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Dear Parents,

What lovely sunshine to end our first full week back—it is finally starting to feel like the summer term!

We celebrated Earth Day on Wednesday with an assembly led by our Eco Team, Year 2 and Ms Ladio where we focused on the ways we can all ensure we are stewards of creation, taking care of god's planet. Across the school students have enjoyed a variety of eco-based projects from Reception making a bird feeder for the Eco Garden to Year 1 creating a poster of promises to planet earth.

Next week our Year 5 and 6 students will be joined by PC Jonathan Montanarini from the Met's Cyber Crime unit for a special assembly on cyber safety.

Our Year 3 and 4 students are also looking forward to their trip to Pizza Express on Tuesday where they will be making their own pizzas.

Next Friday is our Year 2 Class assembly and we look forward to welcoming parents for a look at what the class have been learning about recently.

Wishing you all a lovely, sunny weekend

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

House Points

Wulstan

This week—310

Total—3812

Alban

This week –348

Total—3640

Edmund

This week—266

Total—3609

Mayne

This week—397

Total— 4039

Dates for your Diary

- 27th April— Y5/6 Cyber Crime Assembly (1.30pm)
- 28th April—Y4 Mass JTB
- 29th April—3/ 4 trip to Pizza Express
- 1st May—Year 2 Class Assembly
- 4th May—Bank Holiday
- 5th May—Uganda Awareness Crazy Hair Day
- 6th May— May Procession (N-Y6)
- 7th May—Swimming Years 1 & 4
- 11th May —Y6 PGL
- 12th May—Year 2 Mass JTB
- 16th May—Netball/Football @ Margret Roper



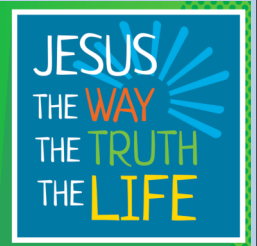
The Catholic life of the school



In our Celebration of the Word Assembly on Monday we learnt all about Easter-tide—the 50 day long celebration of rejoicing from Easter Sunday to Pentecost - when Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to His disciples. During this season we say and sing “Christ is Risen!” and “Alleluia!” to celebrate that Jesus is risen!

We also explored how Jesus is always with us—in the people we meet, the Word we read and the Bread we share.

“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.” (Luke 24:27)



Gospel Values

Well done to this week's Gospel Values award winners for showing our values of **Compassion, Gentleness, Justice, Love, Forgiveness** and **Hope**.



Earth Day—JD Y5

Happy Earth Day to you, each and every one.

Enjoying our beautiful planet, laying in the sun.

All the trees are green as grass, all the fruits are sweet,

Look around and feel, the soft grass beneath your feet.

Everyone is playing, and having lots of fun,

Enjoying life on earth, and bathing in the sun.

BUT our planet is suffering and sick, from humans that don't care, factories and cars like chimneys polluting all the air.

We need to protect our home, the world from devastation, Let's unit all people, from every single nation.

Let's join together, share the news, of what needs to be done.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, for the good of everyone.

Happy Earth Day to you, our work has just begun...

Earth Day

We celebrated Earth Day on Wednesday and took part in a variety of activities to highlight the importance of our Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Stewardship—taking care of God's creation.



Nursery

Nursery have been exploring the tiny world of 'mini-beasts' this week and discovered different changes that take place during the life cycle of a butterfly. They have enjoyed viewing our caterpillars each day and have been excitedly discussing their progress. The children have also:

- Gone on a minibeast hunt in our garden.
- Listened to the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and used role-play to re-enact the story.
- Made up a song about the Life cycle of a butterfly & expanded their language using the word 'metamorphosis'.
- Watched a video on the Life cycle of a butterfly and completed a sticking activity to place the pictures in the correct order.
- Used play dough & other materials to create our own minibeasts.
- Explored different ways of moving using our gross motor skills to negotiate an obstacle course in the garden.



Reception

We have had a very creative first two weeks! To celebrate World Art Day last Wednesday, the children explored the works of various famous artists before channelling their inner Picassos to create some fabulous collages. Take a look at our art poster on the next page to see if you can recognise any of the artists!

The magic continued on Friday as our classroom was transformed into a kingdom of wonder for Fairy Tale Day. It was lovely to see everyone dressed as their favourite characters and the children spoke with such confidence as they shared their favourite books & explained why those stories hold a special place in their hearts.

Our focus then shifted to the environment for Earth Day. We discussed how to look after our planet & put words into action by crafting a recycled bird feeder from an old plastic bottle. These are hanging proudly in our school Nature Trail. We are eagerly waiting to see which feathered friends come to visit!

In creative club Reception have been using a variety of recycled materials to do some junk modelling. Linking this with Earth Day, the children created their own machinery & tools that would help clean and keep our planet tidy.



