



The Blessed Peter Snow Catholic Academy Trust



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy

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"Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus."

cf John 8:12)



ST PAULINUS 'WEEKLY NEWS'

Spring Term 1, Week 5

9th February 2024

Head's welcome

Our Virtue to live by for next week is:
Love & Charity

I want to say a huge thank you to all our families who have supported the school this week following the death of one of our wonderful staff members. Your messages and support have been greatly appreciated by myself and all the staff. I also want to say a huge thank you to all the staff, who (even though they were dealing with their own grief) worked tirelessly to ensure that school remained a safe, secure and happy place for the children. I always say that with our children, parents and staff we are one big family and this week has shown that this is truly the case. Thank you everyone. Our thoughts, prayers and love go to Linda and her family and I know that Miss Harrison appreciates all the love and messages she has received from school.

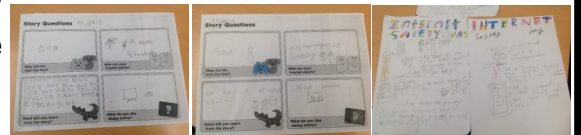
I wish all the staff and every family a safe, peaceful and happy half term holiday and I cannot wait to see you all on Monday 19th February.

Miss Hayes

The Safer Internet Day poem

Going online can be so much fun,
You can play, and chat, and find out.
But when things change and you feel unsure,
Then that's when it's time to shout...
"Something has changed, and I need some help,
What's happening doesn't feel good."
Things will get better when a trusted adult knows,
And your feelings have been understood.

This year's safer internet day theme was making a difference, managing influence, and navigating change online. We looked at how technology has changed throughout time and the changes we have seen. Years 1 and 2 learnt about telling a trusted adult when something online might suddenly change, and Years 3 and 4 made some internet safety posters giving advice.



Attendance

Last week our whole school attendance overall was 90.82%, and attendance so far 94.70%

We have a zero-tolerance policy on parents taking their children out of school to go on holiday, penalty notices will be issued. If your child is absent for 5 days or more you will need to provide proof of illness.

Attending school on time and every day is such an important part of your child's learning process.



Last week's class attendance:	KS1 -	N-EYCJ: 86.6%	N-EYR: 76.0%	R-EYCJ: 95.2%	R-EYR: 88.7%
		1/2B: 96.0%	1/2C: 88.9%	1/2T: 93.3%	
KS2 -	3J: 90.3%	3W: 91.1%	4H: 92.0%	4SI: 82.1%	
	5T: 89.3%	5W: 96.6%	6H: 93.0%	6S: 86.9%	



For their attendance last week, the winners **5W** will receive a treasure chest of goodies to share in class.

Guidance for Parents: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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One day a man who had leprosy came to Jesus because he wanted to be healed. The man knelt in front of Jesus and said, "If you want to, you can heal my leprosy." Jesus was filled with compassion and said, "Of course I want to." Then Jesus reached out to touch him and said, "Be healed!" At once the man's leprosy disappeared and he was healed before sending the man on his way Jesus said firmly, "Don't tell anyone about this. Just go and show yourself to the priest, and take an offering to the Temple as commanded by Moses, and everyone will know that you have been healed." But, instead, the man went and told everyone what had happened. This meant that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay out in the country. Even so, people would still come to him from everywhere around.

"We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion." - St. Vincent de Paul

Balance Bike Training

Every child in Reception had the opportunity to have a balance bike lesson with an instructor.



The children learnt how to correctly control the bike and use different leg movements to move the bike.

The children showed fantastic skills and had great fun!



Mini Vinnies

Cath, the President of St. Paulinus Parish SVP came into school to speak to our Mini Vinnies. She told us all about the work the SVP do, such as helping people who need things for their house, such as coolers etc, visiting people who are lonely, and fundraising to send children on the SVP summer camp.

She was very impressed with how well our Mini Vinnies listened and joined in the prayers. She was also interested in all the good work we have done so far this year.



Congratulations to all our Early Years and Key Stage 1 super stars!

Excellence Endeavour Service to School

Celebration Certificates

Star Readers

- EYCJ Amyra L
- EYR Noor F
- 1/2B Liyana A
- 1/2C Eeza B
- 1/2T Freddy P

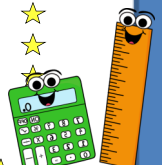
Wonderful Writers

- EYCJ Grace O
- EYR Joey C
- 1/2B Noah D
- 1/2C Reggie R
- 1/2T Zofia J

Maths Marvels

- 1/2B Minahil A
- 1/2C Sarah K
- 1/2T Labiqa A

- EYCJ Luca S
- EYR Dahab A
- 1/2B Theo P
- 1/2C Khadijah A
- 1/2T Ifunanya A



Candlemas (2 February)

On 2nd February we celebrated Candlemas. This is when Mary & Joseph took Jesus to the temple to be presented to God. Simeon and Anna were in the temple and were very pleased to meet Jesus who they called the light of the world.

