



DEAN GIBSON
RC Primary School

Newsletter Friday 17th February



MATER CHRISTI TRUST
LOVING, LIVING, LEARNING TOGETHER

World Book Day - Thursday 2nd March

As part of our World Book Day celebrations in school, we are inviting you to come into school on Thursday 2nd March dressed as your favourite book character or in your PJ's and bring along your favourite story book. Each class will be turning their day over to a book and completing lots of fun story-based activities.

We are also running a 'Wonderful places to read' competition so during half term take a quick snap of you reading in an exciting, different or wonderful place and send these in. Winners will be announced on World Book Day.

I was lucky enough to be with Year 2 as they shared their books brought in for the book gifting event this week. There was such an air of excitement and it was lovely to be able to hear some of them read their "new" books. A great idea, and thank you to all the parents/ children who wrapped the books so beautifully. All part of our message that reading is such a special treat! Thanks to Miss Hodgson for organising.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, we listen, learn and care.

LITTLE DEANIES

This week Little Deanies have really enjoyed reading "The Gingerbread Man". Whilst reading the story the children have thought about the different emotions of the characters. They were also asked to think about how the gingerbread man would get across the river if the fox was not there. Some of the ideas they came up with were, getting on a boat, driving a submarine, stepping stones and riding a horse. The children drew a river in the nursery garden using chalk and then used their imagination to create the different ways over the river. The most successful appeared to be the stepping stones which they all had a go at using to cross the river.

Last week was Children's mental health week with the focus been "let's connect". As a class we discussed what "connect" means. The children were unsure at first therefore, we demonstrated the meaning using duplo. Once we had connected the pieces together, we read the story "Room on the Broom". We discussed what brought the animals and the witch together to be friends and talked about how they created a connection. We also spoke about the feelings the connection would make the character experience. The children said that they thought the characters would be happy as they are all friends. Once we had finished all of our discussions, we drew pictures of ourselves and someone we have a connection with. We drew what we do together, with that person, which is special and allows us to connect with them. Once we finished our pictures, we then cut them up and reconnected them like a jigsaw puzzle to reinforce the meaning of connect.

INSET DAY

In case you didn't see my letter earlier this week, please note that we have scheduled an Inset day for Friday 31st March, so we will be finishing on the Thursday before Easter.

Please follow the link below to learn about some of our RE focus this month:

[Parent Newsletter - Ten Ten Resources](#)

STRIKE ACTION

The NEU have called another strike day for Tuesday 28th February.

Nursery open as normal

Year 1 open 8:55am-1pm.

Year 2 open as normal

Year 6 open as normal

I apologise for the inconvenience caused.

CAFOD

Cafod are running the Big Lent Walk this year, which encourages people to get sponsored for walking 200km over the course of Lent to raise funds to fight global poverty. This is a great challenge to take on individually or as a family throughout Lent.

More information is available directly through the website: [https://
walk.cafod.org.uk/](https://walk.cafod.org.uk/)

Well done to Lydia, Josh, Christopher, Hattie, Charlie, Robyn, Georgia, Ellie and Iona, who represented the school at a South Lakes Dodgeball festival on Thursday afternoon. We had great fun, learnt lots of dodgeball skills and got the opportunity to compete against other schools on a very muddy, wet but enjoyable day. Thanks to all the parent and grandparent helpers who came along to support as well.



Dates for your diary:

Parents Evenings: Monday 20th March 2023 and Tuesday 21st March 2023 3:45pm—5:45pm

Thursday 18th May 2023: Sports Day

Friday 19th May (Reserve Sports Day)

Thank you to all those who contributed to the valentines cake sale. PTFA raised £100, the winners will be announced in today's Friday Assembly.

INTERNATIONAL BOOK GIVING DAY

We had a wonderful day giving and receiving the gift of a book throughout school this week to celebration International Book Giving Day. A huge thank you to all of those who participated - it was lovely to see the joy that the gifts brought to our children.

Dean Gibson PTFA

2023 Challenge

The challenge is to RAISE £20.23 IN 2023

Every child can fundraise in their own way!

Some ideas for fundraising are.....



Readathon



Car wash



Sponsored silence

Surprise us with your own fundraising ideas, we would love to see how you get on.

Please send photos* to deangibsonptfa@gmail.com

* Sending photos will give permission to publish on our facebook page.

£20.23 is the target amount to raise but there is no minimum or maximum that can be raised.

Please hand in all monies raised at the school office by Friday 31st March 2023 with your child's details and how the money was raised.

GOOD LUCK!

Overall attendance for the week: 92%

Reception: 92 %

Year 1: 93 %

Year 2: 91 %

Year 3: 92 %

Year 4: 86 %

Year 5: 95 %

Year 6: 96%

KS1

BEST WORKER

Reception: Zeplyn

Year 1: Grace

Year 2: Serena

KS1

STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception: Edward A

Year 1: Georgie

Year 2: William

KS2

BEHAVIOUR

Year 3: Tommy W

Year 4: Archie

Year 5: Iris

Year 6: Jack

KS2

GOOD VALUES

Year 3: Emily W

Year 4: Cora

Year 5: Abi

Year 6: Lucie

KS2

MATHS

Year 3: Eveline

Year 4: Spencer

Year 5: Lewis

Year 6: Isabella

KS2

ENGLISH

Year 3: Hayden

Year 4: Tommy

Year 5: Tyler

Year 6: Emily

CLASS MASS – YEAR 6

Father Hugh will be celebrating mass with Year 6 children on Thursday 9th March in school in the morning. Parents and parishioners are most welcome to attend.

END OF TERM

School opens for Spring 2 half term on Monday 27th February and will close for Easter on Thursday 30th March at 2pm.

