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Dear Parent/Carer,

John 2:1-12

2 On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

4 "Woman,^[a] why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

6 Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.^[b]

7 Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

8 Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

¹² After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days.

In this reading we see one of Jesus' signs where he revealed his glory, but interestingly the sign was not noticed by most people because they did not see it. This has a parallel to modern day society as we are often looking for signs; some of us may pray during a time of difficulty in decision making for Jesus' to send us a sign. But are we looking out for this sign or are we like the people in this reading unable to see the signs that are right in front of us? People are sent in our lives at different points and for different reasons in order to support our life path and fulfill our destiny, but we have to be open to that mission- we have to be able to see the sign.

As we celebrated Peace Sunday yesterday, I wish you all a week that is not only free of war but filled with the tranquility that we are blessed with my having Jesus in us.

Citizenship Weeks

We had a fantastic start to Citizenship Week last week; the children had some informative workshops that taught them about how to be good citizens, but also what happens when people are not making positive contributions to our society; these workshops looked at gangs, online safety and knife crime.



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We had two year groups visit City Hall to see how that part of the government works and a visit to the Foundling Museum. This week we will continue with a variety of activities to celebrate the *This in Me* theme for this year.

Citizenship Week is centered on **Ephesians 2:10** "You are God's work of art created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he has meant us to live". During these two weeks the children will be looking at the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and will explore the following:

- Gifts
- Talents
- The Rights of the Child
- Responsibilities
- Freedom

The celebration of citizenship will culminate in a **Mass on Friday, 25th January 2019 at 9:30**; parents are warmly invited to attend. We will also have our annual charity bazaar on the afternoon of **Friday, 25th January** and would appreciate your kind donations - class teachers will give you more information about this. Please ensure your child has money to spend for the charity bazaar. Money raised from the bazaar will benefit our two school charities, **Ihogbe College** and **Royal Initiative Against Poverty and Starvation (RIAPS)**.

Class Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **4A Friday, 8th February 2019** at 9:05 am; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

Inset Days - Teacher Training Days

We have had a change in our school calendar to our teacher training days; therefore, Monday, 7th January 2019 will be a normal school day where the school will be open to all pupils. However, on Tuesday, 23rd April 2019 the school will be closed to pupils and will re-open on Wednesday, 24th April 2019 from the Easter break.

Parental Contributions

Thanks to your parental contributions for the last academic year, we raised a total of £3,620. Your contributions are vital in ensuring that building works and improvements to the school premises take place. Please ensure that you pay your parental contribution of £40 through ParentPay.

N. Scott
Head Teacher

