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Our Catholic Life

Our theme next week is LOVE MATTERS

The religious leaders want to trick Jesus into saying something which will get him into trouble so they ask him which is the most important commandment. Moses had given the people *10 commandments* from God and each one was important. Jesus says that the greatest commandment is the first which says that we must love God. He then makes up a new commandment which sums up all the other commandments given to Moses, and says that the second most important commandment is to love other people as much as you love yourself. It is not possible to love God and not love other people.



Let us Pray

Dear Jesus, Thank you for loving me Jesus. Help me to love you – with all my heart, with all my soul and with all my strength, Amen

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the half term break and I am sure you are all looking forward to spending some quality family time together. Hopefully the weather will allow us to have a few more days out before the dark evenings arrive.

This week the children were excited to engage in activities linked to Black History Week; Years 3 and 4 dressed up as part of their history learning about the Roman Empire and we all took some time to reflect and participate in a range of well-being activities. The newsletter is overflowing with pictures of the wonderful learning that has taken place.

I would like to thank Mrs King and Miss Goddard for organising these exciting and engaging learning opportunities for the children.

I hope our parent-teacher telephone meetings were satisfactory – I know the teachers valued the opportunity to speak with you and to share aspects of your child's learning with you. We know that they are a far cry from the usual face-to-face meetings but we hope they were of value. Please can I remind you that if you have any concerns or questions or simply want a chat, you can email or call us and we can arrange a time to meet with you after school time.

Finally, a HUGE thank you for all your generous donations today. We were delighted and humbled by your response and the Plymouth Food Bank were absolutely thrilled!

We look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 3rd November. Please remember that the Monday is a staff INSET day.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support during these difficult times.

Stay safe,



Mrs F Gill
Headteacher



Friday 23/10/20
Last day of term

26/10/20—30/10/20
Half Term

Tuesday 3/11/20
Term recommences

Friday 18/12/20
Last day of term

Monday 4/1/21
Non-pupil day

Tuesday 5/1/21
Spring term begins

Friday 12/02/21
Last day of term

15/02/21—19/02/21
Half Term

Monday 22/02/21
Non-pupil day

Tuesday 23/02/21
Term recommences

02/04/21—18/04/21
Easter Holidays

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Why Does Attendance Matter?

Despite the current challenges with regard to COVID-19 and the need for children/families to self-isolate in order to control the virus, we feel it is important to remind ourselves of the importance of good attendance at school.

Well Done to Philip Pullman for 100% for two weeks running!

How much is your child missing?

Descriptor	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days absent	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100% 99%	190 188 Days	0 2	0 10
Good	98% 97% 96%	186 Days 184 Days 182.5 Days	4 6 7.5	20 30 37.5
Cause for concern	95% 94% 93% 92% 91%	180.5 Days 179 Days 177 Days 175 Days 173 Days	9.5 11 13 15 17	47.5 55 65 75 85
Unsatisfactory	90% 89% 88% 87%	171 Days 169 Days 167 Days 165 Days	19 21 23 25	95 105 115 125
Serious cause For concern	86%	163 Days	27	135
Critical	85% 84% 83% 82% 81% 80%	161.5 Days 159.5 Days 158 Days 156 Days 154 Days 152 Days	28.5 30.5 32 34 36 38	142.5 152.5 160 170 180 190

PLEASE always ring the school number 01752 225420 to report an absence. *Thank you*

Class	Attendance
JD	97%
AA	94%
EC	97%
RH	91%
RD	97%
QB	99%
MM	98%
EMC	98%
PP	100%
JKR	93%



This week Philip Pullman Class helped Mr Shaw with our Celebration Assembly.

Here are this week's winners of the **Wonder of the Week award.**

Julia Donaldson: Tommy for his fantastic attitude to learning and for working so incredibly hard this week.
Allan Ahlberg: Ismail for showing great respect and listening during our fire alarms and being a fantastic role model.
Roger Hargreaves: Clara for her continual effort and her deep reflections in our class Liturgy.
Eric Carle: Faith for her effort in maths and impressing us with her determination.
Michael Morpurgo: Ruslan for some great contributions to class discussions and for some great independent learning this week.
Quentin Blake: Raya for always being a brilliant role model to others and for growing in confidence.
Roald Dahl: Johan for an outstanding independent piece of instructional writing.
Philip Pullman: Tilly for showing great awareness in using the success criteria when writing her narrative this week.
J K Rowling: Kiana for reading an amazing 515, 568 words this term and for being such a hard worker in class! Well done.
Emma Carroll: Shalintha for his focus and commitment to improving his learning.

