

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 21.06.2024– Term 6 -Week 3

Reflection: Mark 4:35-41 The 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

There are times when most of us have been grateful to someone who was calm when we were in trouble. Calmness is an inner peace that is good for our well-being.

Calm people can help others to keep calm too. The more we get to know and trust Jesus, the calmer and more at peace we become within ourselves.

"One of the greatest gifts the Holy Spirit can bestow on us is to give us calm in the midst of trouble." St Claude de la Colombiere

God wants us to bring peace and calm to others too. Whenever we are afraid or troubled, we can pray to Jesus. Just sitting quietly with Jesus can be enough to calm us.

Is there anyone you know at school, at work or in the community who may be troubled, frightened or upset?

What can you do to help them? Perhaps you can: tell a teacher or your parents; ask them if you can help in any way; say a prayer for them.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to stay calm when life is stormy and show me how I can help others to stay calm too. Amen.



Musical Extravaganza

This week the whole school were treated to a musical performance by Preludes. We had an orchestra ensemble come to visit. The children were able to learn about the instruments and hear some well-known tunes played live! There were even some children who had a chance to conduct. What a wonderful opportunity for the children.



Year 3 Class Assembly

Year 3 treated us to a wonderful assembly this morning. They shared all the incredible work they have been doing. We had some great news reporters guiding us through, there was even a Mummy! The assembly finished reflecting on Refugee Week and the children sharing what home means to them. Well done Year 3 - we can't wait to see what you do in Year 4.

Year 5 visit St Bede's

This week Year 5 got to visit St Bede's Secondary School for a taster day. They got to experience some Secondary School Subject. A great opportunity as they begin to think about their Secondary Schools.



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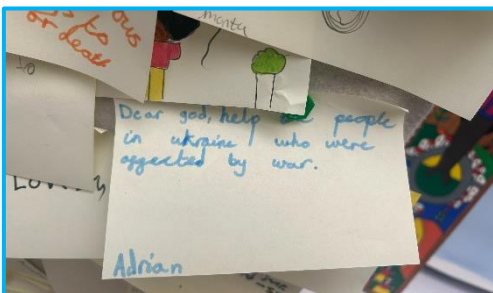
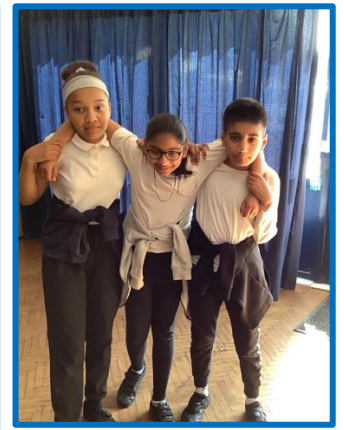


Refugee Week

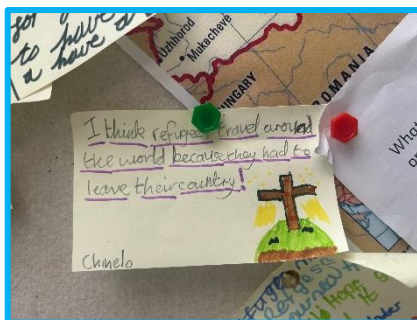
In year 1 and 2 we have been learning about what a refugee is. We have listened to real life stories from child refugees to understand more about their lives. We have thought about what refugees need and how we can help a refugee. We created kindness badges to remind us how we can help a refugee.

Year 5 attended a webinar with the author and illustrator Nadine Kaadan. She read an extract from her book: The Power of Welcome and shared her experiences as a refugee from Syria. The most powerful moment was Nadine teaching us about the beauty of Damascus before the war and that it is the oldest city in the world, not just a country at war!

Year 6 played a game using drama and problem solving to explore the realities of having to leave your home in a hurry. There was a lot of discussion about the reasons why people might have to leave quickly with very little and our responsibilities to respect others and create peace wherever we can.



In Year 3 we have been thinking about what our home means to us. We have said that our home is a safe place, it is our community and that it is our family. We have thought about people who might have had to leave their home and how we can support them to feel welcomed in our community.



In Diamond Class, we have read "Bobble", a story of courage, compassion and love by Helen May. We thought about what a refugee is and how it is important to listen to people's voices, then drew our own pictures to help others feel welcome. We also shared how to welcome others in our home languages in our class assembly.

