



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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Faith-filled and Hopeful

As a School we focus on a set of Virtues each half term. The Virtues this half term are:

Faith-filled and Hopeful.

These Virtues will be a focus in Class and Assemblies. The children will learn about the Virtues and be encouraged to use these Virtues whenever possible, and give examples of when they use them, and how they will impact on themselves and others. To be **Faith-filled** is to have faith in ourselves, our family and friends and in the communities to which we belong- our neighbourhood, parish, school and wider society. When we have **hope** it enables us to trust ourselves and those around us with the decisions that will shape our future.



Canon David Hayman

Canon Hayman is taking a leave of absence from Parish ministries. If you need to contact a priest, please email canton@rcadc.org. This will be picked up by the Parish Secretary. The response may take a few days.

Mothers' Day Mass

This year we are celebrating Mother's Day with a Mass at Holy Family Church. This will take place on **Sunday March 10th at 9.30am**. It would be lovely to see as many families as possible at this Mass.



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.



World Book Day

We will celebrate this on Friday March 8th. Children in Classes 1-4 can wear costumes of **characters** from books (or pyjamas if you don't have a costume). Children in Classes 5 and 6 can wear pyjamas and dressing gowns. **Please ensure that your children wear suitable footwear and bring a coat as weather permitting they will go outside to play.** The children are encouraged to bring in their favourite book from home to share with each other. **Each child will receive a voucher for £1 to spend on a book.**

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

Photographs

Marcus Bell the school photographer will visit the school on **Thursday March 14th** to take **individual** and **family** photographs. We will follow the usual arrangements; if you have children **younger** than school age and you want them to be in a family photograph Marcus will be set up in the Library from **8.45 am**.



Attendance



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.

Be on time



at five to nine

Diary dates 2023/24

These will be regularly updated:

March 2024

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

Sunday March 10th Mother's Day Mass 9.30am at Holy Family Church

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 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

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 24th May 2024****Monday 3rd June 2024****Monday 22nd July 2024****Term dates 2023/24**

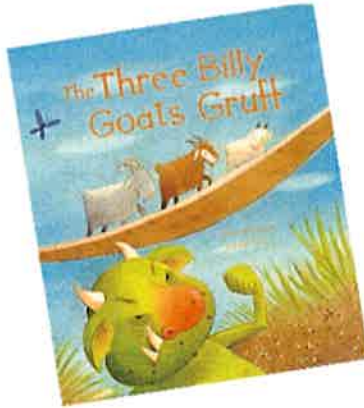
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Autumn Term	Monday 4/9/2023	Monday 30/10/2023	Friday 3/11/2023	Friday 22/12/2023
Spring Term	Monday 8/1/24	Monday 12/2/24	Friday 16/2/24	Friday 22/3/24
Summer Term <small>*6/5/24 May Day Bank Holiday</small>	Monday 8/4/24	Monday 27/5/24	Friday 31/5/24	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 <small>*5/5/25 May Day Bank Holiday</small>	Monday 28/4/25	Monday 26/5/25	Friday 30/5/25	Monday 21/7/25

Class One

Next week we have been reading the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff.



Outside we made a long bridge for the goats to cross the river.



We created some scary trolls out of clay.



In RE we made a welcome poster.



We made repeating patterns using cubes.



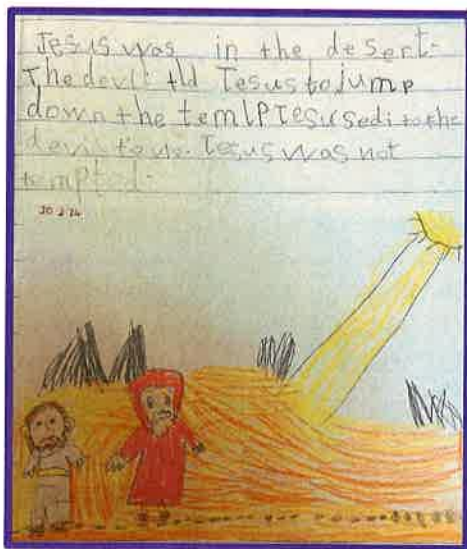
In readiness for Saint David's Day next week we started to learn some Welsh folk dancing.



