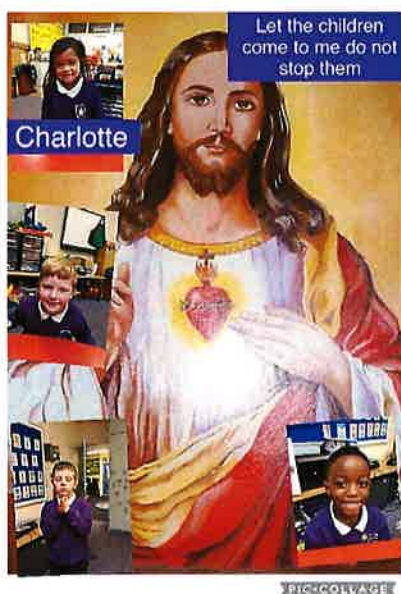
Class 2



Tuesday was Safer Internet Day and we shared a story called Pop-Up Gremlins. We learned about the importance of staying safe with pop-ups and the rules we should follow. We designed posters to remind everyone of the rules: STOP, CLOSE, TELL.



In our Religion Topic 'Galilee to Jerusalem' we have been finding out about people who met Jesus from the time He was a little Baby to when He was a grown man. The people Jesus met all thought he was very special. Jesus especially liked meeting children and wanted the grown ups to be more like happy, trusting, friendly children. We made a PicCollage of Jesus with the children, we took selfies and took photographs of our friends and used them to show ourselves as the children Jesus is calling to himself.



Class 3
08.02.24

Humans actions are hurting our planet.

Class 3 have been
researching the impact
humans have on
ecosystems.

We discussed how
plastic effects our
oceans and how
long the it takes to
degrade when it is
thrown into
landfills.

Materials	Degraton Time
Paper towels	2-4 weeks
Milk carton	3 months
Plywood	1-3 years
Plastig bag	10-20 years
Plastic cup	50 years
Aluminium can	80-200 years
Plastic bottle	450 years
Disposable nappy	450 years
Glass bottle	1 million years

We created data tables
using Google Sheets, to
show the time it takes for
different materials to
degrade in a landfill.

save the world

Stop plastic from
getting into the sea



Always recycle



Reusable bottles are
better for the world. You
can use them over and
over again



We discussed what actions we can take
to reduce the impact we have on our
planet. We can use reusable water
bottles rather than throw away plastic
bottles. We can walk instead of taking
the car. We can take reusable shopping
bags to the supermarket, to avoid using
plastic carrier bars.

Save the world!

RECYCLE!!

It is better to use
reusable nappies.



NAPPIES TAKE 450 YEARS TO
DECOMPOSE.