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Gospel Values Awards



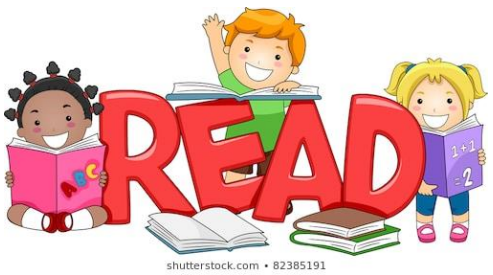
Julia Donaldson: Ruby: Compassion – for being such a lovely friend and helping her friends when they need her
Allan Ahlberg: Leo for always being kind to his friends and letting them all join in his games at playtime.
Roger Hargreaves: Blake: Kindness - for always thinking of others and helping them with their work
Eric Carle: Maisy: Courage- for always giving everything a go and trying her very best!
Michael Morpurgo: Daniel: Kindness - For taking his friends views and feelings into consideration this week and helping them as best he can.
Quentin Blake: Tno: Humility- For helping others tidy away even though she did not make the mess.
Roald Dahl: Aya: Courage - for saying that she is going to try to come into school on her own now without adult support.
Philip Pullman: Tiago: Justice - For speaking out about equality (bus example) during our Black History Project this week.
Emma Carroll: Joshua: Courage- for being brave and having the courage to make positive choices to support his learning.
JK Rowling: Evan: Justice - For being passionate about our learning during Black History Week - discussing equality for all and how we can work together to change the mindset of others.

Accelerated Reader Awards

The children have been busy reading lots of books and quizing to improve their reading.
Congratulations to the following children who have achieved and in some cases, exceeded their targets!

Roald Dahl	Aya, Millie
Quentin Blake	Iris, Esme, Isabelle, Emilia
Michael Morpurgo	Mahi, Hollie
Emma Carroll	Alex Baird, Shalintha, Eitan, Joshua L., Chengxi, Faustas, Finlay, Brion
Philip Pullman	Alex, Daragh, Sasha, Charlie, Gregory, Bartosz, Tomas, Dylan
JK Rowling	William, Sienna, Harvey, Kiana, Evan, Gabriel, Daria, Gerran, Ryan, Callum

Since the beginning of term the children in KS2 have been using 'Accelerated Reader' to track their reading with fantastic success.
The following children have read an amazing number of words
Sasha (Philip Pullman) 815, 538 words
Charlie (Philip Pullman) 649,494 words
Kiana (JK Rowling) 515,058 words
William (JK Rowling) 504, 582 words
Ryan (JK Rowling) 457, 256 words



We hope to have our first reading millionaire next half term.

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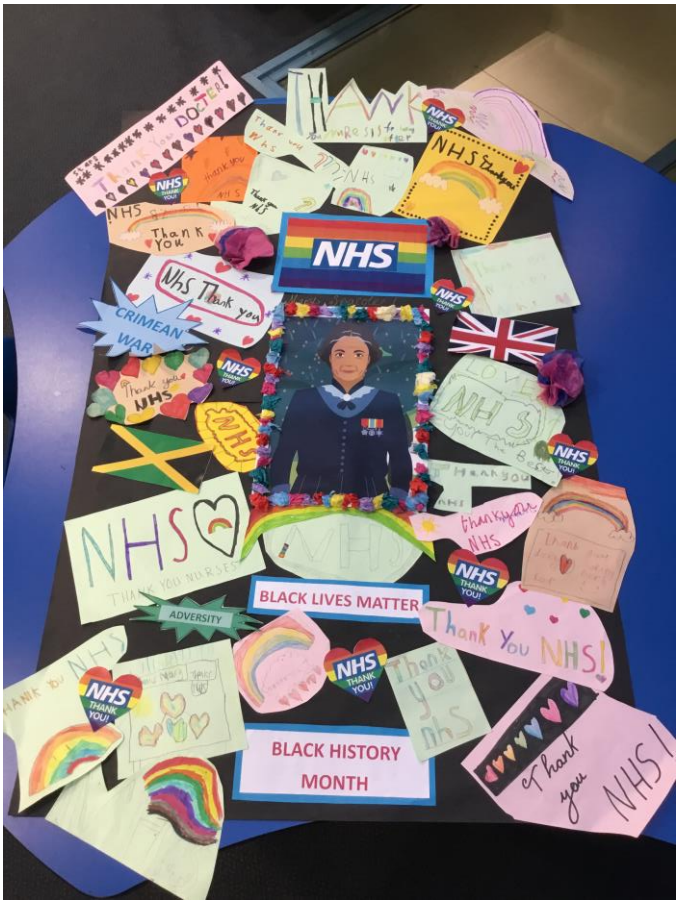
Black History Month

This month has been about influential black people past and present. In Quentin Black we have learnt about Rosa Parks, Mary Seacole and Martin Luther King. We have enjoyed learning about these people and how they changed our lives.