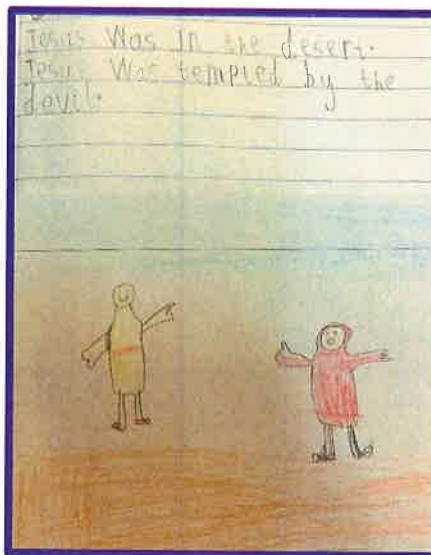
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Class 2

This week we have started a new Religion topic called "Desert to Garden". In this topic we start by remembering the time Jesus spent in the desert being tempted by the devil and follow with Jesus as he enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and all the events of Holy Week. We learned about Ash Wednesday and found out that the ashes put on people's heads are made by burning palm leaves, like those that people used to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday! In our Class Worship we passed the Sign of the Cross around our circle by each making a cross on the forehead of the person next to us. It was a very moving experience.



Manhaa



Jonathan



Fire



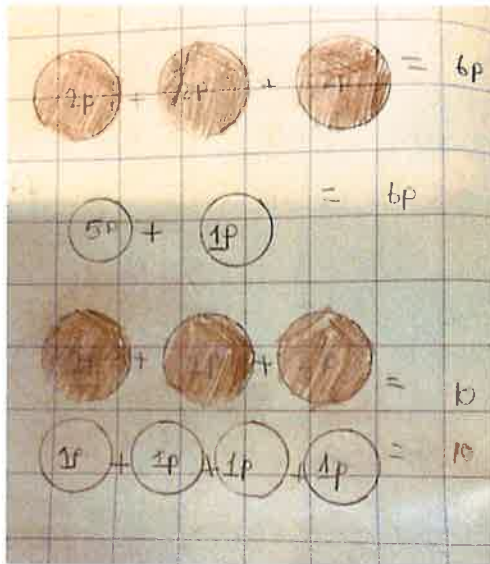
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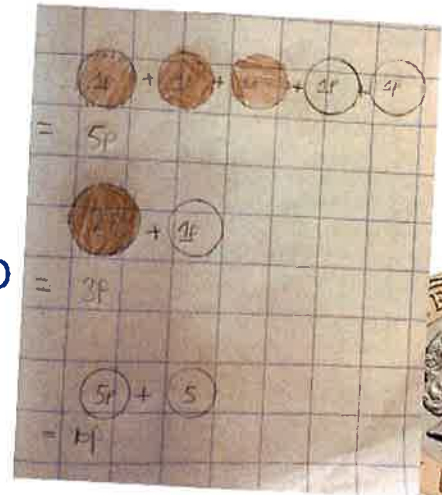
CLASS 3
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Our focus in
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money amounts.



Some
children
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to 10
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up to £1.



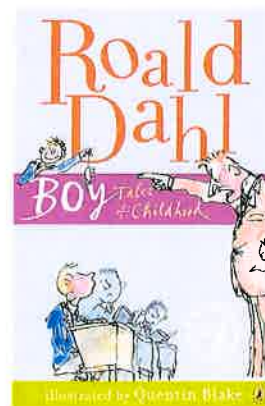
We also
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of coins of
amounts
over £1.



Class Four.



