

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 11.10.2024– Term 1 -Week 5

Reflection: St John Henry Newman Feast Day – 9.10.24

Let heart speak to heart

St John Henry Newman was born in London in 18.01, he converted to Catholicism in 1845 and became a Catholic Priest. St John Henry Newman believed that people should show love to God and one another, he chose love as his theme for his family motto: Heart Speaks to Heart.

Newman believed we would find our special Mission and hear what God was asking us to do if we let God speak to our hearts. This week the children reflected on what they felt their mission is, I talked about how my mission is to be here at St Nicholas and we are all on the mission of sharing God's love within our school each and every day.

This week the children have been asked how they can show love for one another, in how we treat each other with our actions and our words.

We are currently collecting donations for the St Nicholas Foodbank as part of our Harvest celebrations – showing our love and care for those in need.

Dear God,
We gather here today to learn and to
pray,
In the spirit of love, we find our way.

As Saint John Henry Newman once did
say,
"Heart Speaks to Heart," in a special
way.

Help us, O Lord, to understand,
The love You have for everyone.

May our hearts be kind, our actions
true,
In all that we do, let love shine through.

Guide us to follow our hearts' gentle
call,
To help one another, big and small.

With love in our hearts, we'll make a
start,
To spread Your love, as "Heart Speaks
to Heart."

Amen.

Year 5 Class Assembly

Year 5 treated us to a wonderful assembly this morning, there was even a great rap performed by the class.

They finished their assembly with a presentation about the Mini Police sharing the amazing things they do, they finished by arresting some of the teachers!

Thank you, Year 5, for sharing all your work.



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World Mental Health Awareness day

As part of mental health awareness day and dyslexia awareness week, we had a whole school assembly. We reminded ourselves of the importance of looking after our mental health and having others to talk to. We then had some amazing Y5 children lead the assembly on dyslexia. They impressed everyone with their knowledge about dyslexia and shared information about famous people with dyslexia. Well done Reign, Ramirez, Kaiah and Nevaeh!



"You don't
always feel the
same every
day"

"It can be hard to
look after your
body when your
mind doesn't feel
right"

"Having negative
thoughts doesn't
mean you're bad. It
just means things are
difficult"



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Book Fair

The book fair will be in the school hall everyday after school next week – Monday to Friday, come along and treat yourself to a new read!

Class Assemblies

Our class Assemblies begin this term. Please join us on the dates below to share the wonderful learning taking place.

Amethyst Class – Y4 – Friday 18th October 9am

Harvest Collections

Please send in any Harvest donations for the St Nicholas Food Bank. Any donations greatly received.



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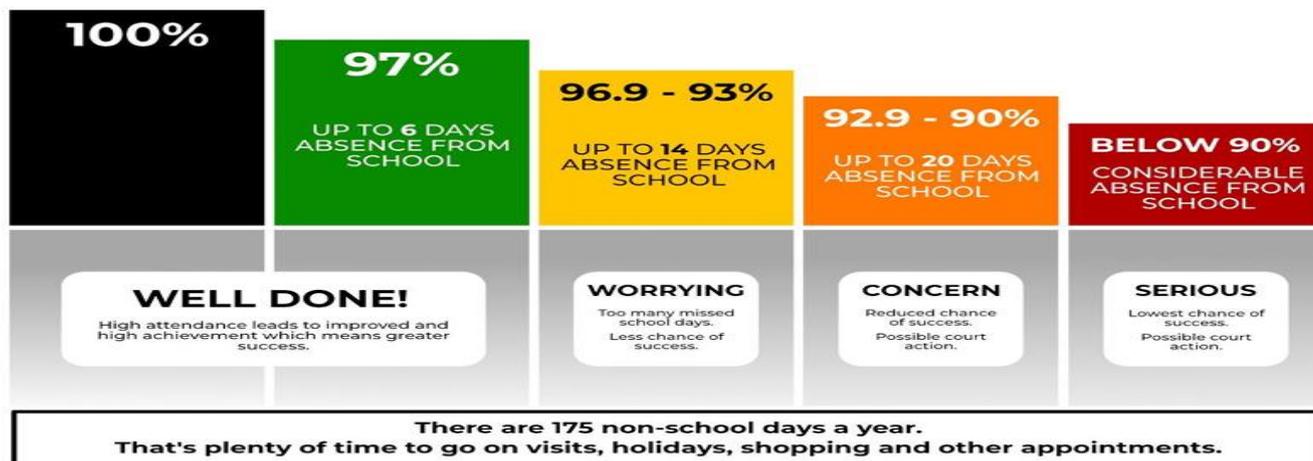
Attendance

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	94.9%	100%	5
Emerald Class	95.2%	98.7%	9
Ruby Class	96.1%	94.8%	7
Amethyst Class	96.8%	96.8%	10
Sapphire Class	96.9%	96.5%	5
Topaz Class	95.6%	92.6%	16
Total	96%	96.4%	52

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:

Thursday 17th October	Ruby Class Y1/2 walk to Carmen Beckford Mural
Friday 18th October	9am – Amethyst Y4 Class Assembly
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

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James