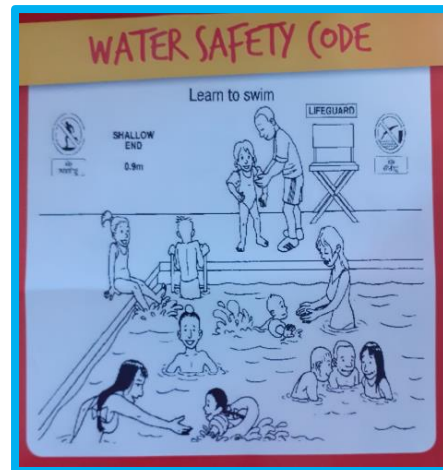
We put ourselves in the shoes of a refugee by using drama to explore how it would feel to have to flee your home. It was very hard to choose which items to take with us in our backpacks. We acted out the journey, stopping along the way as we encountered difficulties. We had to face so many problems we could not prepare for and linked this to how unpredictable and uncertain life must be for a refugee.

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Miss Rosolek-Field, Miss Hassett and the Chaplains organised a Pop Up Prayer Space as part of our work for Refugee week. This provided children to reflect spiritually about the plight of refugees. As always are children were filled with respect and reverence during the sessions.

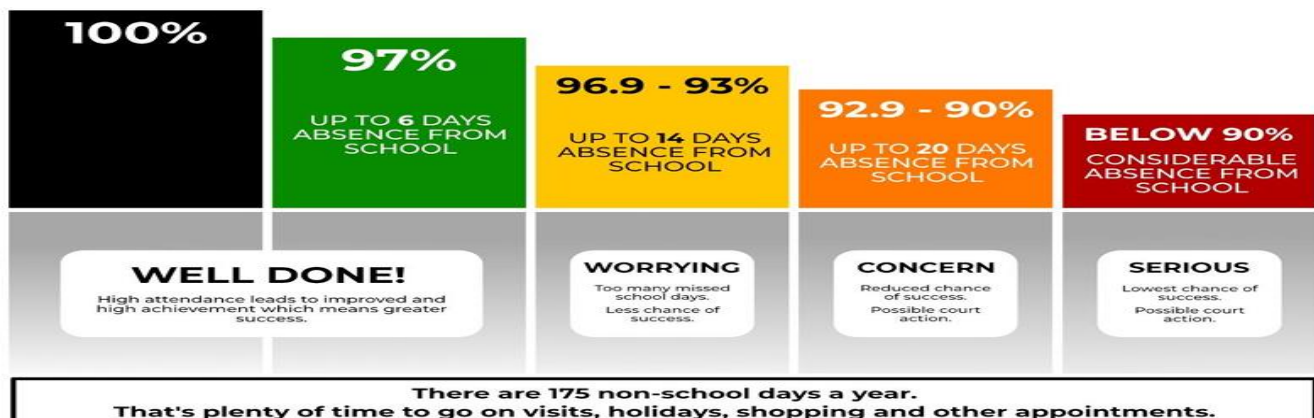


In swimming this week, Year 3 and 4 took part in some water safety training for Drowning Prevention Week. We learned the meaning of different flags we might see on a beach that tell us whether or not the water is safe. We practised floating in the water, coping with a strong current and learned how to climb out quickly if we were in danger.



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

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



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



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Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Diamond Class	90.6%	88.6%	4
Emerald Class	92.6%	88.8%	13
Ruby Class	92.6%	87.7%	8
Amethyst Class	92.8%	96%	4
Sapphire Class	92.3%	83.3%	9
Topaz Class	93%	91.1%	6
Total	92.5%	89.2%	44

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.

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 25th June	Whole class photos
Friday 28th June	Year 5 and 6 Touch Rugby Tournament
Wednesday 3rd July	1.30pm Family Forest
Thursday 4th July	9.30am Mass of St Peter and St Paul
Friday 5th July	SPORTS DAY AM – Key stage 1 PM – Key stage 2
Tuesday 9th July	Year 3 trip to Sparks
Thursday 11th July	Reception Trip to Temple Meads
Friday 12th July	Reports out to parents Summer Fair 2.30pm – 5pm
Monday 15th July	9am End of year celebration assembly 1pm – Children meet their new teacher
Tuesday 16th July	1.30pm – Year 6 Hoodwinked Production – all parents welcome
Friday 19th July	9am Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James