



# St Catherine's

## Catholic Primary School



### Class 1G Prayer service



Thank you to Miss Grace and Class 1G for preparing our prayer service this week. The key message was that 'Change is good!'. We all need to change in order to grow and become better. God has a plan for us all and we will continue to change and grow until we are the best person we can be. One thing that's for sure is that we'll always be ourselves. The children spoke with increased confidence and sang beautifully. The children were delighted to see so many of their parents gather to hear their message. We all need to be thankful for all our gifts and talents.

### Family Learning Afternoon



What an enjoyable experience for all! The school community shared a picnic on our field and enjoyed the music, dancing and singing from many of our enthusiastic children.

After the picnic our parents were invited into their child's classroom to participate in the exciting learning prepared for the afternoon. The activities ranged from practical science activities, Art & DT making artefacts, creating paper mache models of volcanoes and researching key facts about volcanoes, computing programming using 'Scratch' to create games, making a rainforest biome and memory boxes in year 6. The children loved welcoming their parents into the classroom environment and working closely with them on the task set. It was wonderful to see so many of our parents participate in this and we look forward to further opportunities to do so.

### The Week Ahead: School Journey Week

Monday 15th July	Tuesday 16th July	Wednesday 17th July	Thursday 18th July	Friday 19th July
<p>A.m. Year 6 trip to 'Jump-In'</p> <p>3.30p.m. KS2 Furniture Swap- Parent volunteers welcome</p>	<p>5p.m. Year 6 Leavers Mass</p> <p>10a.m. Children meet their new teacher in their new classroom</p>		<p>9a.m. Class 1P Prayer Service</p> <p>Books go home- please ensure your child has a plastic bag- Thank you</p>	<p><b>1.30p.m.</b></p> <p><b>School Closed</b></p> <p><b>No after-school club</b></p>

## Leavers



We say good bye this year to the following staff whose service ranges from two terms to many years. Aoife Boyce and Becky Byrne will be moving on after two terms to develop their teaching careers. They have been a wonderful addition to the staff and have been a fantastic support to the children. We wish them well in the next stage of their careers.

We say goodbye to Mrs Ansah who as a Level 3 Teaching Assistant has worked in all classes from Nursery right up to Year 6 over the last 2 years. Mrs Ansah has always been very flexible in where she teaches and is passionate in ensuring children make progress in their learning. We wish her well in her new role. We say goodbye to Mrs Lown who is our display technician in the school. Mrs Lown is one of the most positive individuals you could meet. She has worked part time - 2 days a week for many years and has been a real joy to work with. She has always been a wonderful supporter of St Catherine's and of all the children and staff who work here. We hope that she will be very happy in her new venture and keeps in touch with all the staff who are very fond of her.

Our nursery Nurses Maureen Angear and Jo Cassen will be leaving St Catherine's after many years of service. They have both worked 2 days a week in the Nursery and have worked with a variety of Nursery teachers over the years. Maureen in particular has seen many of the children return to St Catherine's as parents themselves. She has had a long association with the school and we wish her the very best of luck in her new adventures.

*Maureen Kelly*  
Headteacher

## GAV

This week our year 6s took part in a workshop from The Growing Against Violence service. GAV programmes are delivered to our year 6s at a "reachable moment " before secondary interventions are needed. The goals of the workshop focus on reducing the appeal of violence, reinforcing confidence in the police, providing a safe space for children to disclose violence and to provide essential life skill strategies around violence resistance (via the internet and from peer pressure). In a climate where children are bombarded with images of violence on social media and via gaming, we felt that this would be another valuable piece of work that would empower our children to keep themselves safe when they leave us this term. Jo Isaacs

## Gospel reading for Sunday 14th July

**Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

### The Good Samaritan

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.'

## School Council

The School Council met briefly this week so the children could be thanked for their hard work and commitment throughout the year. They were presented with a special inscribed pen.



