

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 22.09.23 – Week 3

Reflection

Matthew 18:21-35

In this week's Gospel Peter asks Jesus how many times he should forgive someone. Jesus says that Peter should forgive someone not just seven times, but seventy times seven. Jesus chose seventy times seven because it was a really big number – he is saying to Peter that there should be no end to our forgiveness, just like there is no end to God's forgiveness. If someone is truly sorry and tries to change then we should try to forgive them. The children have explored how they should look to forgive rather than retaliate.

God of love, help us to share your forgiveness with others. Guide us to do what is right and to make this world a fairer place for all who live in it. Amen.

Welcome to Macbel in year 1 and Natanim in year 3, they joined us this week and have settled beautifully and as always our children have made them feel very welcome.

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This week in school

KS2 were visited by SARI this week, for an assembly all about racial language. The session was a great opportunity to explore language and its impact. The children were well engaged, asked some great questions and made thoughtful comments. We were so proud of their engagement today.

This week we announced our House and Sports Captains in Year 6. There are still lots of jobs to award over the next few weeks.

House Captains:

St George: Azura and Melisa
St David: Xavier and Joanne
St Patrick: Fatima and Jaden
St Andrew: Alaya and Chinelo

Sports Captains:

Renato and Jahmeil
Dshion and Leo
Sami and Cherry
Adrian and Jade

Family Forest Session

This week we welcomed pre-school children and their families to spend the afternoon with us. They took part in Forest School and explored our grounds. The wet weather did not dampen their spirits and everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you to Miss Logan and Mrs Barker for leading. If you would like to join us, please see future dates below.



ESOL Lessons

It was lovely to welcome parents and friends of St Nicholas on Monday for our new to English courses. There are still spaces if you would like to take advantage of some free English Lessons. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a space, Monday 1pm – 3pm.



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This year we are introducing class assemblies. These will take place on a Friday morning at 9am, all parents are invited to share what the children have been learning. The dates for Term 1 are below, other classes will follow in Term 2.

Friday 29th September – Y6
Friday 6th October – Y5
Friday 13th October – Y4
Friday 20th October – Whole school Black History Month Celebration

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



Black History Month: JOY Trail – a showcase celebrating an educational project of Black joy

JOY Trail is an innovative, educational project created by Tanisha and Emma. They are two local mothers and teachers of primary and secondary aged students, who offer a fresh perspective on cultural heritage through the lens of joy.

Disrupting the dominant single story narratives of trauma and social justice of the Black experience, JOY Trail works alongside young people to develop a wider understanding of “taking up space”. The project expands experiences beyond stereotypes, and empowers young people to view themselves as agents of positive change.

Tickets can be booked [here](#)

Free family forest school sessions

St Nicholas of Tolentine RC Primary school are holding free family forest school sessions for local pre-school children and families.



When?

The following Wednesdays at 1.30pm – 3pm:

18th October 2023
8th November 2023
24th January 2024
28th February 2024
27th March 2024
8th May 2024
3rd July 2024



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!

We have access to indoor space for forest school if it is raining!




Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

- Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- Paired Shoes and Footwear
- Jewellery and Accessories
- Belts and Handbags

*A full list of reusable items is listed on our website: www.raas2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES, PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

If you are unsure what to put in the bags **STOP AND THINK WOULD YOU WEAR IT?**

Please use the clothing bag provided. You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date: **Friday 20th October, 2023**

Please remember - NO UNIFORM




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Attendance

Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We had a number of children receive 100% certificates sent home last term – great work. This week we have noticed a few improvements with some families. 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	89.4%	96.3%	2
Emerald Class	90.6%	97.1%	22
Ruby Class	92.3%	93%	3
Amethyst Class	91.7%	93.5%	6
Sapphire Class	92.1%	95.2%	14
Topaz Class	91.2%	90.7	8
Total	91.4%	94.1%	55

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 1

Monday 25th September	1pm – 3pm New to English lessons for parents
Tuesday 26th September	9am EYFS Stay and Play
Friday 29th September	9am Y6 Class Assembly
Monday 2nd October	Black History Month Begins KS2 Black Artists workshops Mini Police begins for Y5 1pm – 3pm New to English lessons for parents
Friday 6th October	9am Year 5 Class Assembly
Monday 9th October	1pm – 3pm New to English lessons for parents
Thursday 12th October	We the Curious Take over day Chaplaincy Commissioning
Friday 13th October	9am Year 4 Class Assembly
Monday 16th October	1pm – 3pm New to English lessons for parents
Friday 20th October	Last Day of Term EYFS WOW Day Rags to Riches Collection 2pm – Whole school assembly celebrating Black History Month
Monday 30th October	Start of Term 2
Friday 3rd November	INSET DAY

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James