



St. Peter & St. Paul Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Tracey Peters

Friday 27th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

After the third full week of the academic school year and a change in the weather, it feels like the summer is far behind us. Classes are completely immersed in their learning journeys. Many exciting things have happened this week.

Prayer Life of the School:

Children at St Peter and St Paul enjoy regular community worship in class. This week Reception were reflecting on God's wonderful world as they reflected on Creation. This ties in wonderfully with our Catholic social theme of Care for Creation and is a focus in lots of parishes from the 1st of September to the fourth of October 2024.



The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical 'Laudato Si', which calls on "every person living on this planet" to care for our shared Earth.

The theme for 2024 is "Hope and Act with Creation" which draws its inspiration from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (Romans 8:19-25).

Pearl Class



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Exciting news! We now have two-year-old provision at St Peter and St Paul. These little ones have settled very well and are enjoying life at school. Many of them have siblings in the school and it is lovely to be welcoming some of the youngest members of your households to our school family.

Year 6 Class Assembly

Year 6 provided an excellent example to the younger children this week with their assembly on Thursday about The Kingdom of God. It was a super, prayerful assembly and all the children looked extremely smart and delivered their lines with confidence. All that attended were incredibly impressed with their beautiful singing. We are already eagerly anticipating further performances from this talented bunch!



Year 1 Let Your Light Shine Bright!



Year 1's History topic is Let your Light Shine Bright! As a starting point the children showed their friends the things they could do to shine in this world. They learnt about Marcus Rashford's ongoing campaign to ensure disadvantaged children have access to free school meals and his efforts to end child food poverty.

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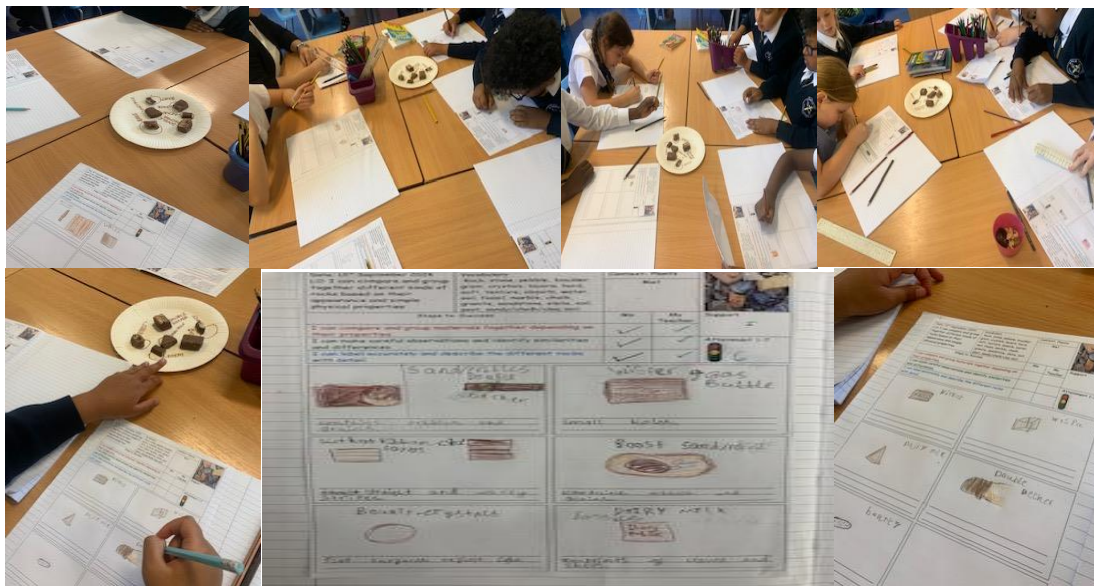


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Year 3 Rocks

In year 3's science lesson Children were provided with a range of chocolate bars to observe closely. They looked at their chocolate bars alongside the characteristics of some rocks. Each chocolate represented a different rock. They made cross section drawings of each chocolate bar, labelled and described them using some key vocabulary. For instance, they compared limestone with KitKat - they both have ribbon-like layers.



Year 5 Gardening

On Thursday, Year 5 had a great time at Gardening Club. They enjoyed tidying up the shed and observing the plants in the rain!



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Art Club

Art Club made some beautiful Autumnal collages this week.



Head Teacher's Award

Congratulations to the following children who have impressed their teachers this week:

Pearl/Amethyst Ariana and Marcelo

Coral Omnia and Aaron

Diamond Tristan and Florence

Emerald Christiana and Panos

Jet Charlotte and Skylar

Moonstone Linda and Domenico

Ruby Haniel and Jacob

Sapphire Delina and Denis

Hot Chocolate



Hot Chocolate Fridays are a special treat for children who have been showing in their words and deeds that they are embodying our mission to 'love one another'. This week Miss Peters hosted these children for a tasty cup of hot chocolate and a chat in her office:

Pearl/Amethyst Owen

Coral Millani

Diamond Courtney

Emerald Holly

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Jet Hiyab
Moonstone Laila
Ruby Stanley
Sapphire Selena

Curriculum Meetings

This is the date for the last curriculum meeting to meet your child's class teacher and to see what learning opportunities have been planned for them this term. We strongly recommend that you attend and be ready with any questions.

Friday 4th October 2:40pm Nursery 1 Pearl Class

Another Appeal for New PTA Members



If you are a new parent or even a parent with children who have been in the school for a while and you are interested in joining our PTA, please let Miss Manzone know as we are looking to recruit members and outline an exciting year ahead of fundraising events.

Attendance and Punctuality



After a dip last week overall this week attendance was up, so well done for making sure you are in every day. Some families are still taking holidays in term time. We appreciate that costs of holidays are cheaper in term time, however, we are now obliged to fine families who take holidays outside of school holidays. If you are interested in how your child's class is faring on our weekly attendance competition, we will soon be displaying percentages outside in the playground as well as in school.

Please ensure you bring your child to school every day and you are on time. The gates open at 8:30am and close at 8:45am. After this, you are asked to sign the late book. Remember that the national target is for children to attend 96% of their school sessions.

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A huge congratulations to Ruby (Year 5) who won the attendance cup this week with 96% and a big congratulations to Amethyst (Nursery) and Emerald (Year 2) classes who had 0 late arrivals this week. Keep up the hard work!

Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister

Apologies for a misprint last week. Our new Prime Minister is J'ennae Gordon and our new Deputy Prime Minister is Conor Green who are now proudly wearing their badges and are already doing an impressive job with their new responsibilities.

Pope Francis

Our Catholic schools are diverse and enriching communities, founded by people with a desire to serve God and to help our children to be the best they can be. Parents, school and parish working together help our children grow in goodness. This Sunday's Gospel explores goodness.

“Let us allow God to fill our hearts with his goodness. A good example brings about so much good. Goodness always tends to spread.” Pope Francis

Have a good weekend!

Kind Regards,

Miss T Peters and Miss J Manzone

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