

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 17.11.23– Term 2 -Week 3

Reflection – Anti-Bullying Week

We believe that God made us with all our differences and that God loves us as we are. So, when we say words to others, we should remember that differences are a good thing. We should also remember that words can hurt people. However, kind words can make someone feel much happier.

Psalm 139.14: *'I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.'*

This verse reminds us that we are all wonderfully made. If we feel like we are not as good as someone else, it is not true. We all have differences. Some are small differences and others are bigger, but those things make us who we are – they make us extra-special.

Dear God,

Help me to know that I am wonderful,
in all my differences.

Help me to say kind words to others.
Help me to think about other people
and to remember that my words make
a big difference to them.

Please help me to help those who are
sad.

Thank you that your words to me are
always kind.

Amen.

I praise you,

for I am fearfully
and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are
your works;
my soul knows
it very well.

-Psalm 139:14



Our School Mission and Vision

Since we returned in September we have been working with children and staff to explore our Mission as a school. From the ideas collected we now have our school Mission:

"We are an Inclusive Catholic community, who welcome, love, care for and serve our pupils and families. We work together in Christ to ensure every unique child is able to become the best that they can be; academically, socially and spiritually with the support, respect and encouragements God wants for us all."

Year 1 and 2 Class Assembly

This week we finished off our first round of class assemblies with Emerald Class. They helped us to learn more about the importance of Children in Need. We were so proud of how well they had learnt their lines and read them with confidence! Their singing was beautiful and the whole school enjoyed joining in. Well done Year 1 and 2!



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Outside School Achievements – Alaya D (Y6)

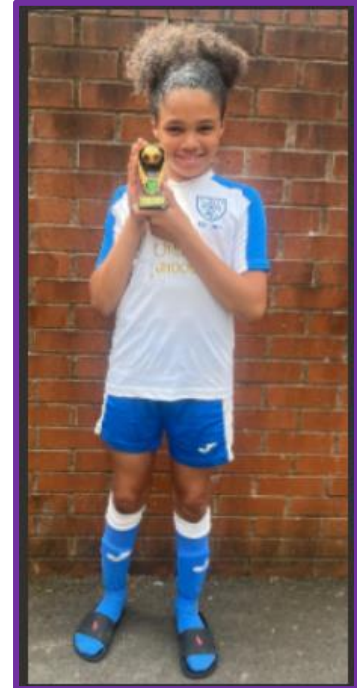
Alaya has been dedicated to football since the age of 6, representing Whitchurch Girls. Despite being in year 6, she represents their under 12s team, demonstrating her early talent and commitment.

Her amazing talent earned her a spot in the South Gloucestershire regional team, where she competes against Emerging Talent Centres affiliated with professional clubs. Notably, she's also been selected for North Somerset, displaying her commitment by traveling to Street for this opportunity.

Primarily a centre midfielder, Alaya identifies dribbling as her standout attribute, but her well-rounded abilities are evident in her versatile playing style. Her leadership qualities are recognised, as she's been appointed captain of the school's first team, a role she takes pride in since the team's inception last year.

Alaya is extremely enthusiastic about our new girl's football team and delivered standout performance in our first matches, where she scored a brilliant goal, drawing attention from tournament organisers. She emphasizes the significance of having all-girls teams at the school.

Looking ahead, Alaya aspires to play for Arsenal and the Lionesses before pursuing a career as a solicitor when she retires. Despite her athletic achievements, she remains a model student, demonstrating the importance of balancing academics with her sporting success. Her commitment to both learning and football positions her as a remarkable individual with a bright future in the world of sports and beyond.



St Nick's Girls FC

On Monday, the girls football team had their first matches. They were unlucky in the first match, losing 1-0 despite having lots of shots on target. They fought hard to keep the second match at 0-0. In the final match they unfortunately went 1-0 down, but in the last minutes Cherry scored a lovely tap-in, and Alaya worked her way through all the defenders to win the match 2-1. They showed lots of improvement and gained more confidence as the matches went on. Well done to all the girls who played.

