

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 18.10.2024– Term 1 -Week 6

Reflection: Mark 10:35-45 (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus and said, "Master, we want you to do us a favour." Jesus said, "What is it you want me to do for you?" They answered, "When you come into your glory, allow one of us to sit at your right hand and the other at your left." When the other ten heard this they began to feel angry with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said, "You know how some rulers want to order people around and to control them. Well, you must not be like that. Whoever wants to be truly great must follow my example and be like a servant to others. I did not come to be served – I came to serve, and to give my life for other people."

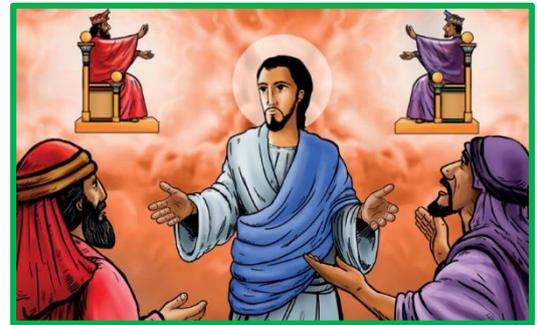
"Doing little things with a strong desire to please God makes them great." St Francis de Sales

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches the disciples how to be truly great. Being kind, self-giving, thoughtful and helpful are great qualities. It's not always easy to live our lives in this way but it is the way that God want us to live, to become the best that we can be.

God is great and He made us to be great too. Through spending lots of his time serving others Jesus shows us the way to true greatness.

**Dear Lord Jesus, thank you
for all the great people in
our world.**

**Please help us to grow in
greatness through putting
others first. Amen.**

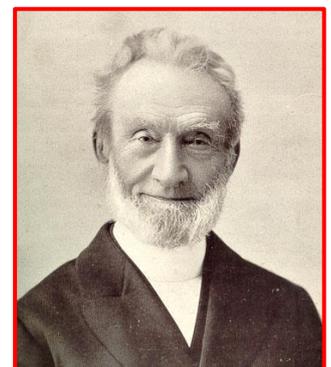


Month of Mary

October is the month of our Mother Mary, we spend reflecting on her significance as a symbol of love, compassion, and unity. Mary praises God for all the wonderful things that he has done for her. She also praises God for lifting up the poor, scattering the proud, feeding the hungry with good things. We reflect on this as we collect for our Harvest donations this year.

Year 4 Class Assembly

Today Year 4 presented their learning from this term. They spoke so confidently and we definitely have some budding actors and actresses within the class. You taught the whole school so much about George Muller and we could really see how much you enjoyed the topic. Well done!



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Ruby Visit Carmen Beckford Mural

As part of their History Topic this term, Ruby class took a walk to the Carmen Beckford Mural in St Pauls. They have loved learning all about Carmen Beckford and just how inspirational she is for the people of Bristol.



St Nicks FC

On Monday evening, St Nicks opened their league defence against Cathedral school. They showed great heart and determination, however succumbed to a 4-3 loss in a tough, tight match. There were goals from Peace and Rayner, who both opened their accounts for the first team! Martina had a fantastic performance in defence as well! Player of the match - King, whose clearances saved us from some tricky situations throughout the game.



Gardening Club

Gardening Club are continuing to brighten up the front of school. We now have heather growing for some autumn colour and have snuck some bulbs in below the soil ready for spring.

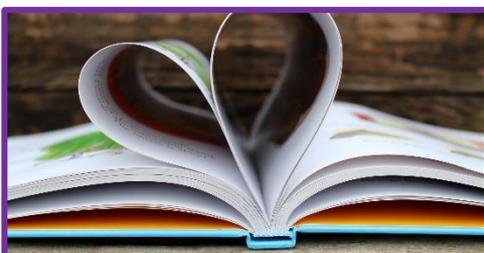
Now that everyone knows to keep out of the Wildflower Meadow, the orange fence has been replaced by green string which looks a bit nicer. Things are slowly happening in the soil, despite the weather getting colder!

Miss McAllister was really proud of how polite and enthusiastic Gardening Club were when we had Angus from the Butterfly Conservation visit today.



Book Fair

It has been lovely to see so many children enjoying the book fair this week. There were some amazing books, and the children's enthusiasm for them was infectious. Thank you Miss McAllister for organising and to the staff for running it each day.



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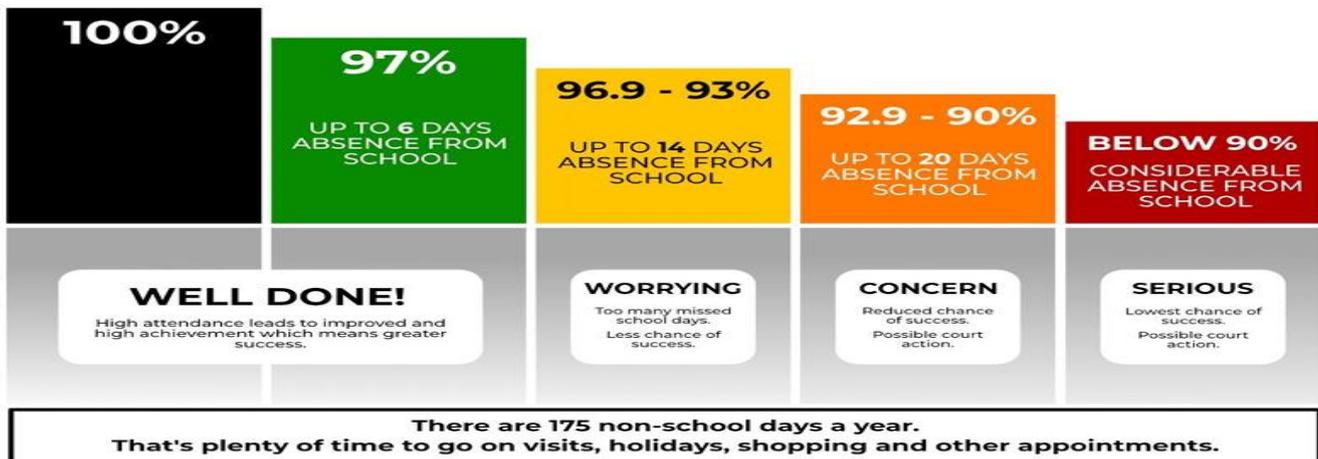
Attendance

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	93.1%	84.4%	3
Emerald Class	95.8%	100%	11
Ruby Class	96.4%	98.4%	10
Amethyst Class	96.1%	92.3%	5
Sapphire Class	96.2%	92.6%	10
Topaz Class	96%	98.3%	12
Total	95.8%	94.8%	51

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:

Monday 21st October	Y5/6 at life Science Building
Tuesday 22nd October	3.15pm - St Nicholas Art Gallery
Thursday 24th October	9am Whole School Black History Month Assembly – Parents welcome
Friday 25th October	INSET Day – School Closed for Pupils

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