The RE Adviser, Mr Murphy, talked to the School Council about various aspects of their school life in his recent visit. In his report he wrote this paragraph- *'The main theme that emerged from the discussion was their sense of love for the school and the enjoyment they get from their time at St Catherine's with all of them stating that they felt safe and cared for at school. They were all articulate about what they learn and also in the variety of ways that they are able to express their faith in a positive way in both the school community and in the wider community.'*

Thank you to all the children and to their families who have supported them in their responsibilities.

## Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors

Mr Murphy also met with our RRS Ambassadors on his visit. It was wonderful to see the confidence each of them had in explaining their roles and responsibilities and the difference being a 'Gold Award' Rights Respecting school has made to our school community.



*'The children all demonstrated a real love for their school and the work that they do for the Common Good both within the school and in the wider community. They were extremely articulate about what they do and the theology behind their actions.'*

The children were presented with a special inscribed pen. A special 'Thank You' to our Year 6 Ambassadors.

## Sports Week Reports

This week was Sports Week at St Catherine's and many of the children had the opportunity to do try something new. Here are the reports from the activities that have been happening:

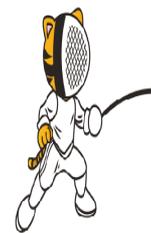
### Waterpolo

The Year 6's were lucky enough to take part in a Water Polo session at Oakleigh Park Swim School. The children enjoyed it thoroughly, and were glad to receive small gifts from the generous staff there. During the session, they learnt how to tread water and the rules of the sport. The coach, Jonathan, was extremely kind and understanding when some children were nervous to start. Moreover, he helped them develop their skills at Water Polo and their confidence in the water.



## Fencing

On Wednesday we welcomed 'Fit for Fencing' who came and spoke to years 2 to 6 about the sport. They brought two athletes with them who had represented Great Britain at Fencing and spoke about their experiences competing. The children asked excellent questions including one about the skills required for the sport. Fencing was explained to the children as "a game of chess with swords". The children were shown the equipment required for the sport, including how the electronic scoring system works. During the workshops, the children had the opportunity to put on the fencing clothing, fight with a foil and learnt how to salute their opponent. The children demonstrated such a huge level of respect and discipline to the coaches and were so highly engaged throughout.



## Volleyball

On Thursday Peter Bakare visited us and held assemblies for the children from Reception to Year 6. He talked about his journey leading up to competing in the 2012 Olympics. This included him rupturing a muscle in the base of his foot during the warm up of his first opportunity to represent Great Britain, where he was told by the doctor he might not recover in time for 2012 (having trained for 5 years up to that point). Peter explained that he dealt with this by being positive and motivated to ensure he did everything he possibly could to ensure he was fit enough in time for the 2012. The motto Peter kept referring to throughout the assembly is 'I can't do it YET' - you can do it if you believe in yourself! The year 1 and 2 children then participated in a fitness workshop with Peter which they thoroughly enjoyed.



## Netball

On Wednesday after school, the year 6 netball players took on the staff at High Five Netball. The children made the staff work hard from the start and it was certainly a tough match. The children demonstrated the excellent skills they have practised throughout the year and it was very clear why they had won the league. Unfortunately (or fortunately for the children), the staff's fitness levels got the better of them and they conceded a goal in the final minute of the game which meant the children won 7-6. Thank you to all the staff and children that took part in the match and also to the parents and grandparents that came to support - it was a fantastic atmosphere.



## Football

Today the 1st, 2nd and girls football teams played the parents on the field, we are looking forward to a good game, but at the point of this newsletter being published there was no match report.



## Karate

On Tuesday we welcomed Sensei Michael and Sensei Jason to St Catherine's. They did an assembly for the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children which included a demonstration. Both Sensei Michael and Sensei Jason compete internationally and have represented Great Britain. They brought in the trophy to show us which they won in the World Championships.



The children enjoyed the demonstration and the opportunity to learn part of a routine. They also began to understand the importance of showing respect in karate, but also how playing sports can help develop their confidence and resilience.

## Trade Fair

The Year 6 Trade Fair was once again a huge success. Children from Years 3-5 were treated to an afternoon of products and services provided by the Year 6 children. Services included Penalty Shoot Outs, Obstacle Courses and Shoot the Hoop. The children were also able to buy products such as bookmarks, slime and hair braids. Congratulations to Satisfying Slime who raised the most money with a whopping £45.55!