I have a dream by ***Quentin Blake inspired by…?***

We listened to Martin Luther King's speech and then discussed what our dreams for our world are. We created some art based on our discussions.



Black History Month by Michael Morpurgo Class

We learnt all about
Mary Seacole and designed a 'thank you'
poster for NHS
workers, doctors,
nurses and Mary herself.

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Roger Hargreaves

As part of Black History Month, we have been learning about professional footballer Marcus Rashford and his campaign to ensure that children could still access free school meals during the summer holidays. We began by comparing the children's lunches and the lunches of children from case studies discovered by Rashford's campaign which saw a family living off 3 slices of bread soaked in water and sugar. We discussed the importance of looking after our friends, family and neighbours and celebrated our success in collecting food for the food bank. Children then wrote letters to thank Marcus Rashford for his campaign and shared what they were doing to help feed their community.

In addition to the campaign, we looked at what footballers were doing to show support for the 'black lives matter' movement. We talked about how we can show love and kindness to everybody in whatever we are doing. We made posters to show this. We also played a few games of table football which the children loved!



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Well-Being Week

Children in Eric Carle spent their day being mindful, active, connecting and learning!!



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Roman Day

We became archaeologists and found some Roman artefacts which had been buried. We used brushes to help us uncover the coins and other items.



I loved Roman day because the first activity we did in Quentin Blake was about archaeology.
We became archaeologists for the day and we drew observational pictures of what some real archaeologists have found. For our second activity we built Roman Shields, we learnt that red was the most popular colour for shields. Our last activity was to label a Roman soldier not just
in English but in Latin too! We had a great day dressing up and learning about the Romans.

By Lily in Quentin Blake





Roman Day in Michael Morpurgo and Roald Dahl

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Baptism Celebration in Julia Donaldson



Meet our new Reception children…and staff!



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Julia Donaldson enjoyed a virtual story telling session with Austen form Central Library. The library is open Monday to Saturday from 10am to 4pm.

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Free School Meal Registration

We would like to encourage you to register for free school meals. Your family may be eligible if you receive one of the following:-

- *Income Support*
- *Income based Job Seekers Allowance*
- *Child Tax Credit (most recent award notice – with **NO** Working Tax Credit **AND** annual income not exceeding £16,190)*
- *Guarantee element of pension credit*
- *Income Related Employment and Support Allowance*
- *Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act*

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 they will already be entitled to Universal Free School Meals.

However, it is essential that you register for FSM as this would raise important funds for the school.

Eligibility could entitle your child to discounted costs for school based provisions such as school trips and music tuition.

PLEASE REGISTER @

https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolseducationchildcareskillsandemployability/schoolmeals

PUPIL RECORDS

Following our parent-teacher telephone calls, it has become apparent that some of the telephone numbers and perhaps other contact details we hold, are no longer valid. It is important that we have accurate details so that we can contact you in an emergency.

Please ring the school office if your contact details have changed. It is really important that we have current, accurate contact information for three contacts per child so that we can get hold of someone in an emergency.

If you have moved house or changed your phone number or email accounts, please let us know by phoning the school on 01752 225420 or by email to holy.cross.rc.primary.school@plymouth.gov.uk

THANK YOU

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HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Bailey and her partner on the very special arrival of Freddie John Finnimore was born on 12th October at 11.04pm, weighing 8lbs 2 1/2 ounces. As you can see from the photo, he is a very contented baby.



Miss Chantler has begun her maternity leave also and we await her special news with excitement. We will let you know when we have news. Miss Hannaford has now settled
In at Holy Cross and doing a wonderful job with Emma Carroll Class.

In January Mrs Shaw will be taking maternity leave as she and Mr Shaw are expecting too! We will keep you informed as to arrangements for Julia Donaldson Class.

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE ROADSHOWS

We are delighted to announce our Argyle Community Trust October Roadshows for 2020. These will be running from Monday 26th October until Friday 30th October with something running within the Plymouth & South Hams Region every single day.

