

I am a Disciple for you Jesus

Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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Dear Friends of Holy Souls,

What a busy week it has been in school! On Tuesday we welcomed Miss Saghir who came to moderate our Year 6 writing. It was a robust, thorough but successful experience. Well done to our Year 6 staff who rose to the challenge and showcased the hard work that has taken place in Year 6 this year. Well done Team Year 6!

This week we welcomed Mrs Kavanagh and Mrs Browning, who are part of our St Teresa of Calcutta MAC group to review the Special Needs Education provided across our school. They looked at the provision we provide for all of our children, spoke to parents, spoke to pupils and looked at the children's work. This was a positive experience and a great way for us to share the wonderful progress and the work our children are completing. Thank you to Mr Henvey for his dedication and for everything he does for our children. It is much appreciated.

Thank you to Mr Taylor, our School Improvement Partner (SIP) from our MAC for joining us this week and leading a Year of Prayer Assembly. He has challenged us all to spend time thinking about God and to open our hearts and mind to God's calling. Our children are thinking of different ways to connect with the Our Father throughout this Year of Prayer.



This weekend, we look forward to the celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion at 10:00am at parish Mass this Sunday. We look forward to the children in school coming to Mass to support the children in Year 3 by singing in the choir and altar serving. Please keep the children in your prayers on this wonderful step in their journey of faith.

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Miss Trodden, Mrs Wade and Mrs Pettigrew

To bring good news, to shine for you.

Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church - PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN ON THE WEBSITE

MASS TIMES - Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00pm Sunday Masses 8:30am, 10:00am and 12:00pm.



Staff members: Mr Henvey and Team Year 6
Year 2: Tommy & Evelyn
Year 3: Decent & Ryon
Year 1: Samuel & Harley
Reception: Olivia

Year 4: Jack & Jack

Year 5: Niamh & Jay

Year 6: Oscar & Alfie



Year 6 Career's Week

Year 6 have had a wonderful week learning about different careers. The Year 6 staff invited so many different occupations in to talk to the children. The children have enjoyed the opportunity to be hands on and really think about who God is calling them to be. Thank you to all of Year 6 staff for organising such an amazing experience and to the volunteers for giving us their time and expertise.

On Monday afternoon, Year 6 were joined by Lucy (a chemical engineer) and Grace (an environmental and climate change scientist) who shared their journeys and experiences of working within STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). On Monday afternoon, Alison (a journalist, editor and web content writer) shared her experience of working within the media, with a special focus on writing for the internet.



On Tuesday, Dr Cartmill, a local GP, spent the afternoon with Year 6. She told us about her journey towards becoming a doctor and even gave some of them the chance to try it out for themselves!! On Wednesday, Mr Pettigrew introduced Year 6 to the world of Law. They learnt all about what the job of a solicitor involves and what skills and qualities you need to have to work in this area.



Sarah, who is currently studying to be a physiotherapist, filled Year 6 in on university life as well as the varied and important roles that physios play in our society.



On Thursday, Liv came to help Year 6 have fun improving their football skills and told us about her journey so far as a professional footballer at Aston Villa. They talked about a day in the life of a footballer and the skills and qualities she needs to fulfil her role.



Paramedic Tom arrived in his Ambulance and talked to Year 6 about his hugely important job. They learnt how to carry out CPR, apply bandages to wounds and monitored their heart rates. He showed them all the equipment inside the ambulance and talked about the variety of calls that he attends.



In the afternoon they were joined by Mr and Mrs Mills. They shared their journeys as an Audiologist and Telecommunications Engineer. Year 6 learnt how important it is to work hard at school and choose a career that we enjoy. Father Marco ended our day on Thursday by talking about 'Discerning a Vocation'. He explained that God may call us to live a vocation. They heard how Father Marco became a Priest and his amazing journey around the world inspired him.



On Friday, Mr McLoughlin talked to Year 6 about the construction industry and the many roles within it (such as surveying, architecture, roofing and bricklaying). They learnt about some of the worlds tallest buildings and even had a competition to build our own! Year 6's final visitor of the week was a Soldier from the British Army, Sergeant Lee told Year 6 about the time he served in the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. He explained the importance of respect, hard work, good behaviour and determination.



Holy Souls' Olympics

Our events are completely underway. The children are having a wonderful time taking parts in their heats. Thank you to Mrs Corrigan for organising it and for the Year 5 children leading it.



Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RG	Abid	4-WM	Lacey-Mae
IWK	Jayden	4-TW	Ava Rose
IJ	J'Raiyah	5M	Lena B
2T	Charlie	5J	Vanessa
2CK	Aisling	6SC	Max
3M	Reggie	6PM	Jordan
3W	River	HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!	

Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your pencil from Mrs. Girling!

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception - Aliza
 KSI - Cameron
 KS2 - Michelle

Well done Sports Stars -
Coach Dylan and Coach Dom were very impressed with your skills!



RG	Lucy	4WM	Ava
IWK	Oscar	4TW	Phoebe
IJ	Abram	5M	Georgie
2T	Philly	5J	April
2CK	Maya	6SC	Niamh
3M	Isabel	6PM	Amelia
3W	Iszach	Reading is fun!	

Thank you for hearing your child read and completing your child's Reading Record every evening.



Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots



Most coins collected this week

2CK	Crisbel	4TW	Johns
2T	Ara	5J	Anjola
3W	Seraphine	5M	Orla
3M	Ella	6SC	Jack
4WM	Farai	6PM	Sama
Well done trophy winners!			



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING



_This week our guide helps to impress the importance of physical wellbeing on children and young people.

Punctuality

It is very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young.

It is essential that you ensure that your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to your child's own learning and that of others.

Impact of lateness

Over a school year -

- 5 minutes late every day = 3 days absent
- 15 minutes late every day = 10 days absent
- 30 minutes late every day = 19 days absent

Pupils arriving late miss valuable teaching and learning time and it can contribute to them becoming anxious.