In school we had 2 worships to celebrate this feast. Each class prepared a song, a dance or a poem to share. We all sang beautifully, joined in the prayers and thought about how we could share our light with others by being kind and friendly.



Mental Health Week

This week, we have been taking part in Children's Mental Health Week which empowers, equips, and gives a voice to all children and young people in the UK. The theme this year is **'My Voice Matters'** which aims to provide our pupils with the tools they need to express themselves. This in turn will have a positive impact on their wellbeing.

Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. This year, we want children of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing and be able to say – and believe - **"My Voice Matters."**

We started the week with assemblies from Kirklees Keep in Mind followed by a number of workshops for some of our pupils. Then, in their RPSHE lessons, each class has done a series of activities and tasks designed to improve their self-esteem, promote a positive mental health, and make them realise each of them matters and how they can express themselves in a positive manner.



Early Years

Chinese New Year begins on Saturday 10th February this year and the children in EYU have really enjoyed learning all about its meanings and traditions. The children spent time making Chinese lanterns, writing Chinese numbers, composing a Chinese dragon dance, making some fabulous fans and tasting some Chinese food. They also learnt how to say Happy New Year in Chinese "Kung hey fat choi".



IMPORTANT DATES

Add these dates to your Diary

Monday 12 - Friday 16 February

Spring Half Term Holidays

Monday 19 February

School re-opens

Wednesday 21 February

Year 6 Lenten Bun Sale

Wednesday 21 February
15:20 - 15:45

Year 5 Parents Invite:
Parent Workshop
(More info to follow)

Wednesday 28 February

Year 5 Lenten Bun Sale

Wednesday 6 March

Year 4 Lenten Bun Sale

Thursday 7 March

World Book Day
'Non-Uniform Day'

School Calendar 2023/2024



Term 2 - Spring

Start	Tues. 9 Jan. 2024
Half Term	Mon. 12 Feb. - Fri. 16 Feb. 2024
Restart	Mon. 19 Feb. 2024
End of Term	Fri. 22 Mar. 2024

Term 3 - Summer

Start	Mon. 8 Apr. 2024
Half Term	Mon. 27 May - Fri. 31 May 2024
Restart	Mon. 3 June 2024
End of Term	Fri. 19 July 2024

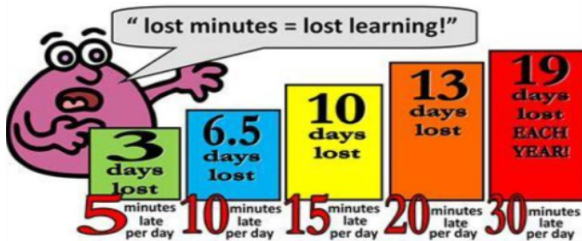
Occasional Days - School closed

INSET Day	Thurs. 2 May 2024
May Day	Mon. 6 May 2024
INSET Day	Mon. 22 July 2024

Lateness

We are seeing an increase in pupils arriving late! Our school gates are open from 08:30am each morning and our lessons begin at 08:45am.

Children who are regularly late miss out on vital instructions and part of their lesson, and are often embarrassed about arriving late. Pupils arriving late receive a late mark and if no improvement they may be contacted by Kirklees Attendance and pupil support to discuss ways to improve their punctuality.



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

NSPCC Number Day

We managed to raise £ 111.00 following the non-uniform NSPCC Number Day which was held on 1 February. Thank you for your support.

Event coming up ...

LENTEN BUN SALE & COMPETITIONS

Wednesday 21 February	Year 6
Wednesday 28 February	Year 5
Wednesday 6 March	Year 4
Wednesday 13 March	Year 3
Friday 15 March	EYU & KSI



For those of you that don't know, during Lent the children bake buns / cakes at home, and then bring them into school to sell during the morning playtime. They also do colouring competitions and name the teddy, etc.

Please provide your child with some money:

- Minimum amount of 20 p
- Maximum amount of £ 2.00

All proceeds will go to The Good Shepherd Appeal

Have fun baking!