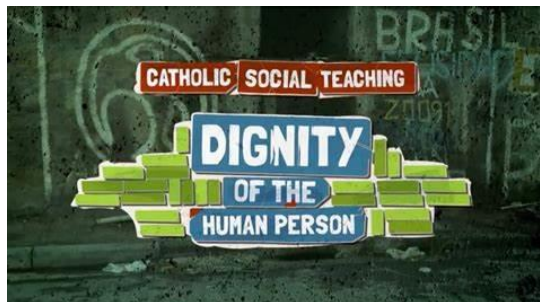




RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



This week's whole school Collective Worship was led by Dan (our lay chaplain) on Wednesday afternoon. The focus was on the Catholic Social Teaching principle for this half term, Human Dignity. There were two pieces of scripture that Dan focused on during the Celebration of the Word, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. The Old Testament scripture was from Genesis where we heard about God creating us all in his own image and likeness. If we are created in God's own image, we are all special in his

eyes therefore he loves us unconditionally. The scripture from the New Testament came from the Gospel of Saint John where we heard about God's love in the context of Jesus' sacrifice. God loves the world so much that he gave his only Son to die for us all. The children had an amazing understanding on how we can live out this principle of Catholic Social Teaching and gave some amazing answers throughout the Collective Worship. Dan set them a big mission at the end of the Collective Worship, it wasn't a mission just for the rest of the week; it was a mission for the rest of our lives! The mission was *Treat everyone you meet with dignity and love.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion at Holy Spirit last Sunday. They participated so well in the Mass and looked amazing on their special day. They helped lead the liturgy, singing so beautifully and reading and participating in the offertory with reverence and respect. Most of all, it was wonderful to see their beaming smiles, full of pride in themselves as they understood just how important the day was; fully receiving Jesus in the form of the Eucharist for the first time and showed how they were thoroughly enjoying being the VIPs for the day. All Year 3 children have enjoyed a special celebration in school today wearing their First Holy Communion clothes again or for those who have not yet received the Sacrament their party clothes. A great time was had by all. A letter detailing next year's programme at St Mary's parish was sent to Y2 and Y3 parents last week. Holy Spirit will confirm details in the autumn following the appointment of a new Parish Priest.



WEDNESDAY WORD

The latest version of the Wednesday Word can be accessed [here](#). Please enjoy spending some time sharing the Word of God with your children.

DOODLE LEARNING FOR NEXT YEAR... YOUR VIEWS PLEASE



We are considering ending our current subscriptions with Times Table Rockstars and Mathletics and purchasing Doodle Maths and Doodle Tables to go alongside our current subscription of Doodle English and Doodle Spell. The four Doodle platforms would then be available for all pupils in Y1-Y6 from September. The children currently have two-weeks access to the new Maths platforms on Doodle, they can access the platforms by logging in and then going to the menu and switch apps. We would welcome any feedback from parents/carers regarding the proposed changes. <https://forms.office.com/e/BHgA6usu9q>



NEW PARENTS MEETING

We held an information meeting for new Nursery and Reception parents on Tuesday evening where we shared LOTS of information about our wonderful school family to help parents prepare their children for starting school in September. It was wonderful meeting some new and some familiar faces. We look forward to welcoming the new Nursery and Reception children in September.



STOCKPORT BOOK AWARDS



On Tuesday evening, some of the Year 6 Education Guardians represented our school at this prestigious event, held at Stockport Town Hall. Schools from across Stockport had taken part in the event, designed to encourage the love of reading amongst our young people. Jacob, one of our Year 6 pupils, received a special award in recognition of his fantastic reading skills. Thank you to all the children in school who had voted for their favourite books and produced artwork too: the event was a great celebration of the written word.

TORR'S HYDRO VISIT

On Monday, our Year 6 children had a busy morning catching the train to New Mills on a Geography fieldwork visit. Once there, the class walked along the Millenium Bridge towards the site of 'Archie' (the reverse Archimedes screw) positioned near the confluence of the River Sett and Goyt. Volunteers talked to the children about the history and the maintenance of the screw and how the hydroelectric power produced supplies the local supermarket with energy. This community project was one of the first of its kind locally.



BEING OUTDOORS VISIT



Year 1 had a fabulous time at Being Outdoors where they had the chance to explore and try out many Forest Schools activities. Mila wanted to share this recount with you...

