

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st October

- Friendship ambassador training 3.30-4.10pm

Tuesday 2nd October

- Lourdes Assemblies with HCPT
- Y6 Secondary School Transfer Meeting at 5.30pm

Wednesday 3rd October

- Y4 Class Assembly at 10.10am

Thursday 4th October

- National Poetry Day
- St Francis Feast Day

Friday 5th October

- Y3 Homework Sharing at 2.30pm

Supporting Those in Need

There were many occasions this week when children, teachers and families gave their time and resources to help others.

The first bookworms of the year took place on Wednesday in Nursery up to Year 2. Parents were invited to classrooms to read with children. This is an excellent opportunity for the children not only to develop their reading skills but also to improve their social skills by meeting new grown-ups in a safe environment.

It was wonderful to see so many of our families contributing to our Macmillan Cancer Support Day today. The charity offers advice and support to those affected by cancer, their family and friends. Cancer affects billions of people around the world so it is vital that charities such as Macmillan are able to help people in need. Thank you for your contributions.

This evening, the Early Years Foundation Stage hosts a cheese and wine night for parents and carers of Nursery and Reception to get to know one another as their children start their learning journeys. Parents and carers, I look forward to meeting you there and welcoming you to our wonderful community!

Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher

Year 2's Trip to the Museum of London

On Monday, Year 2 went on a trip to the Museum of London as part of their learning on The Great Fire of London. At the museum, children looked at different artefacts from the time, learnt about how people put out a fire with leather buckets, watched a film about Samuel Pepys and completed lots of activities. Clementina and Benedetta from Year 2 said, "We had an amazing time at the museum. It was so much fun and we learnt lots about the Great Fire. Samuel Pepys wrote a diary during the time so we know lots about what happened because of him."



Macmillan Cancer Support Day



Today the PTFA held a coffee morning and afternoon bake sale to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Children were also invited to wear their own clothes to raise money for the charity. One child said, "Today was outstanding! We had lots of fun wearing our own clothes. I'm sure we raised a lot of money for a good cause. It feels really good to know that you're helping people because you would others to help you if you were feeling ill."

Thank you to all those that contributed to the bake sale and donated money to this very special cause.

WEDNESDAY!



Our Wednesday Word for this week which links in with the Sunday Gospel is:

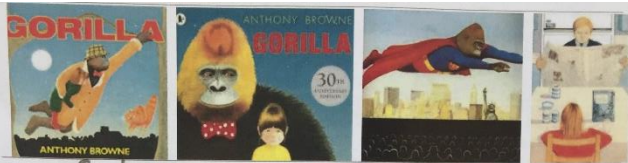
SERVING

Year 4



In Literacy, children wrote poems inspired by the book *Gorilla*

by Anthony Browne. Children focused on and included features of poetry such as repetition and rhyming and incorporated figurative language.



By: Andrei

While the gorilla swings and swooshed they swished like a superhero.

In the deep, dark and pitch-black night they saw a frightened, terrified and petrified cat with fluffy fur and wavy white whiskers.

They swung and swooshed! While the cat shrieked "Meow!"

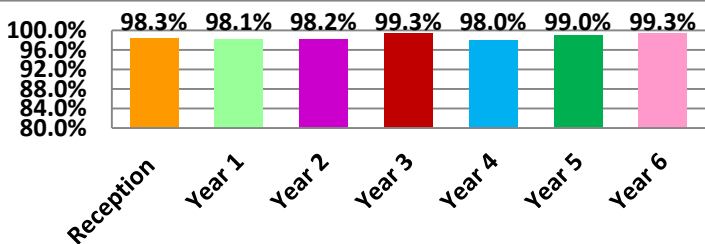
The moon is as big as a sky scraper and it looks like a big enormous, immense white bill.

The gorilla swooshed swooshed and they chitter chatter when we are all because the moon can not see. When they reached the huge tree they climbed up to see.

Andrei

Attendance

Well done, Years 3 & 6! You both had the highest attendance this week with 99.3%.



Catholic Life

On Friday, Canon Paschal Ryan came to visit the school and met Mrs Wyatt, Mr Stacey, Fr Shaun and the children. Canon Ryan has recently been appointed as parish priest at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and St Thomas More. Canon Ryan attended Good News Assembly this morning and sang hymns with the children, celebrated birthdays and heard about all the excellent accomplishments achieved in the school this week which included Pupil Voice awards, a netball trophy and attendance awards. We hope you enjoyed your visit, Canon Ryan!

Pupil Voice

St Joseph's Environment Team is conducting its first competition of the year!

Children have the opportunity to design their very own bird box for the Front Garden. A bird box is a man-made shelter for small wild birds to use to stay warm and keep out of the rain.



Children are invited to draw their own bird box on entry forms which they can get from their class teacher.

The winning design will be constructed by Mr Ablitt and put in the Front Garden to attract new, exciting wildlife to the school.

Please hand your entries in to Mrs Bartley by 12th October.

