

SRRCC

Primary Bulletin

21st May 2021

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are coming towards the end of this half term and the children have been back on site now for nine weeks. Thank you for all you have done in order to keep our community safe during this pandemic. The DFE has issued new guidance for schools and we have been updating our risk assessments to reflect these changes. Whilst restrictions are being lifted, we are still aware of the need to adhere to the basic preventative controls, such as hand washing and social distancing and want to ensure the good work we have all done does not falter at hopefully the last hurdle. Thank you for continuing to wear face masks at drop off and collection. Please ensure that your son / daughter does not attend College if they have one or more of the main Covid symptoms, which include:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature);
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

The whole household should isolate from the point of symptoms starting and you should book in for a PCR test. Please note that a lateral flow test cannot be used if your son / daughter has Covid symptoms.

As part of our focus on 'Fun, Faith and Future' we are organising an Arts Week to take place from Monday 21st to Friday 25th June. The theme this year is based on our College motto - Videte Bona Domini 'See the Good Things of the Lord'.

The children will be going outside, enjoying nature and producing beautiful artwork inspired by places in the local community. I am very grateful to Miss McCormack, Mrs Parker and Mrs Phelan for all their hard work planning the week.

Next academic year we would like to provide a series of workshops and information events centred around our curriculum and wellbeing. These will hopefully provide useful information and strategies to enable you to support your child and will strengthen the valuable partnership between home and school.

Please click on the link to indicate which topics you would find useful and offer any further suggestions [Parent Information Events](#)

Thank you for your support

Miss A. McMullen



Our Catholic Community

Common Good - Putting our Faith into Action



A group of girls in Year 6 organised a plant sale recently to raise funds for charity. They grew the plants, advertised the sale and even stood in the rain before school to sell the plants. They raised over £40 and are already planning their next project. They have decided to donate the money to Bee-lieve charity who support children's mental health wellbeing. <https://www.beelievefoundation.co.uk/>

Ascension Mass

The feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ is also known as Ascension Day. To celebrate, we took part in a virtual Mass together said by Monsignor William Saunders as a College on Thursday 13th May. This feast day commemorates the bodily Ascension of Jesus into heaven.

The ascension is important to Christians because it shows that Jesus really had overcome death – he wasn't just resurrected to die again, but to live forever. So when they were together with him, they asked, "Lord, is this the time when you are going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"



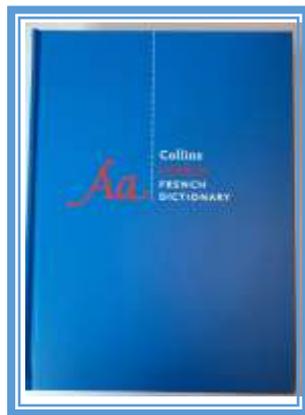
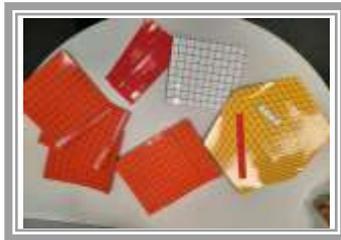
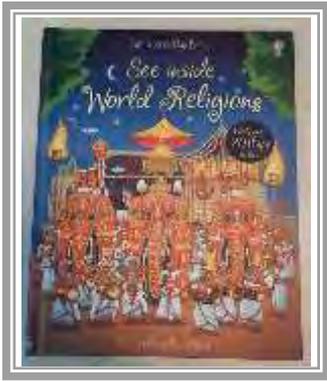
He said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he said these things, he was taken up while they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. They were looking intently into the sky as he went away. Suddenly, two men in white clothes stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking up into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:6–11)

Prayer

*Risen Lord, draw us to you.
Let your kingdom come
through us to the world
as we live as your witnesses
until you come again;
you live and reign, now and forever.*

Amen.

Wishlist



Thank you so much for your generosity. We have been able to purchase many more useful resources for our pupils. These resources are a great addition and help to fulfil our curriculum. We greatly appreciate your continued support.

Class learning

Reception

Reception were delighted that three butterflies crept out of their cocoons this week and we happened to watch one live! We now wait for the last two to appear. We shall keep them safe with a little tray of sugar water until we release them into the playground.



We celebrated **Bee appreciation day** this week by tasting honey on toast with Greek Yoghurt, many of us thought it tasted yummy and would definitely have more!



Year 1

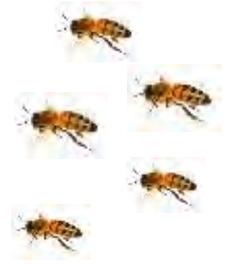
It has continued to be a right royal time in Year 1. After looking at some royal portraits, we used mirrors to recreate our own faces. We worked carefully to proportion our faces and recreate the shapes and colours that we could see. We used pastels to complete our works of art. After that, we added our own royal flourishes with crowns, jewels and even royal titles! In English, we have been writing information texts. After researching owls, we organised the information into sections and wrote a class information text.



This week we have been researching some other royal animals to create our own individual texts. We have been reading about corgis, horses and swans. Did you know that horses can sleep standing up?



Year 2



Year 2 had an unbee-lievable visit to the Bee Association in Twickenham. They saw first-hand the incredible work of the voluntary beekeepers who donned protective bee suits to give us a bird's eye view of the inner workings of a real beehive.

