

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 24.10.2024– Term 1 -Week 7

Reflection: Mark 10:46-52 (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

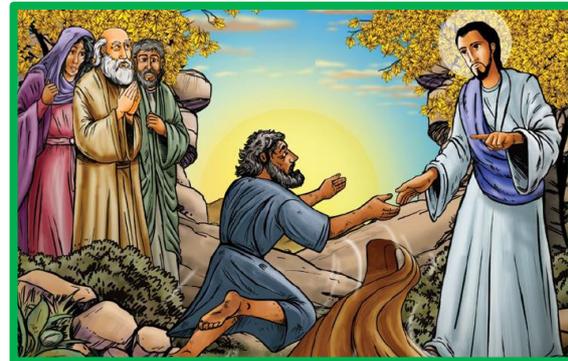
As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, there was a blind man, called Bartimaeus, sitting at the roadside begging. When Bartimaeus heard that it was Jesus who was walking by, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me! Help me!" Some of the people in the crowd told him to be quiet, but he began to shout louder until Jesus heard him. Then Jesus stopped and said, "Call him here." So they said to the blind man, "Have courage! Get up! Jesus is calling you." The man threw off his cloak, jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus said, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said, "Master, let me see again." Then Jesus said to him, "Go! Your faith has saved you." And at once the man's sight returned and he followed Jesus along the road.

"Be brave. Let us learn to face moments of difficulty with courage, certain that the Lord never fails to give his support." Pope Francis

In this Sunday's Gospel, by continuing to call on Jesus, the blind man showed courage.

The word 'courage' comes from the Latin word for 'heart' and it basically means that you are brave. Courage is a gift of the Holy Spirit – it makes us strong. Putting our faith in Jesus and his teachings gives us the courage to do the right thing. We can try to remember this Sunday's Gospel and ask Jesus to help us whenever we need courage.

**Dear Lord Jesus, please
give us the courage always
to do and say what
is right and to remember
that we can always put our
faith in you. Amen.**



Chaplains Harvest Service

This week our wonderful Chaplains led our Wednesday Assembly with their Harvest Service. They helped us to reflect on the importance of helping others, as we do each year donating to the Foodbank.

The Chaplains also collected all of our donations and delivered them to the St Nicholas Church foodbank.

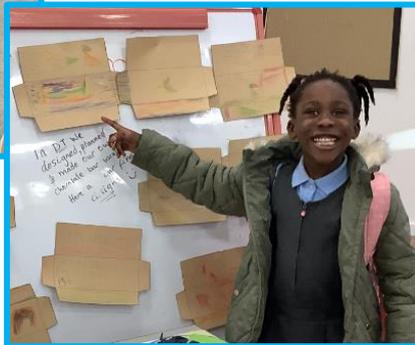
Well done Chaplains on your work towards Catholic Social Teaching and living as Jesus wants us to.



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St Nicks Art Gallery

On Tuesday we hosted our first St Nicholas of Tolentine Art Gallery! It was lovely to see lots of you coming to celebrate the children's incredible art work. The children have been exploring the work of different artists from around the world and different skills to create a final piece to display. The children were excited and proud to show off their creativity to their family and friends!



St Nicks FC

Our football first team travelled to Henleaze school on Thursday evening to compete in the 1st round of the Coronation Cup. Up against a strong team, we went behind early on but Yuel scored long distance drive to level the game. We kept ourselves in the game for a long period however when pushing for the win, we succumbed to a 4-1 loss. The attitude of all the players was fantastic in defeat and we will continue to aim for victory when we return to league action next term!

Player of the match - Acher, who led the attack fantastically, by chasing balls over the top and dribbling with purpose towards goal. He was unlucky not to score in the game!



St Nicks FC – Girls Tournament

On Monday, the girls football team had their first tournament of the year. An excellent shot from Sara helped us to win the first game.

We were unfortunate in the next two games losing 2-0 and 3-0. Despite this they showed great teamwork and determination. In the last few seconds of our final game, we scored from a great corner to win 1-0.

Well done to all the girls that participated in the tournament!

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Pop up Prayer Space

In our Pop-up Prayer Space for term 1 we focussed on our Catholic Social Teaching theme of God's Creation. We had five different stations which linked to how we can protect our common home. We were able to think deeply, reflect on our own actions and consider how we can make our world a better place for all.



