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Citizenship Weeks 2022

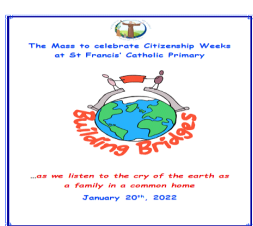
Building Bridges

As we listen to the cry of the earth as a single family in a common home

We have had a very exciting and informative Citizenship fortnight this year. The theme for the two weeks was building bridges as we work as brothers and sisters, putting our faith into action.

For the Religious Education lessons, the principles of Catholic Social Teachings were linked closely to the Universal Church Topic, enabling children to better understand the importance of taking care of God's wonderful world, which includes the resources as well as the people, especially those who are vulnerable.

Over the two weeks, the children enjoyed a variety of activities through which they explored different ways of putting their faith into action. They had speakers from Fair Trade making them more aware of what justice is; First Aid training with the British Red Cross preparing them to act in an emergency; visitors from CAFOD, allowed them the opportunity to understand being a steward and a bread making activity enabled them, not only to enjoy the skills but to understand the role of bread as a part of the Christian faith. The week culminated with a fundraising 'danceathon' to support our chosen charity-the NEWway project.



Important Dates

21st February 2022
First day of half term

w/b 21st February 2022
World Book Week

25th February 2022
Staff INSET Day
(School closed to children)

w/b 28th February 2022
World Book Week

3rd March 2022
World Book Day

2nd March 2022
Ash Wednesday

30th and 31st March 2022
Parents' Conference Meetings
for years 1-6

4th April 2022
EYFS Parents' Conference
Meetings
(school closed to EYFS)

Week beginning 4th April 2022
(Holy Week Assemblies)
Yr. 3-4th April at 9:05am
Yr. 4-5th April at 9:05am
KS1 -6th April at 9:15am

The Junior Leadership Team 2021-2022

We are proud to introduce the Junior Leadership Team for this academic year. The team comprises of 7 members from the year 6 classes. There is a Head boy; a Head girl; 2 Deputy Head boys; 2 Deputy Head girls and a secretary.

So far, the team has been very active, working closely with the Head Teacher; promoting the school's fund raising 'danceathon'; creating their own promotional video for NEWway-our chosen charity as well as being actively involved in different areas of school improvement.





Dance For NEWway

Every year, during our Citizenship fortnight we choose a local charity to support. This year, our chosen charity is The NEWway Project. We choose this charity to embed our commitment to follow the guidance of Pope Francis, where he challenges us to put our faith into action. The children all put their faith into action by getting their parents, friends and relatives to sponsor them in a danceathon. Our fund Raising effort was one filled with music; fun and laughter, where the children danced for 30 minutes, raising the well-needed funds for this worthy cause. So far the sum of £2617.52 has been realised and this will be presented to the NEWway project.



Going for Gold

To all pupils who have been on Gold since
5th January, 2022

Well done!



St Francis' Eco-Warriors

Who are the Eco-Warriors?

The eco-warriors is a group of St Francis' pupils with the aim to help save the earth in any possible way. As we are all aware, Mother Earth is in danger and we need to take action to save her immediately!

What are we doing to help the school?

A group of us patrol the school at lunchtime to turn off the lights when teachers are not in their classrooms. In addition, we collect the papers we use in class which will be reused next year instead of throwing them away and printing more. We are planning to arrange more activities that could help the school and its environs to be as earth-friendly as possible.

Attendance for the this half term:

Gold: **5B** 99.2%

Silver: **6R** 98.2%

Bronze: **4K** 98.1%

Attendance **must** be 100% because **any** absence affects children's learning and the more they miss the harder it will be for them to catch up.

Bread Making

Our bread making workshop was very enjoyable and informative. The children were able to get the hands-on experience of making their own bread (and eating it at home afterwards!) as well as learning about the history of bread and its importance to our faith. '

'At first the flour and water felt weird, but when we had mixed it had a good consistency and changed to dough' observed UE.

'I broke chunks off to eat and it was so soft inside' commented SO

The children were engaged in an activity that they will remember, and hopefully use, for the rest of their lives.

Most importantly, as ZS noted, *'I can now explain how bread making is important to my learning in RE.'*