The total money raised was an amazing **£287**. Half of the money raised will go to support a local charity Noah's Ark Hospice, and the other half will support our global charity FSSA Zambia.

Thank you to all the parents who supported their children's enterprise and helped make it a success and thank you to all the families in Years 3-5 who sent in money to support the Trade Fair



## PTA FAMILY PHOTO SESSION



SAT 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER



Family photograph session  
15 minutes per family  
am/pm slots

Come on time dressed and ready!

non-refundable booking deposit to be paid in September 2019

Register your interest by emailing the pta inbox [stcatherinespta@gmail.com](mailto:stcatherinespta@gmail.com)

by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019

Please email your family name, contact number & year group

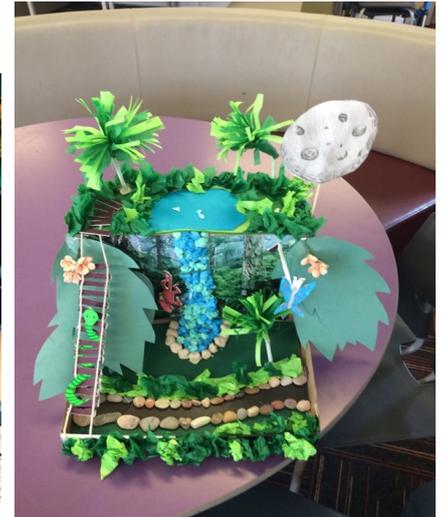
**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTMAS  
GIFTS FOR THE FAMILY**

**Global Learning : Learning with Year 5**

**What is a biome?**

A Biome is a large geographical area of distinctive plant and animal groups, which are adapted to that particular environment. The climate and geography of a region determines what type of biome can exist in that region. Major biomes include deserts, forests, grasslands, tundra, and several types of aquatic environments. Each biome consists of many ecosystems whose communities have adapted to the small differences in climate and the environment inside the biome.

As part of the year 5 Family Learning afternoon they had planned activities about creating a 3D model of a biome. The parents and children worked together and the results were truly amazing. Here is a selection of photos and comments from 5B centred around this very productive afternoon. **5Sy to follow in next weeks Newsletter.**



*'As a team we all put the same amount of effort in and we worked together as team.'*

*'I really enjoyed not having to follow a set plan. We could use our creativity and imagination. Everyone's biome was unique. We didn't have to copy something and we could magpie ideas from each other.'*

*'I liked how everyone got to have a go at creating the biomes and our parents were allowed to help us with this challenge.'*

**Dates for your Diary****Curriculum Meetings for Parents – All start 9a.m.**

<b>Thursday 5th September</b>	<b>Year 6 Curriculum Meeting</b>
<b>Friday 6th September</b>	<b>Year 4 curriculum Meeting</b>
<b>Monday 9th September</b>	<b>Year 5 Curriculum Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday 10th September</b>	<b>Year 3 Curriculum Meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday 11th September</b>	<b>Year 1 Curriculum Meeting</b>
<b>Thursday 12th September</b>	<b>Year 2 Curriculum Meeting</b>

**Christmas Concerts 2019**

<b>Wednesday 4th December &amp; Thursday 5th December</b>	<b>Years 3 &amp; 4 Nativity 9:30</b>
<b>Tuesday 10th December &amp; Wednesday 11th December</b>	<b>KS1 Nativity 9:30</b>
<b>Thursday 12th December</b>	<b>Reception Nativity 9:30</b>
<b>Wednesday 18th December</b>	<b>Years 5&amp;6 Christmas Service St Gregory's 6:30p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday 17th December</b>	<b>Nursery Nativity 9:30</b>

**Prayer Services and Class Masses**

*Please see the attachment with dates for the Class Prayer Services and Class Masses 2019/2020.*



**BUILDING CONFIDENCE & MANAGING YOUR CHILD'S ANXIETY-**  
**workshop for parents.**

**September 24th 2019 9am-11.30am**

I have spoken to the Children and young people's service (CAMHS) and one of their psychological well being practitioners has very kindly agreed to run a workshop with me in September for our parents. In this workshop we will talk about how anxiety shows itself and can develop in children. We will help parents to think about what strategies they can use to manage anxiety and to build confidence, resilience and independence in their children.