Year 5 Science Trip

On Monday, Y5 visited the life sciences building at Bristol Uni. We took part in workshops on water pollution, using keys to identify creatures taken from the River Avon, animal bones and habitats and camouflaged animals. We also got spend time in a lab looking at plants through microscopes. We spent time looking at different projects being run by Bristol Uni, including a robotic dog, bat sensors, butterflies and bees!



Cross Country

On Tuesday, we took Year 4/5/ children to race in a Cross Country race! All of the children competed with fantastic determination, especially towards the end of the race. The skill they were focussing on was pacing to make sure they had enough energy to finish the race. Congratulations to Sara and Aiden who qualified for the county event, and have been scouted for a special cross country club session!

Whole School Assembly

We finished our week with a whole school assembly to celebrate and share the work we have been completing around Black History Month. All classes presented their wonderful learning – we all loved learning about the amazingly inspirational people. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us for the assembly.



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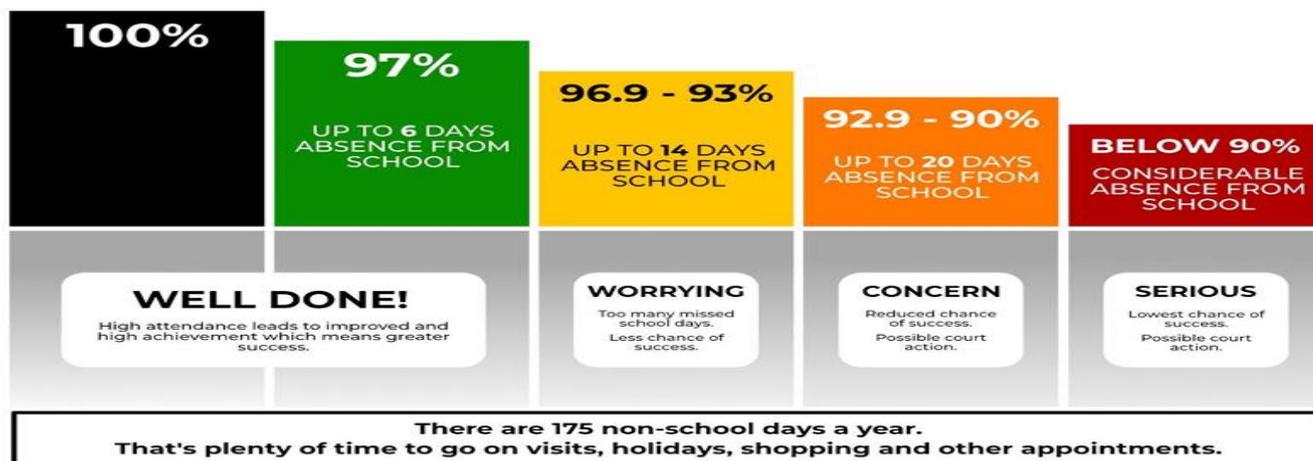
Attendance

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	93%	92.2%	7
Emerald Class	95.5%	93.5%	7
Ruby Class	96.2%	94.5%	8
Amethyst Class	95.5%	90.3%	12
Sapphire Class	95.9%	93.5%	9
Topaz Class	96%	96.2%	14
Total	95.5%	93.5%	57

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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Dates for your Diary:

Term 2

Monday 4th November	Term 2 starts – all children in school
Thursday 7th November	Reception Open Morning
Friday 8th November	9am – Ruby Class Assembly Chaplaincy Commissioning
Monday 11th November	Anti-bullying Week Remembrance Day Y6 rehearsing at Trinity Centre
Tuesday 12th November	Y5 Forces workshop at Science Creates
Thursday 14th November	World Diabetes Day
Friday 15th November	Children in Need 9am – Emerald Class Assembly
Monday 18th November	UK Parliament Week Y6 Performance at Trinity Centre 3.30pm – 5pm
Tuesday 19th November	Y5 and 6 Basketball Tournament 3.30pm – 6pm – Parent's Evening
Wednesday 20th November	3.30pm – 6pm – Parent's Evening
Friday 22nd November	Individual School Photos – School uniform for all children

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James