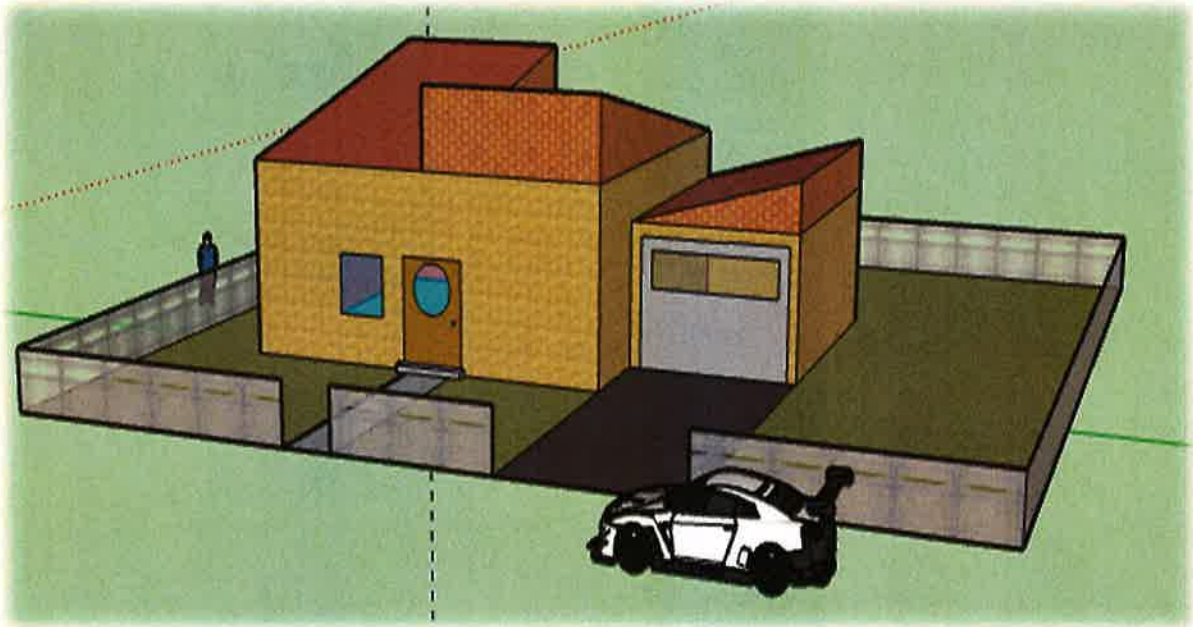
As part of our preparations for Welsh Week and the Eisteddfod, the children have been studying the art of Susie Grindley. (Examples above). They have started to recreate the style of her paintings which will be judged next week. The winners of the Art competition will be featured in next week's newsletter.



Our new class novel is "Boy" by Roald Dahl. The children have really enjoyed reading the first few chapters. They used a map of Cardiff to locate some of the main houses, churches, schools and shops that Roald Dahl writes about in his "Tales of Childhood."

C.A.D. in Class 5

In computing, class 5 have used **Computer Aided Design** software to create models of luxury homes. We used 3D rendering techniques to make the models as realistic as possible. We added patios, paths, trees, shrubs, garden furniture, pools, sheds, gates etc. Next, we will furnish the interior of the house models. Here are some great examples from Ieuan and Hallie-Mae.



W.A.L.T -create a biographical account about a chosen Civil Rights activist.

SC: Use features which show the structure of the writing

- Follow plan/format- model
- 3rd person past tense
- Use of adjectival phrases
- Skim for gist scan for detail
- Use Google Docs

Rosa Parks



- Occupation: Civil Rights Activist
- Born: February 4, 1913 in Tuskegee, Alabama
- Died: October 24, 2005 in Detroit, Michigan
- Best known for: Montgomery Bus Boycott

Childhood

Rosa was born on February 4, 1913. She grew up in Tuskegee, Alabama with her parents and her younger brother, Sylvester. Her full name was Rosa Louise McCauley. Rosa's mother was a teacher and her father was a carpenter. Rosa went to a local African-American school where her mother taught.

Civil Rights Campaigning/Adulthood

Rosa became involved in campaigning for civil rights because one day when she was on a bus and there were no more seats for black people. she was brave and sat on a seat reserved for white people only and when somebody asked her to get off the bus she refused and she was arrested. She only stayed in prison for a couple of hours and then she was released with a warning and a

fine of \$10. Ever since that day she wanted justice for black people so they could get the same amount of rights that white people have. She campaigned to stop segregation and she wanted equality for all no matter what colour, race or gender.

Legacy

Rosa will be remembered for standing up for black people and their rights. Many people were inspired by her and so she will hold a great legacy forever no matter what. One of her famous quotes is "You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right." This encourages us all to be brave and do what we know is right! In 1964 the Civil Rights Act was passed. She helped other activists achieve their goals. The world began changing thereafter.

Further Facts about Rosa

- *She was 92 when she died!*
- *Rosa was great friends with King.*
- *She never had any children.*
- *She was married to Raymond Parks*
- *She was 42 when she went to jail for not giving up a seat for a white person.*
- *She was the first female to join the Civil Rights Movement.*

