

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 14.03.25– Term 4 -Week 3

What a busy week we've had!

We've just wrapped up Science Week, where our pupils enjoyed lots of hands-on experiments and interesting discussions. Year 5 and 6 also got to visit the Trinity Centre for a hands on experience exploring sound. It's been great to see their enthusiasm for science grow.

We had a School Improvement visit recently. The visitors were pleased to see all our pupils working hard in class and showing good learning behaviours. This shows we're making progress towards our OFSTED goals. The Diocese also visited us to look at Religious Education. They looked at books and talked to our pupils. I'm proud to say our children spoke positively about being part of a Catholic school.

This week, we've been working on our target of having 'Quiet, Calm Corridors'. It's made a real difference, creating a peaceful atmosphere as pupils move around the school.

As the weather gets warmer, we're thinking about playtime too. Miss Lou has picked up some large loose parts from the Scrap Store for outdoor play. These will give our pupils new ways to be creative during breaks. Thank you for your support in making our school such a great place to learn.

Reflection: Luke 9:28-36 The 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year C

There are times when we all need encouraging: that is, to be inspired with courage and to have our hope renewed, especially when we are going through difficult times.

The snapshot of Jesus' glory in this Sunday's Gospel was an encouragement to the three disciples. For the first time they received a glimpse of the awesome divinity of Jesus. But soon they would go through difficult times and see Jesus crucified.

Following Jesus isn't easy: it never was. But if, like the disciples, we too listen to Jesus, we will experience the encouragement that God offers freely to each one of us – today

"The invitation at the Transfiguration is to listen to Jesus and to follow him, laying down our lives as a gift of love for one another."

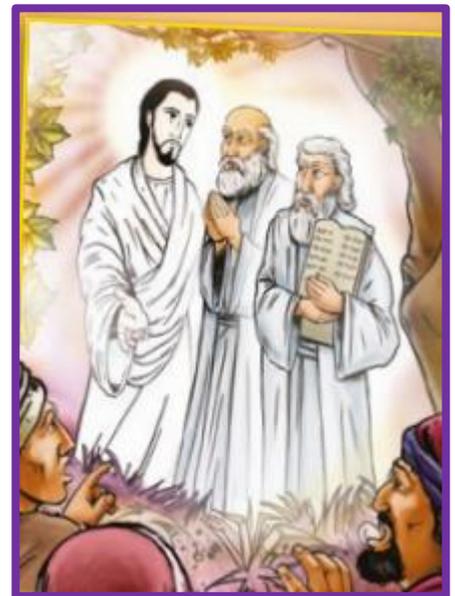
Pope Francis

By showing them his inner glory, Jesus encouraged the disciples. Today, when we listen to and follow Jesus, our lives are transformed and we are filled with words of encouragement.

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Our Mission this week:

How can we encourage everyone in our School Community?



Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for encouraging us. Please help us to be more like you – to be an encouragement to those around us. Amen.

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Diamond Class welcome some visitors

Diamond class has been a buzz of excitement this week as they welcomed 10 unhatched eggs to their classroom. Through the week the children have been able to watch these hatch into beautiful fluffy chicks. I have loved seeing the enthusiasm every child has shown. They are all demonstrating our Catholic Social Teaching for caring for God's creation and being so kind and gentle to our new additions.



Year 5 Class Assembly

Well done to Year 5 on a lovely Class Assembly this morning. They shared their learning with us confidently. We all loved guessing your baby photos, it was wonderful to see how much you have all grown. Thank you to the parents that joined us.

Class Assemblies

Our next round of Class Assemblies begin this term. Please join us to celebrate the learning taking place in each class. All assemblies begin at 9am.

Friday 21st March – Amethyst Class – Year 4

Friday 28th March – Ruby Class – Year 2 and 3



Family Prayer and Liturgy

We invite you to join your child's class for Prayer and Liturgy, this will be run by the children. Prayer and Liturgy takes place each Tuesday morning and is a time for reflection and prayer. Please join us from 09.05am

Tuesday 25th March – Emerald Class

Prayer and Liturgy – Year 1 and 2

Tuesday 1st April – Ruby Class Prayer and Liturgy – Year 2 and Year 3

Tuesday 29th April – Amethyst Class Prayer and Liturgy – Year 4

Tuesday 6th May – Sapphire Class Prayer and Liturgy – Year 5

Year 6 will follow after SATs



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Year 5 have had a busy Science week, learning about the Human Timeline, which prompted fantastic discussion about how the body changes as you get older. The children also visited Trinity Centre for a workshop about sound and vibration! The children also worked practically with levers and pulleys. The engineer they studied is Aprille Ericsson- Jackson, who is an aerospace Engineer!

