



School Newsletter

CURRICULUM - NO SCREENS - WORD POWER



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CURRICULUM



The children across the school are exploring the messages of Lent through assemblies and class-based lessons. They are reflecting on Old Testament stories and the themes which repeat in the stories of Christ in the build-up to Easter. They are looking at their own lives and what these themes and messages mean to them, now. 'Secret Acts of Kindness' have been having impact across the school as children perform their covert Lenten task each day.

This term we have had: Arctic explorers in Year 1, mini-world marvels explored in Year 2, skeletons under scrutiny in Year 3, lighting designers in Year 4, Anglo-Saxon house designers in Year 5 and Year 6 deeply moved by the tragic cruelty of war, depicted in the poignant and life-changing novel "The Boy in Striped Pyjamas".

Presentations to parents have been tremendous opportunities for the children to show their work and teach their parents! The children love working on topics which they know they will be sharing with parents sometime soon. And of course, World Book Day was a HUGE hit! Thank you for fabulous costumes and great enthusiasm for the magic of the written word.

CLATTERBRIDGE CASH!

The cake sale was a huge hit with the children; we are delighted with the fabulous **£625** we can now donate to Cancer Research.

THANK YOU!

HAPPY PLAYTIMES

We've employed Mr Hayward to run playground games on the KS2 playground... Children are now playing all sorts of games and playtime fallouts are fading away.

SKIPPING CRAZY!

Skipping workshops have really raised the profile of skipping on the playground. Coming soon ... French Skipping!

NO SCREENS WEEK IS COMING - 30TH APRIL!

Get ready for the big event. Is it possible for every child in our school to take part? We will launch the week with a 'Bring a Game to School' afternoon and then it is over to you!

PARENT CONCERNS?

Please contact us with any concerns.

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PARENT COUNCIL

Are you interested in working to enhance learning? Contact amaney@ourladyofpity.co.uk.

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Let us know if you need documents in another language, or if a translator would help.

Extra Curricular Enrichment

We have an amazing range of clubs and activities for your children. The new Coding Club is proving very popular with our budding computer programmers. Lunchtime Flute Choir sounds absolutely beautiful - you will find a lovely video clip on our FaceBook Page (search FaceBook for Our Lady of Pity R.C. Primary School). If there's a future club you would like us to look into, just ask.

Chess is taking on new status in Year 5 as the children become adept in class. Did you know that chess improves children's attainment by 18% as opposed to the 4.5% improvement gained by doing extra creative writing in the curriculum?

Word Power

We all know how important reading is, don't we, but did you know that there is a DIRECT link between the number of words a child knows at primary school and their future income?

If you have difficulty getting your child to read, let us know and we will find a way to entice them! See "Must-Reads" below for latest recommendations. No-Screens Week is the perfect excuse to dive even further into a good book...!

LOST PROPERTY

The children are tidy and smart - thank you. Lost property is an issue.

PLEASE LABEL ALL CLOTHES AND LUNCH-BOXES.

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97% ATTENDANCE!

Thank you for supporting our attendance policy. Your children enjoy school and make lasting friendships because their attendance is high.



Unreal
Paul Jennings
7 + years

Hilarious and quirky. You will steal this book from your child and you won't want to give it back!

Must-reads!

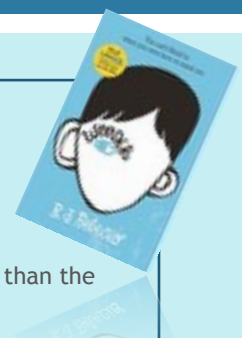
What are YOUR best-loved books?



Marcello Mouse
Julie Monks
3-7 years

A gorgeous book for younger children and early readers.

Wonder
R J Palacio
9+ years



Even better than the film!

"If you want your child to be intelligent, read them fairy stories..." Einstein

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