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Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Parents,

On Monday morning we came together in prayer and observed a minute's silence to commemorate the sacrifices of our armed forces in conflicts around the world. The silence was impeccably observed by the children and it is clear that they understand this important element of Remembrance.

We have had a busy week in school with lots of really interesting activities.

Maths Coffee Morning

It was really encouraging to see so many parents take the time to support this activity. The children took great pride in demonstrating their mathematical skills to the adults, and I am sure that it was useful for some of the grown-ups to see how things are done.

We must thank Mrs Desouza, our Maths co-ordinator, for this as she has invested a lot of time and effort to raise the profile of maths in our school.

As this newsletter is being written, we are welcoming seven parents in to the school to talk about how they use maths in their lives in an activity called 'Making Maths Real'.

Anti-Bullying Week – Odd Socks Day

On Tuesday it was such fun to see all the odd socks on display. The odd socks helped the children to understand that everyone can be different and that we can celebrate our uniqueness.

Bollywood Dance Workshop

Yesterday the children had a great day learning some new dance moves in a day-long Bollywood Dance Workshop. This adds to our PE curriculum in which dance is the current focus. The children had a great time.

Assemblies and Liturgies

Next week parents of children in Class 3A are warmly invited to share a liturgy with the children. This will take place on Thursday 21st November at 9.30am.

Cross Country

As I write, our fantastic Cross Country team are competing against children from the other Catholic schools in the borough at the John Fisher Playing Fields. I am sure that they will do really well. We will share results next week.

ParentPay activation

It is clear that there are quite a few families who have not yet activated their ParentPay accounts. Reminders were sent out yesterday about this. ParentPay is a vital tool for families for making bookings for events for the children. If you have not yet activated an account in the Junior School, please do so.

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Norovirus ('Winter Vomiting Disease')

The School Office has noted a sharp increase in children being sent home after vomiting. It is probable that some children are experiencing Norovirus. This is a very contagious virus and unpleasant for all concerned. We sent a letter with advice home yesterday. Please talk to your children about the importance of hand washing. It is important to note that alcohol-based hand gels are not effective.

Achievement Certificates

The achievement certificates this week are awarded to Raphael in 3A, Leon and Chikezie in 3E, Chris in 4D, Daisy in 4T, All of 5B, Anabelle in 5C, Felix in 6G and Ariela in 6P. The Head of School's award goes to Raphael in 3A The kindness award goes to Leonardo in 6P. The Swimmer of the Week is Olivia-Mia in 4T.

Have a peaceful weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Andrew McDonald

Head of School

Health Advice for parents

Coronavirus

The World Health Organisation now considers the covid pandemic to not be a global health emergency. For advice and support if you suspect someone has covid, please visit:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

When using a test, check that it is a recent one that is set up to detect new strains of the virus.

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