

*We learn and pray, in faith and love*



5.4.2023

Dear families,

On behalf of all our staff and Governors, I would like to wish you all a very happy and holy Easter. The children have prepared wonderfully during Holy Week and understand the importance of Easter within the Catholic faith. Thank you for all your support with all our events, including the Easter Bonnet Parade and the CAFOD sponsored walk, to name but a few.



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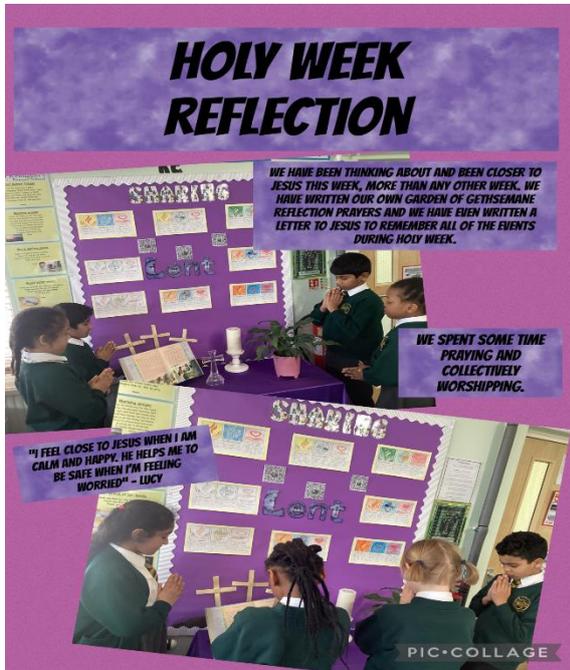


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## Year 3 Holy Week Reflection

Year 3 have enjoyed deepening their knowledge of Holy Week by their stations of the cross journey around school and in role play conversations detailing the events and emotions of those involved in the events.



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### Year 3 Holy Communion Preparation

Year 3 made the most of the good weather to prepare for receiving their First Holy Communion in the Prayer Garden.



### Nursery

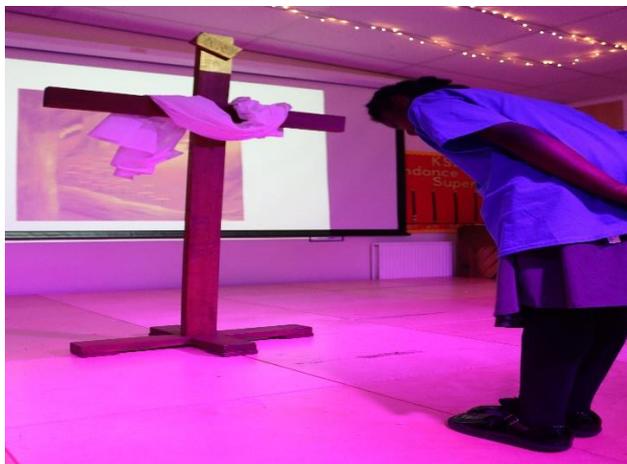
Our nursery children have learnt about making Lenten promises and created a Lenten tree. They helped to be very kind and generous to others by raising money for CAFOD with their sponsored walk.

They also began to recognise new life in springtime by painting lovely daffodils and by creating an Easter garden. The children learnt about the sadness of Good Friday and the joyful event of Easter Sunday when Jesus went to heaven to be with God the father



Year 5

Today, Year 5 helped to prepare us all for Easter with their wonderful Three Trees assembly. It was delivered with the utmost reverence and respect and brought tears to our eyes. Their beautiful singing can be heard on the front page of our website. Thank you, Year 5.



### **Arts Mark Platinum Award**

I am delighted to announce that school has achieved the Arts Mark Platinum award! This award reflects the creativity and wellbeing that is at the heart of our curriculum. A huge thank you to Mrs Ackerley who has led and project managed the incredible amount of work that was required. This is our school's second Platinum Award, following in the footsteps of our P.E. award. Both recognise the amazing staff team we have at St. Kentigern's who put so much into planning a broad and balanced curriculum that is worthy of the wonderful children we have in our school. Well done, Mrs Ackerley!

### **Parent Phonic/reading Workshops**

Just to remind those of you who have children in Reception and Nursery that the phonics/reading workshops are running as follows:

**Nursery Reading Workshop on 19th April 3.30**

**Reception Phase 4 Phonics Workshop on Thursday 20th April**

Sign-up sheets have been shared on your child's See Saw page. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### **Change of Parents' Evening date**

Please note, Parents' Evening has been changed to **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May**. This is because the original date has been given as a possible Industrial Action date.

### **CAFOD Fundraising**

Thanks to your amazing generosity, school has raised over £2,100!!! Thank you for your support.

### **Attendance Winners**

Congratulations to this week's Attendance Winners:

KS1 Winner - Year 2 Hazel - 97.4%

KS2 Winner - Year 4 Poplar - 98.8%

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### **ArtBytes competition**

An exciting art competition has been launched with some wonderful artwork by Year 5 pupils from our school. Please use the QR code on the attached poster to access St Kentigern's entries and cast your vote. Share this with your family members and friends to also gain more votes! The online public vote will be open from Saturday 1st April and the artwork with the most votes wins a place in the 'Artbytes' virtual art exhibition. There will also be a winner for the 'Community Engagement Prize' for the school with the most votes. Let's support Year 5 and our school by casting our votes to ensure we achieve these awards!

### **Special Educational Needs Holiday Activities**

Please click on the link below for activities for SEND children in Manchester this Easter holiday

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKMANCHESTER/bulletins/3517794>

### **A Message from Fr. Michael**

The disciples would have felt as though they'd lost all hope when Jesus died, but the Resurrection teaches us that there is so much to stay hopeful about and so much joy to celebrate. How can we bring joy and hope to others this Easter?

I wish you all a very happy and prayerful Easter.

St. Kentigern, pray for us.

**We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.**

With continued best wishes,

*Madeine Muldoon*

Mrs Muldoon

Headteacher