Year 1

This week we learnt about Earth Day and wrote our own promises with ways we will be 'stewards of creation' & protect the Earth in the future.

We also planted our own cress seeds and cannot wait to see them grow. Children will observe their plants over the next few weeks in their 'plant diaries' and record their growth.



Art improves communication.

WORLD ART DAY

Art builds connections with others and community.

Art makes you feel good- It boosts your self-esteem!

THE REAL QUESTION SHOULD BE WHY NOT ART?!



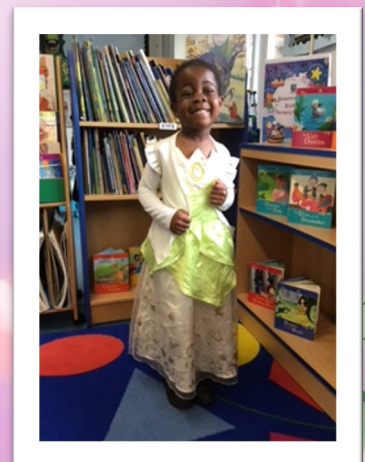
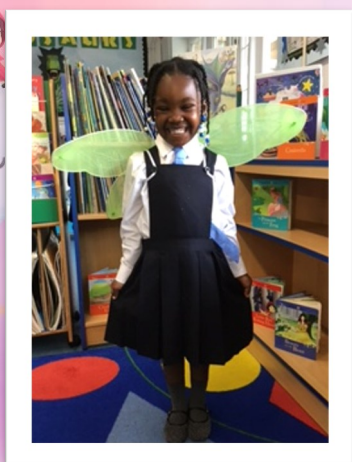
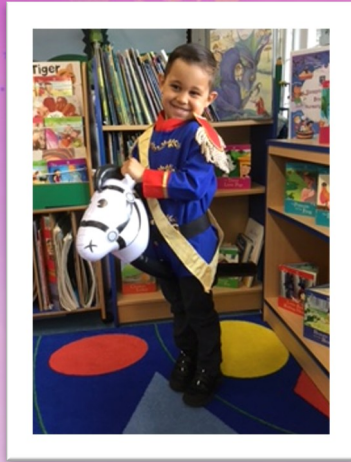
Art enhances creative ability & encourages imagination among all.

Our Reception Class artists have been busy celebrating World Art Day! We've created these unique split-portraits, using half an image of a famous artist and completing the other half with a collage inspired by their work.

Look closely at the textures and colours - can you guess the names of these famous artists?

RECEPTION CLASS

Fairy Tale Dress-Up Day



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Year 2



Year 2 have been learning about the Easter story in RE and have created these colourful Easter story wheels.

Year 3



In Year 3, we explored the dramatic lead-up to the volcanic eruption in book 'Escape from Pompeii'. The children listened carefully for synonyms for 'shake' and used the book's descriptions to write and perform their own earthquake-themed poetry.



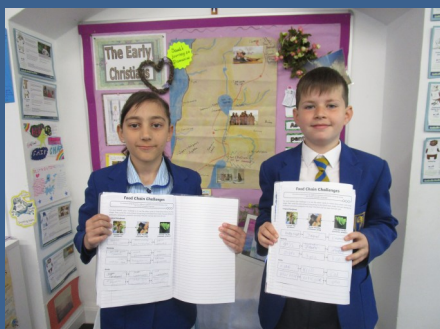
We focused on making our performances powerful by using onomatopoeia, strong rhythms, and short, punchy lines for dramatic effect.

Year 4

From the first bite to the top of the food chain, Year 4 have successfully mastered the journey of energy! We explored how the digestive system-from the mouth to the large intestine, functions, as a complex breakdown lab to fuel our bodies.

We also investigated how producers and consumers connect within a food chain, by understanding the roles of predators, prey, and the vital energy provided by the sun.

Our young scientists have gained a fantastic insight into both human biology and the delicate balance of the natural world.



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SAT 9TH MAY 2026
Continues for 8 weeks
(ending Saturday 27th June 2026)

BEDDINGTON CC
Beddington Park,
Wallington SM6 7NH

SESSION TIMINGS
9:30am - 10:45am

APPLICANTS CAN CONTACT SARAH WOZNIAK FOR PROMO CODE TO GET FREE 6 WEEKS!

CONTACT:
SARAH WOZNIAK - 07789 248046
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DYNAMOS CRICKET

SCAN ME!

Year 5

This week, Year 5 created their own descriptive poems, using similes and metaphors to celebrate Earth Day

They then decorated them for a class display.



Year 6

This week, Year 6 conducted a practical investigation into the principles of static electricity. Using balloons to demonstrate the effects of friction, the children observed first hand how electrons can be transferred between surfaces to create an electrostatic charge.

There was great engagement as students tested how these charges could manipulate small objects and make hair stand on end!



Stars of the week