These will be running different to future years due to limitations and restrictions within the numbers that can attend to ensure all children who attend are safe and these are offered in line with the FAs and the Governments Covid 19 guidelines. These will be offered on a first come first serve basis, please find the attached schedule for these:

Monday 26th October
Manadon Sports and Community Hub – PL Primary Stars Day - £16 (48 spaces available) – 10am-3pm
Lipson Vale Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm

Tuesday 27th October
Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Strikers & Goalkeeper day - £16 (48 spaces available) – 10am-3pm
Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Girls Only Football Roadshow - £16 (16 spaces available) – 10am-3pm
Lipson Vale Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm
Newton Ferrers Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm

Wednesday 28th October
Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Football Roadshow - £16 (48 spaces available) – 10am-3pm
Manadon Sports and Community Hub – Football Roadshow - £8 (24 spaces available) – 10am-12pm
Newton Ferrers Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm
Wembury Primary School – Argyle Football Roadshow - £16 (16 spaces available) – 10am-3pm

Thursday 29th October
Newton Ferrers Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm
Wembury Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 10am-3pm

Friday 30th October
PAFC, Home Park (Family Stand for registration)– Argyle Halloween Special - £18 (32 spaces available) – 10am-3pm

Plympton Academy – Argyle Halloween Special - £18 (32 spaces available) – 10am-3pm
Lipson Vale Primary School – Multi-Sports Day - £16 (16 spaces available) – 9am-3pm

All roadshows can be booked on the below link and once the spaces have gone we will not be able to accept anymore bookings so please book in advance to avoid disappointment.
https://argylecommunitytrust.co.uk/soccer-roadshows/in-plymouth/

Don't turn Halloween into a "nightmare on your street"

To protect the vulnerable this year, police and partners are asking us all to get creative and find alternative ways to celebrate at home.



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FREE Halloween Activity Pack and Virtual Buddy App Access For All pupils

In partnership with
BLK BOX Fitness

Could you please forward the below info to parents via your communication channels, all is completely free. There is a link for each year group. Resources include Physical Activity Challenge, Home Learning and Mindfulness material. Please, help Healthy Kidz Help Your Pupils Keep Active and Healthy during the break:

We are 'Helping Kidz Stay Lean This Halloween' with a bundle of FREE RESOURCES including exciting challenges and activities to keep kidz active and entertained this Halloween break!
We were here the first time round, and you bet we're here again! Over 20,000 healthy kidz took part in our virtual sports day in June, and we expect nothing less this time round!
Access the resources (+ our Virtual Buddy App) and learn how to log the activities by following the link below specific to your child's primary group:

Reception - https://tinyurl.com/GBRECEPTION

Year 1 - https://tinyurl.com/GBYEAR1

Year 2 - https://tinyurl.com/GBYEAR2
Year 3 - https://tinyurl.com/GBYEAR3

Year 4 - https://tinyurl.com/GBYEAR4

Year 5 - https://tinyurl.com/GBYEAR5

Year 6 - https://tinyurl.com/GBYEAR6

Year 7 - https://tinyurl.com/GBYEAR7

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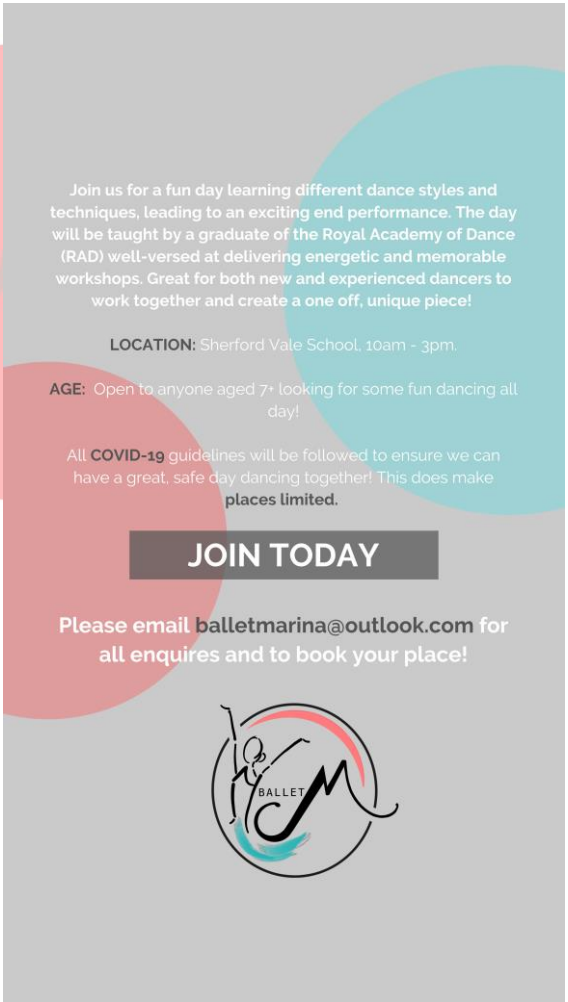
Sign up now for FREE via our website https://healthy-kidz.com/halloween-activity-pack/ to join in

on our 'Helping Kidz Stay Lean This Halloween' activities

#halloweenactivities #kidzactivities #runthegauntlet #homelearninglessons #mindfulness #prizes

Helping Kidz Stay Lean This Halloween





Have a lovely half- term!