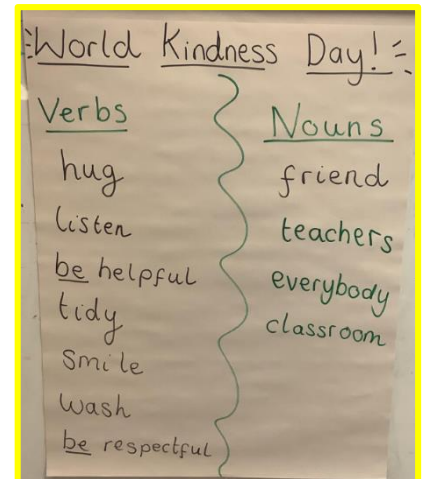
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Anti-bullying Week – Mrs Barker

This week the whole school has celebrated Anti-bullying week. All classes have been focused on kindness and how we can ensure everyone feels safe at school.

This week, we held an assembly on anti-bullying. The children participated so well and we spoke about what bullying is and what banter is, and how they can affect others.

We are also starting a mental health, well-being and bullying team and we spoke about what this support would look like in school. I have been really impressed with the applications we have received so far. We all want to work together to make a noise about bullying!



Children in Need

We had a great day raising money for Children In Need today. There were lots of children dressed up in spots and yellow to raise awareness.

We sold some delicious cakes during our cake sale – well done to the House Captains for organising.



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St Nicholas Christmas Fair – Wednesday 13th December

St Nicholas Community we need you!

Our annual Christmas Fair is fast approaching; we need donations for the raffle and tombola. If you are able to donate anything, please let the office know. All money raised goes straight back to the children – last year's Christmas fair paid for their whole school pantomime this year!



Reception Open Days for September 2024



Friday 13th October 9:30-11:30am

Wednesday 1st November 1:30-3pm

Thursday 7th December 9:30-11:30am

If you are unable to attend these dates/times please contact the school office to arrange a visit, we are happy to help.

To book a visit, please call 01173772260 or email st.nicholas.p@bristol-schools.uk



Winter craft stay and play session at
St Nicholas of Tolentine RC primary
school

When:

Saturday 25th November at 10am – 12pm



Who can join in?

Sessions are for children aged under 5. If you have an older sibling who attends St Nick's, they are welcome to come too.



What will be doing?

We will be providing a range of different activities, with opportunities to explore our brilliant outdoor area!



If you would like to attend, please call the school office on 0117 377 2260 or email st.nicholas.p@bristol-schools.uk to book a place!



Parking outside the school grounds

I understand that parking is now difficult following the installations of the parking charges at the church/Dunstan. I am still awaiting to hear from them to see if we can have some time in the morning and afternoon. In the meantime, please can I ask that you park considerately outside of school, we still need to ensure that our families are safe entering and leaving the school. As always thank you for your support.

Bike Parking

We love that lots of our community travel to school by bike. Unfortunately, last week a bike was damaged when it was locked up. Please remind your children that other people's bikes are there when locking up theirs. We need to help look after everyone's bikes. Thank you.



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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	92.7%	88.3%	1
Emerald Class	93.4%	97.1%	10
Ruby Class	95%	94%	2
Amethyst Class	95%	93.9%	10
Sapphire Class	93.3%	92.4%	11
Topaz Class	94.8%	96.4%	8
Total	94.1%	94.4%	42

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 - Term 2

Monday 20th November	Year 1 and 2 Trip to Aerospace Museum Year 3/4 Football Tournament
Tuesday 21st November	9am EYFS Stay and Play Year 5 and 6 Swimming
Wednesday 22nd November	1pm Year 1 and 2 Podcast Workshop
Thursday 23rd November	Year 5 Trip Re-Fuse Workshop St Nicks V Hannah Moore (away)
Friday 24th November	9am Individual School Photos
Saturday 25th November	Wonderful Winter Craft Session 10am- 12pm Under 5's
Tuesday 28th November	Year 5 Science workshop at Learning Lab Year 5 and 6 Swimming pm.
Wednesday 29th November	9.30am Advent Mass – Parents Welcome St Nicks V Cathedral Home game
Thursday 30th November	St Andrew's Day – Wear Blue Year 3 Trip Bristol Museum
Tuesday 5th December	10am Y5/6 Trip to Panto Arabian Nights
Wednesday 6th December	Whole School Panto
Thursday 7th December	STEAM Day – Science 9.30am – 11.30am Reception 2024 Open Morning
Friday 8th December	EYFS Stay and Play Christmas Jumper Day 1.30pm KS2 Talent Show



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Wednesday 13th December	1.30pm KS1 Nativity 3pm Christmas Fair
Thursday 14th December	2pm KS2 Carol Concert
Friday 15th December	End of Term 2
Tuesday 2nd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 3rd January	Children back in School

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James