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20.10.2023

Dear families,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Parents' Evening yesterday. I am sure that you are all very proud of how hard your children are working. Thanks, also, for the very kind comments you made regarding our wonderful staff team. They are very much appreciated.

Today, we break up for half term. I hope that you all have a restful week and we all look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 30th October.**

Reception Places for September 2023

Applications are now open and can be accessed on the link below. The deadline is 15th January 2024.

Nursery parents, please note that your child will NOT automatically be allocated a place in our Reception class as admissions are managed through Manchester Local Authority. It is vital that you apply on the link below.

https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2024#:~:text=The%20deadline%20for%20on%2Dtime,get%20the%20right%20school%20place.

Individual and sibling Pupil Photos

The photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 31st October** to take individual and sibling pupil photos. It is very important that children in our Early Years arrive to school on time to make sure they do not miss out on their chance to have their photo taken. We cannot guarantee that there will be time available later in the day if the children miss their morning slots. Thank you for your understanding.

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EYFS Parents Coffee Morning

Thank you to those parents who joined us for the EYFS coffee morning. We hope that the information shared about Early Help as well as the opportunities open to you over the half term holidays, was helpful. Other topics covered were sleep routines, encouraging healthy eating for children and developing the children's vocabulary. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Caritas in Action Award

This week, our Caritas in Action Award has been given to Annabelle from Nursery for always considering her friends and making sure they are happy. This is a wonderful way of demonstrating the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Solidarity.



MacMillan fundraising

This week, members of the Mini Vinnies team joined Mrs. Scott to take the Macmillan Coffee Morning proceeds to the unit at Wythenshawe Hospital. It was wonderful to meet the team and learn about the important work they do for

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patients and families in the North West. The children were super ambassadors for our school and the unit was delighted with the very generous donation.



Year 5 Visit Jodrell Bank

Year 5 visited Jodrell Bank to enhance their learning of their Science topic: Earth and space. The children learnt about the Lovell telescope, ultraviolet and infrared lights as well as the planets and constellations. They even visited the space dome and went on a virtual trip to Saturn!



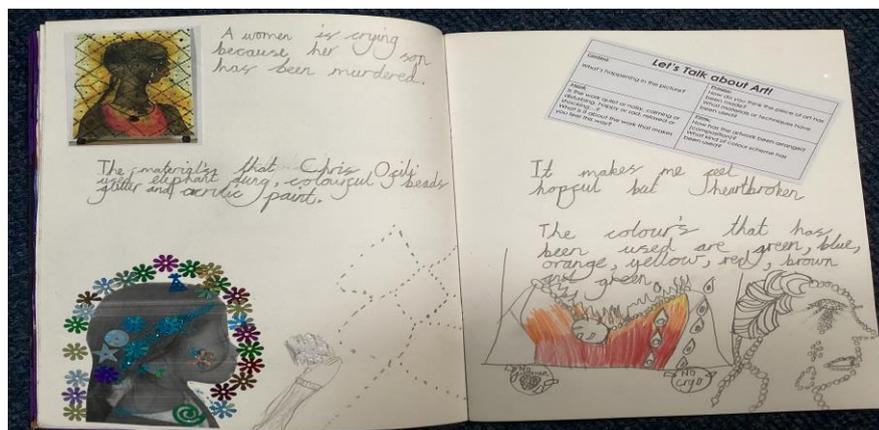
Celebrating Black History Month

This week, Year 5 and 6 enjoyed taking part in an African drumming workshop. They played the djembe and learnt about its origin as part of Black History Month.



Year 3 explore the work of Chris Ofili

Year 3 have explored the artwork 'No Woman No Cry' by Chris Ofili. This was one of the works included in the exhibition which won him the Turner Prize that year. The Financial Times described it as "his masterpiece." Chris Ofili was born in Manchester to parents May and Michael Ofili of Nigerian descent. Chris Ofili was for some years educated at St. Pius X High School for Boys, and then at Xaverian College in Victoria Park, Manchester. Since 2005 he has been living and working in Trinidad and Tobago.



Nursery Artists

Nursery looked at the work of Alma Thomas. Alma Woodsey Thomas was an African-American artist and teacher who lived and worked in Washington, D.C. and is now recognised as a major American painter of the 20th century. The children looked at her piece, *The Eclipse*, and created their masterpieces based on her style. Well done, Nursery!



Y3 Beech Bakers

This week, Year 3 Beech donned their chef hats and created some European themed bread based on the countries they have been researching. The children worked with a wide range of ingredients popular in Germany, Spain, Italy and Greece. They also thoroughly enjoyed tasting their final product! Well done Year 3!



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Year 3 Willow Class Assembly

Thank you to Mrs Ackerley's class for their brilliant assembly today which explained how Zones of Regulation are used to help us understand our emotions.



Right of the Week

Article 7 Name and Nationality

Children have the right to have a name and a nationality.

Collective Worship for families

Please find below, the link to this week's Collective Worship newsletter.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Year 5 and 6 Safeguarding Training

Dean Coady is a regular visitor to our school. As an experienced former police officer with a significant understanding of the challenges that can face young children in Greater Manchester, and more specifically, in South Manchester, Dean was able to deliver an outstanding programme highlighting to the children the importance of making the correct choices to keep them safe. Dean is an exceptional practitioner and we are delighted to be able to benefit from his knowledge and understanding.

Look who came to visit!

It was a joy to welcome back Mr Barnes and Chester today. Chester was super-excited and really enjoyed the treats he received. We are delighted to have them both back in school.



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Harvest Festival Foodbank Delivery

Today, we delivered all your Harvest Festival food donations to the Fallowfield and Withington Foodbank. This is a fantastic resource that a great many families benefit from and one which we are very happy to be able to support.



A Message from Fr. Michael

I hope everyone is well and looking after each other. I find it hard to believe we are fast approaching the time to put our clocks back and the dark early evenings are upon us. It's a nice time for the half term holiday. I offer my prayer for stability and consideration for one another, for our country and for countries around the world.

St Kentigern, pray for us.

With continued best wishes,

Madeira Muldoon

Mrs Muldoon

Headteacher