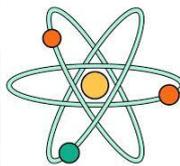
Year 6 have been learning all about Nicholas Grimshaw, who designed the 'biome domes' at The Eden Project' in Cornwall.

They then designed their own biome domes for growing topical plants in.

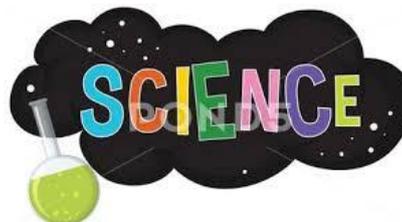


Diamond Class have spent the week learning about life cycles through our class chicks. We have watched them hatch and begin to grow and will continue watching them next week.

For our STEAM day, we have learnt all about Annette Ashberry. Inspired by her engineering, we have used the junk modelling to invent new tools to help us in the garden. Inspired by her gardening, we have planted our own cress seeds to grow and hopefully eat before the end of term.



For Science week, Ruby Class we have extended our learning of life cycles of plants from our science lessons to explore the life cycles of chicks! We visited the chicks in Diamond Class to learn all about them. We have created our own fact files about chicks to share with Diamond Class too! Did you know that a pullet is the name of a young hen?



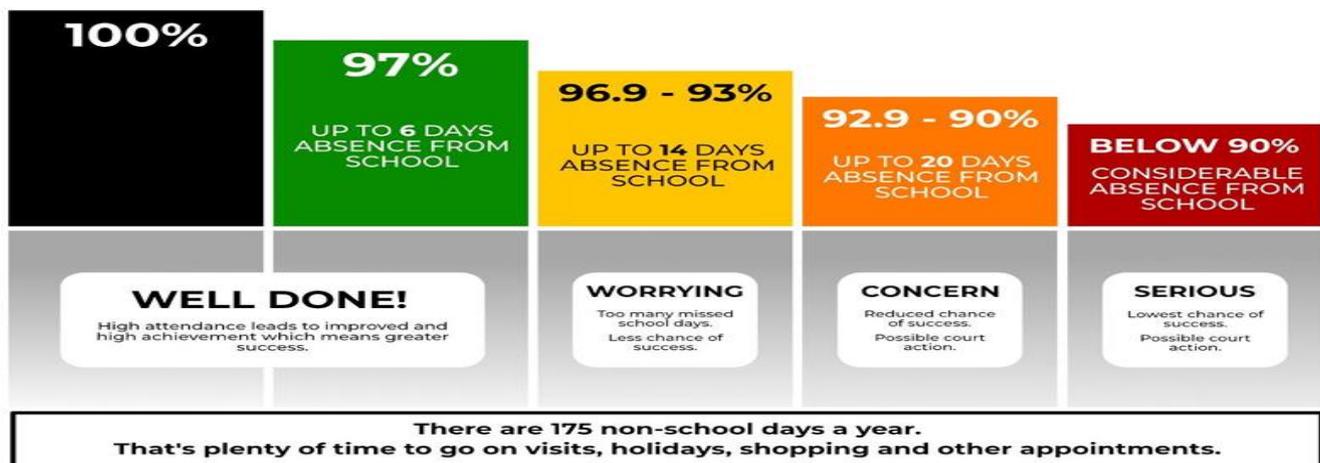
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Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern, we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** and any figure below is a concern.

Any classes who achieve a 100% attendance for the week will be able to have a non-school uniform day the following week.

Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Diamond Class	87.65%	90.63%	3
Emerald Class	94.5%	95.83%	2
Ruby Class	93.36%	94.17%	5
Amethyst Class	95.39%	94.29%	2
Sapphire Class	95.13%	99.2%	3
Topaz Class	93.58%	96.25%	5
Total	93.27%	95.06%	20

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



Thank you to those who attend regularly. Please remember to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you and then may also make a home visit if we are unable to contact you. Thank you to those who arrive on time. Remember, children can go straight to class from 8:40am or attend breakfast club from 8am if necessary. There is also access to the walking bus if required. If your child is constantly late to school this can affect their self-esteem and they could be missing out on valuable reading, phonics or Maths activities and interventions.



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Term 4 Dates

Date	Event
Monday 17 th March	Wear Green for St Patrick's Day
Monday 17 th March – Wednesday 19 th March	Year 6 Camp
Friday 21 st March	9am Amethyst Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday 28 th March	9am Ruby Year 2/3 Class Assembly
Wednesday 2 nd April	World Autism Day
Thursday 3 rd April	Last day of Term 4
Friday 4 th April	School Closed INSET day
Tuesday 22 nd April	Term 5 Starts

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James