

# Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

*Together we live and learn; we  
play and pray.*



## Message from Mr Claxton

We have been working hard this week and I have enjoyed seeing the children's phonics and reading lessons.

We welcomed Father Seelan and Father Tony this week who administered the Sacrament of Reconciliation for those children who have made their first Holy Communion. The children were incredibly reverent and both priests were incredibly complimentary of the children.

Father Seelan has asked me to pass on that the parish are collecting tins for the food bank. If anyone would like to donate, please bring to school by Tuesday morning.

*Let me never run away from you but return to you again and again, asking you to be my Lord, my Shepherd, my Stronghold, and my Refuge. Take me under your wing, O Lord, and let me know that you do not reject me as long as I keep asking you to forgive me. Amen*

## UPCOMING DATES

22<sup>nd</sup> March – CAFOD Club “Alternative Rules” Day – see email

28<sup>th</sup> March – Last Day of Term

29<sup>th</sup> March – 12<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Reception: 94.2%

Year One: 92.6%

Year Two: 97.0%

Year Three: 96.7%

Year Four: 95.6%

Year Five: 93.6%

Year Six: 91.3%

School: 94.5%

Year to date: 96.1%

**Our school attendance target is 96%. We want every child to reach their full potential at school and maintaining good levels of attendance is vital in this. Thank you for your continued support with this!**

A reminder that our attendance policy is available on our school website and can be found here:

<https://www.sacredheartprimary.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=2659&type=pdf>

**Next week's gospel:**

**Mark 14: 1 – 15: 47**

## MASS DATES

27<sup>th</sup> March – Station of The Cross Service at St Oswald's – 5.30pm



## **EYFS**

This week the children have been learning more about the events of Holy Week and how Jesus' disciples felt on each day. Our classroom caterpillars are finally making their cocoons and the children spent time using their pasta lifecycle representations to write about what they have observed. In Maths we have been finding 1 more and 1 less than a number and the children have shown a good understanding of this skill.

## **Year 1**

Year one have really enjoyed designing and making their 'life tree' during our DT lessons. They have also been busy identifying the human and physical features of England. In maths this week, the children have been measuring objects around the classroom as well as using the vocabulary 'longer' and 'shorter'.

## **Year 2**

Year two really enjoyed their trip to Paxton Pits on Thursday. The trip was full of exciting activities including fossil hunting, pond dipping and identifying insects found in the area. The children were really well behaved and were a credit to Sacred Heart. This week year two also enjoyed making their moving monsters, last week they created the linkages and this week they created the head and decorated them.

## **Year 3**

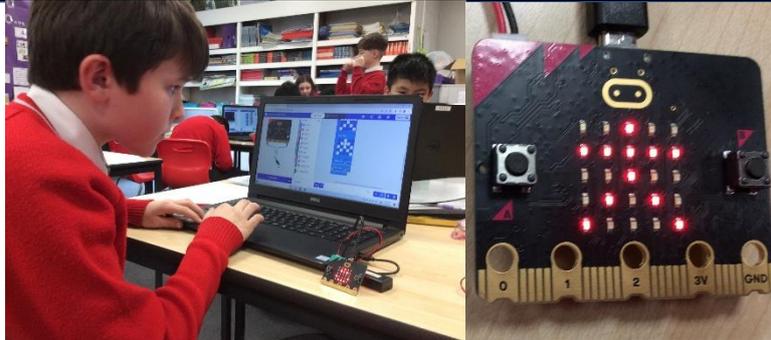
Year Three have been enjoying reading more of the Greek myths. They finished their retelling of a myth and are now using all their knowledge to write their own myth. So far they have only planned them but they are looking amazing, and very gory! In art the class have begun to look at how the Greeks did art. They have tried to replicate some of the drawings and figures.

## **Year 4**

In Year 4 this week, the children have been working hard on creating their first draft of their Amazon rainforest setting description. The children have enjoyed using all their senses to create powerful description. In RE, the children enjoyed revisiting the story of Easter Sunday and were able to answer questions in detail. We continued our science topic of Teeth and Healthy Eating, exploring the digestive system. The children worked in groups to create a poster presentation on each part of the digestive system. The children finished off their catapults this Friday and we can't wait to test them out.

## **Year 5**

This week we used our coding and programming knowledge to code our BBC micro:bits with our own 'dancing stick man' animation. We were also able to control our animation by programming it so it would start only after a specific input such as the button being pressed or the micro:bit being shook. We have also been working hard finding out about the geography of Antarctica and have been able to use maps to locate many geographical features on this fascinating continent.



## **Year 6**

We have been busy doing practice SATs tests and developing our test technique. In DT, we evaluated the waistcoats we made for our teddy bears. Many of us would like to try sewing again! In Art, we have learnt about different artists and the ways in which they 'send messages' through their art. Our final challenge was to produce a piece which showed a message about something we feel strongly about.