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Whole School
Attendance

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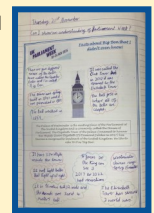
Welcome to St Winefride's Catholic Primary School where we 'Learn, Laugh, Listen, Live and Love' in the presence of Jesus.'

'Let Your Light Shine.' Matthew 5:16



A message from Mrs Davies to all our families....

This week is Parliament Week and this has been marked in school with the children. It has given the children the opportunity to explore what Parliament is and it has been a great way to find out about UK Parliament and children have been given opportunity to discuss issues that they care about. Many classes have taken time to revisit the British Values alongside our school core values. In Year 4, the children explored the British Values and how they can see these around school and in our school community. They then looked at what makes a good leader and made a list of the characteristics of an excellent leader. They also reflected on how they would be a good leader themselves. I think we have lots of leaders, of the future, here, in our school. The children in Year 5 learnt about the Palace of Westminster being the meeting place of UK Parliament and they found out facts about Big Ben (The Elizabeth Tower of the Palace) - a recognisable landmark in the UK which our children learn about as part of our History and Geography curriculums. Mrs O'Gorman met with our student council today to discuss Parliament week and share the learning that has taken place in each classroom as well to discuss plans for an upcoming PTFA event where the children will be able to vote for their Christmas movie which will be shortlisted by the councillors—democracy in action! The children in Reception watched a video 'The Farmer's Cart' about the value of democracy. In class, there is a voting system where the children can vote for the book that they would like to read at the end of the day.



I hope everyone has had chance to digest the important dates from now until the end of term. There is a lot happening in school and it is always such a positively busy and special time in school. Children are beginning to prepare for performances, which I know we all look forward to enjoying. Children in Years 5 and 6, along with myself, Mrs Kelly, Mrs O'Gorman and Mrs Rowlands had the pleasure of visiting St Michael's church where we met Father Kevin and his dog Brian as well as Carol and other parishioners. The children journeyed around different stations in the church, listening to and reflecting upon the Christmas story. They were given the opportunity to think about the gift they will bring to Christmas this year. It was a lovely opportunity to prepare our minds and hearts in anticipation of Advent, next week.



This week, we received a beautiful parcel from a local company—ETC (Enrichment Technology Company). They sent a wonderful selection of STEM books to the future Scientists, Technologists, Engineers and Mathematicians of our school. The children love to read and it is a joy to see the children reading across all curriculum areas in school and valuing the importance of this. A special thank you to ETC for their very kind donation. The children in years 1 and 2 are looking forward to reading these books over the coming weeks.



On Tuesday afternoon, Year 5 received a visit from Sarah from URENCO who inspired and educated them about nuclear science. They engaged in lots of practical investigations including: separating mixtures, testing for acids, alkaline and neutrals using different indicators, chromatography and using a centrifuge. All these processes were used to show the children how scientists use a range of strategies and investigations to solve a problem.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended parents appointments. It is a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and hear about how they have settled into their new class as well as look at their school work. Just a reminder that there is a wealth of information, on our school website, about our school curriculum and year group curriculums and information around how you can support your child at home. Thank you.

Wishing you all a warm, restful and enjoyable weekend. Mrs Davies

Important Dates coming up....

Monday 25th November—Netball competition for children in Years 5 and 6.

Tuesday 26th November—Year 4 swimming session.

Wednesday 27th November—Football Competition—Year 5 and 6.

Thursday 28th November— Forest School session for Year 3 children.

Friday 29th November—Non uniform day—please bring a donation: KS2—bottle for the bottle Tombola and R/KS1—chocolates for the chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Fair.

Forest school—Year Four—Thursday 21st November

Supporting their learning about Ancient Greece, Year 4 explored how to make a yo-yo which is believed to be first invented by the Ancient Greeks. The children used saws to cut their wood and sandpaper to ensure that the edges were smooth so that their yo-yo would be effective. They then decorated the edges to look similar to that of an Ancient Greek shield. Alongside this activity, children were also using clay to make Greek Vases using a coil method. The children were then tasked to find natural resources that would help them carve Ancient Greek patterns into their creations.



The next Forest School Session will take place on Thursday 28th November for our children in year 3.



Well done and thank you to all of the children, who have received a SHINE award today—we are very proud of you. Just a reminder that there is a SHINE assembly next week, Friday 29th November, for KS2 at 9.05am and R/KS1 at 3pm. We look forward to welcoming you.