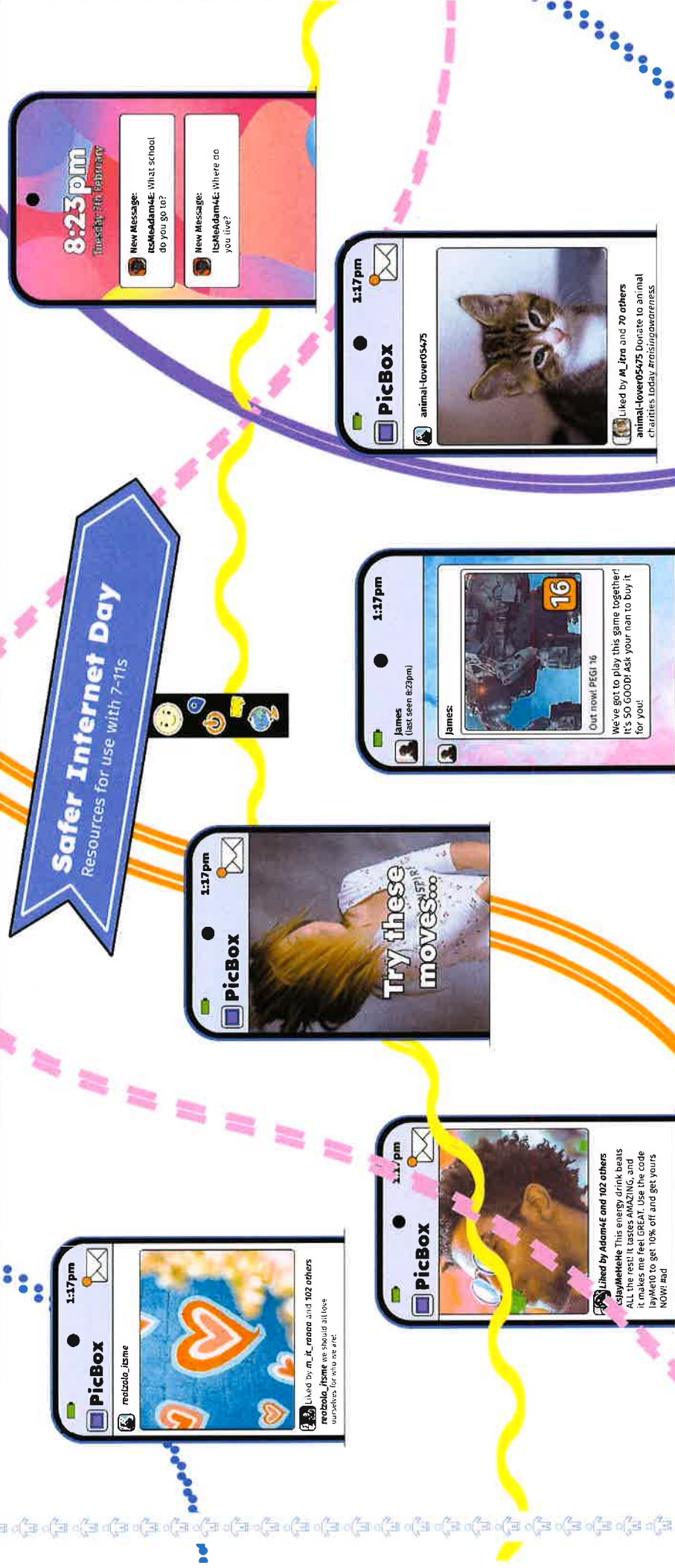
Save the
planet



PIC•COLLAGE

Class Four.

Tuesday 6th February was Safer Internet Day. The children were presented with a variety of different scenarios. They had to decide whether they were posts by positive or negative Influencers and give reasons for their decisions. They understood the importance of staying safe online and what to do if they feel something is not right.



CLASS 5, MENTAL HEALTH WEEK AND SAFER INTERNET DAY

This week has been mental health week. We shared what made us feel happy, safe and accepted. For Safer Internet Day, we learned about how apps are designed to be addictive. Here is what James found out:

Clickbait

Anything online that tries to attract my attention and make me click on it (e.g. A dramatic headline, a prize, meme etc).



Push notifications

An alert from an app on my device telling me to open that app right now.



A pop up

When something pops up on my screen (e.g. an advert in a box) trying to get me to click on it.



Autoplay

When an app or website plays the next video automatically without me pressing 'play'. This happens especially on You Tube, Tik Tok etc.



Streaks

When a game or app counts how many times I have done something for multiple days in a row and rewards me for doing it. You will find these on fitness apps too.



Class 6

Martin Luther king

Martin Luther King, Jr was a civil rights activist in the 1950s and 1960s. He led non-violent protests to fight for the rights of all people. He hoped that America and the world could form a society where race would not impact a person's civil rights.



He was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia.

After entering Morehouse College at age fifteen, he followed his father and grandfather into the Baptist ministry and he is known as one of the greatest orators of modern time and his speeches still inspire so many people today.

Where did Martin Luther King grow up?

Martin Luther King Jr grew up in the Auburn Avenue community of Atlanta. Born on January 15 1929 in the home shared by his grandparents and parents. Martin Luther King lived there until he was 12. He went to Booker T. Washington High School. In school he was so smart that he skipped two grades. He started his college education at Morehouse College at 15 years old. He then stayed in Atlanta until he graduated from Morehouse College. After getting his degree in sociology from Morehouse, Martin got a divinity degree from Crozer Seminary. He then obtained a PHD in Theology from Boston University.

How did he get involved in civil rights?

Martin always believed in equality for all and he was heavily influenced by his father, a church pastor, who he saw as standing up to segregation in his daily life. In 1936, Martin Luther King's father led a march of several hundred African Americans to Atlanta's city hall to protest voting rights discrimination. He was encouraged by the Rosa Parks incident on

the bus where she wouldn't give up her seat for a white person and as a result was arrested.

When did he give his famous "I Have a Dream" speech?

In 1963, Martin Luther King, Jr helped to organize the famous "March on Washington". Over 250,000 people attended this march in an effort to show the importance of civil rights legislation. Some of the issues the march hoped to accomplish included an end to segregation in public schools, it became one of the defining moments of the civil rights movement and one of the most iconic speeches in American history. The March on Washington was a great success. The Civil Rights Act was passed a year later in 1964. Martin told the world in his famous speech, 'I have a dream that one day every valley shall be engulfed, every hill shall be exalted and every mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plains and the crooked places will be made straight and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together. This was his hope for the future. To see things together in unity and equality.

Death

Martin Luther King, Jr. was sadly assassinated on April 4, 1968 in Memphis, TN. While standing on the balcony of his motel and then he was shot by James Earl Ray.

Interesting Facts about Martin Luther King, Jr

- Martin Luther King Jr. was named after Protestant reformer Martin Luther.
- Luther was arrested 29 times and he survived an assassination attempt a decade before his death.
- After his death, his family filed a civil case against the government
- Martin Luther King was the youngest person to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964