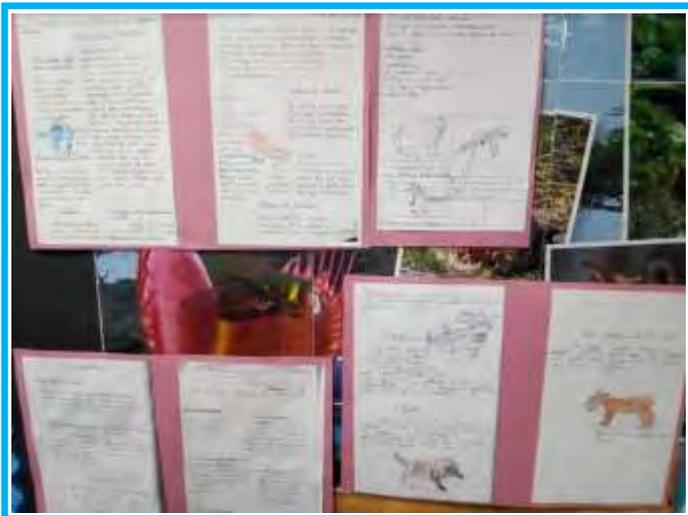


With their years of experience, they explained in-depth how the bees work together to protect the queen and ensure they create enough honey to eat all year round. They even carefully extracted the drone bees and let them crawl across our lucky students' hands. It was a difficult hunt for the queen bee but Year 2 managed to swiftly spot her due to her size and signature green paint mark. All of our students left with a greater appreciation for the honeybee and the vital role they play in pollinating the fruit and vegetables which end up on our plates.



Year 3

Year 3 have had fun continuing with our **Predators** topic. As a class, we have written information texts about aquatic predators before using our homework to independently write an information text about a range of prehistoric predators. The knowledge that Year 3 possess is incredible and quite possibly Mr Tomlinson learned more about prehistoric predators than ever before!



As it is the month of Mary, Year 3 have been learning about the Rosary in R.E. lessons. As a class, we enjoyed creating a giant Rosary and having the opportunity to reflect on Mary.

Year 4

In English, Year 4 have been using **drama** to understand character emotions as we begin our new writing unit- Fables. We discussed the moral of the story and whether "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" was effective in portraying the message of no one believes a liar, even when he tells the truth. We will be working towards writing our own fables in the coming weeks and the children are excited to get started.

In **Art** we are learning to blend oil pastels as we create a background for our mixed media longboats. The children discovered the importance of choosing colours wisely in order to create an ombre effect.



Year 5

This week Year 5 have been learning about **the life cycle of plants** and how they reproduce. In class we have been growing our own potatoes and on Wednesday Year 5 finally unearthed their new crop. We have also planted our pumpkins and courgette plants, that we have grown from seedlings, outside in the playground hoping they will continue to grow over the Summer



In science, we have been learning all about the **reproductive structures of a flower**.

In class, we had fun dissecting tulips and looking at the sexual reproduction such as the stamen, filament and the carpel. This week year 5 produced an excellent range of creative 3D flower diagrams for their homework.



Year 6



In Year 6 we have been learning about **ancient Mayan** cities, in particular Chichén Itzá. It is a large city famous for a huge, pyramid temple built by the Maya civilization. There are many temples and pyramids at Chichén Itzá. Year 6 studied the structure in detail before sketching it using charcoal.



Pupils of the Week—Golden Tie



Reception

This week

Bea Altmann
Bessie Kargl

Last Week

Samuel Ivaldi
Leah Mendoza Estrada

Year 1

This week

Lara Farrar
Hector Needs

Last Week

Ava Westrop
Sofia Pereira

Year 2

This week

Fletcher Upton
Chloe Ng Fat

Last week

Julian Szewczyk
Lizzie Waite

Year 3

This week

Lenny Connors
Samuel Blewi

Last week

Max Christoforidis
Marla Brown

Year 4

This week

Felix Shah
Tilly Ketteri gham

Last week

Ivy Speich
Sofia Sillwood

Year 5

This week

Alex Gasparini
Lucy Ball

Last week

Sienna Sarlas
Jemima Larmour

Year 6

This week

Liza Coimbra
Susanna Benedett

Last week

Olivia Swiderska
Albert Connors

Spelling Bee Award



Winners from this week



Brittany Mendoza Estrada

Year 2



Lenny Connors

Year 3



Clemmie Needs

Year 5

Winners from last week



Matilda Fisher

Year 2



Chiara Benedetto

Year 4



Miguel Mendoza Estrada

Year 6



Maths awards will be given to one child from each key stage every Friday. This will be based on both Maths Shed scores and the application of their Maths practice to school work.

'Mathstronauts' last week were as follows:

Key Stage 1 **Felix O'Kill** (Year 2)

Lower Key Stage 2 **Jack Panormo** (Year 4)

Upper Key Stage 2 **Kerstin Belaj** (Year 5)

'Mathstronauts' this week are as follows:

Key Stage 1 **Scarlett Goalen** (Year 2)

Lower Key Stage 2 **Sofia Green** (Year 3)

Upper Key Stage 2 **Lakeisha-Jayne Seenauth** (Year 6)

Congratulations to all our mathematicians!



News

PRIMARY ARTS WEEK



Monday 21st – Friday 25th June 2021



As a part of our Enrichment week in July we are delivering various careers based activities for our High school students. We are currently on the look out for parents who feel passionate about their job and would like to share their story with a small group of students either via zoom or face to face. The session will be only 20 - 30 minutes long.

So if you free on either 8th, 12th or 13th July, please let Mrs Drummond know by emailing on careers@srrcc.org.uk

Girlguiding...Be inspiring. Be you

The 8th Twickenham Brownie is currently looking for leaders to help to run their weekly sessions. This is a very rewarding opportunity to help young girls to engage in various activities.

If you are interested why do not you find more on girlguiding.org.uk or email 8thtwickenhambrownies@gmail.com