'I got to be a forager and collected leaves for the tea. It was really fun making S'mores and playing in the river. The pancakes were amazing. I had never had something that delicious. I loved making a plait with Mrs Barnie. Helping to build the fire was my favourite part.'

WELLBEING LIBRARY WISH LIST

During the last SEND Champions meeting it was suggested by the parents that instead of buying gifts for staff at the end of the school year that families may prefer to donate a book to the Wellbeing Library. The Wellbeing Library is available to all St Mary's families, it is situated in the entrance hall and contains a range of books supporting and celebrating neurodiversity as well as books that support both children and parents wellbeing.

If you would like to donate a book to school, please follow the link <https://amzn.eu/06iwcMRU>. Once you have selected your book, you may like to inscribe the book with: 'Donated by the **** family, July 2024.' If you have any questions please contact Mrs Norburn, anorburn@mb.srscmat.co.uk. Thank you for supporting us and thus supporting our school family.



CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

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Class photographs will be taken on **Monday, 1 July**. Please ensure that your child is dressed in full school uniform, including black shoes, on this day. These photographs will serve as a wonderful keepsake of your child's school year, and we appreciate your cooperation in helping them look their best. Thank you for your support!

CAREERS FAIR



Today, we celebrated tremendous success at the Key Stage 2 Careers Fair. We owe our heartfelt thanks to all the parents who graciously gave up their time to make it possible. Our children were captivated and inspired by the diverse range of vocations represented, gaining valuable insights into various career paths from professionals in fields such as construction, aviation, healthcare, engineering, the arts, law and many more. The enthusiasm and passion with which each parent shared their experiences not only broadened our children's horizons but also sparked their curiosity about their future. This collaborative effort has truly enriched our school family, and we are deeply grateful for the valuable contributions of everyone involved. Special thanks to Mrs Thompson for turning the idea into a reality and for all the behind-the-scenes organisation.

SPORTS DAYS

We are really looking forward to our Sports Days which are sure to be fantastic events. Parents/carers are invited to watch the children in **Reception to Year 6** from 1:00pm (1:15pm start) next **Tuesday, 2 July 2024**. If your child has a t-shirt in their house group colour, they may bring it in to wear. *Please monitor your emails in case we have to postpone due to inclement weather. The reserve date is 16 July.* **Nursery** are holding their Sports Day on **Wednesday 3 July** from 9:30am. Please see the Nursery newsletter for further details.



TRANSITION/MOVE UP DAY



We will hold a 'Move Up' day on **Thursday 4th July**, when the children will spend time in their next classroom and their new teacher/s; there will also be other activities to support our children as they start to prepare for the changes ahead and to make the process as smooth as possible. Most of our Year 6 pupils will also be visiting their secondary schools on that day. It is an exciting time all round!

THE MONTH (OR SO) AHEAD...KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
	<i>Please note the dates and times detailed below are provisional and may be changed if necessary. (New events added in bold.)</i>
1 July	Class photographs.
1 July	Whole School Worship led by Year 2. 2:30pm. All welcome.
2 July	Sports Day 1:30pm – 3:00pm (weather permitting). Reserve date: 16 July.
3 July	Nursery Sports Day and Picnic. 9:30am – 11:30am.
4 July	Transition day (Y6 pupils at their new secondary schools).
8 July	Whole School Worship led by Reception. 2:30pm. All welcome.
8-12 July	Olympics Week.
11 July	Mini First Aid Workshops for all children.
12 July	End of Year Reports issued to parents/carers.
12 – 14 July	Family Camp.
16 July	Parent/Carer Open Evening (drop in) 3:30pm – 5:30pm.
17 July	Year 5/6 Production 1:30pm and 6:00pm.
19 July	PTA Colour Run 3:30pm – 5:00pm.
22 July	Leavers' Assembly 10:00am.
22 July	Y6 and Special Friends Confetti and Bubbles 2:45pm – 3:15pm.
22 July	Leavers' Disco 5:30pm – 7:30pm.
23 July	Leavers' Mass 10:00am in school.
23 July	School closes for the summer break at 3:15pm.
3 September	School reopens following the summer break. (Y1-Y6).
17-20 September	Year 6 visit to PGL.
25 September	Online Safety Workshop (in person) 7:00pm - 8:00pm in the school hall.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Mr John Nish and Miss Alice Poole.