Every parent is welcome. Please contact the school office or myself if you would like to attend.

Jo Isaacs  
Pastoral Leader

## Autumn Term 2019 Afterschool Clubs - Online Registration

St Catherine's Extended Day After School Club Registration for Autumn Term 2019 is now open and the code for this is **chuut**. All clubs run from 3.30 to 4.30pm unless otherwise marked. Clubs cost £6 (£7 per week for Fencing) per week and are charged for the full term in advance.

Please note that there will be no clubs offered to the **Reception children** for the first term whilst they are settling into the school. Clubs will be open for them from the spring term. The clubs that are being offered are:

### Monday

Karate **07.55 to 08.40** (before school) Yr 1 & 2 **\*\* New Club\*\* FULL**

Stretch Activities with Core Stability Yr 1 & 2

Tennis Yr 1 & 2

Football Yr 2,3 & 4

Craft Yr 5 & 6 **\*\*New Club\*\* FULL**



### Tuesday

Cricket Yr 3 & 4

Choir (after school **3.30pm to 4.10pm**)—no registration required, but see note below \*

Fencing **07:55 to 08:40** (before school) Yr 5&6 **\*\*New club\*\* FULL**



### Wednesday

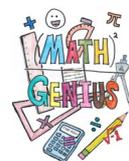
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Cricket Yr 5 & 6

Coding Club Yr 5 & 6 —lunchtimes 12.45 to 13.20, registration **IS** required, no **charge**

Fencing Yr 3 & 4 (cost £7 per week) **\*\*New club\*\* FULL**

Maths Challenge Yr 5 & 6 – From October half term to Xmas only



### Thursday

Tennis Yr 3 & 4

Choir (before school 8.15 to 8.40am) - no registration required, but see note below \*

Football Yr 1

### Friday

Hip-Hop Yrs 1 & 2

Tack Rugby (Saracens) Ys 5 & 6 **\*\*New Club\*\***



Registration will close on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 9am**. If you wish your child to be considered for a place on any of the clubs you will need to **register your interest online using 'School Interviews'** at [www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk) and then enter the event code to login and register your interest. During this period only you will be able to view, change or cancel your online booking yourself - the office will not be able to do this for you.

**Please remember that you are registering your interest for these clubs and no guarantee of a space is provided. For over-subscribed clubs we will offer places to those children who have not had a chance to try the club previously, before allocating spaces to returning students.**

After registration closes there will be a 5 day 'cooling off' period until the end of term when you are able to change your mind about your choices. **After** the cooling off period, late registration or changes to registration and cancellations will incur a £10 administration charge and will be processed via the office. You will be notified before the end of the Summer Term if you have a place or not. All payments are made via ParentPay and must be paid before the start of the first session in the Autumn Term to secure your place. Please note payments are **NON-REFUNDABLE**. If you are offered a space on a club this is **NON-TRANSFERABLE** Thank you. \* Choir—if you are new to Choir and wish to join please attend one of the sessions and let Mr Bell know you would like to be involved.

## How is your Class Attendance?

Class	% Attendance
1G	94.67
1P	98.28
2H	97.33
2R	96.33
3M	97.10
3W	96.00
4A	99.63
4B	99.03
5S	96.67
5Sy	99.65
6C	93.33
6S	96.77
6V	93.45

### House Stars



*Gabriel*



*Uriel*



*Raphael*



*Michael*



Lord, thank you for letting us work with you to share your joy with the world.

Help us not take for granted the gift it is to share you gospel to the nations, and to our neighbours.

Help us have eyes to see the needs around us and to respond to those needs in joy and hope.

Thank you so much Lord for your love and care over us.

In Jesus' Name.

Amen.