



The Rosary School September Newsletter



September Newsletter – Welcome Back!

It is wonderful to see all the children returning to school full of energy and ready to learn. This year, we will continue to live out our mission to live, love and learn together - walking as pilgrims of hope, supporting one another every step of the way.

A very special welcome goes to all our new children and families, especially those joining us in Nursery and Reception. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community and look forward to seeing you flourish.

Our Year 6 have already begun to show us what fantastic leaders they will be this year, setting an excellent example for our younger children to follow.

I look forward to the exciting learning, growth and achievements that lie ahead for us all in the months to come.

Our Catholic Faith



As we return to school we once again consider the Season of Creation, a time dedicated to prayer and action for the protection of creation. It is a time to renew our relationship with God, our Creator and with all creation.

We give thanks for all that God has made, repent for the damage that we have caused and commit ourselves to take action to protect the earth our common oath.

"Peace with Creation" is the theme for this year as we reflect on the words of Isaiah as we hope that creation finds peace and flourishes. and justice will be restored.

"Until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field Then justice will dwell in the wilderness and righteousness abide in the fruitful field." Isaiah 32: 15-16

Sunday Gospel



Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven - that is the Son of Man who is in heaven. The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God so loved the world so much he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that so through him the world may be saved.

As we reflect on the reading from the Gospel we think of God's love for each of us. God so loved mankind, he sent his Son and through Jesus's act of great love on the cross we share in the joy of God's love for each of us.

"Love each other as Jesus has loved us. He has given nothing less than his life for us." St Teresa of Calcutta.

Jubilee Year of Hope



As we start our new academic year as Pilgrims of Hope we have reflected on the importance of belonging - to our families, our class , our school and God's family. We have explored how belonging makes us feel loved, valued and connected to others.

The children have enjoyed exploring how they can learn from their class saint. Our Lady and St Teresa of Calcutta. They reflected on how Mary said yes to God and how St Teresa tirelessly dedicated her life to helping those in need.

Through stories, discussions and activities, the children considered how they to can make a difference by showing kindness, helping others and living out their faith with simple acts with great love. They know that just like the saints, they can shine God's love in the world and contribute to making our class and community a place where everyone belongs.





This month we are considering article 12 where we consider the views of each child and more importantly respect their views. Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life. Over the last few weeks the children have been considering how they can share their views with many children putting themselves forward for leadership roles within the school. It has been wonderful to see those who have nominated themselves to be considered school councillors with the class democratically electing the child they feel can best represent their views. Over the next 2 weeks we will also be looking at our faith Council and Liturgical Leaders.

Article 12 is incredibly important because:

- Being involved in decisions makes you feel like a part of it, you have ownership.
- Relationships between children and adults improve when there's communication.
- School is there to help children to learn, so it is important to put children at the centre.
- Children have some great ideas that adults might never think of.
- It helps to prepare you for adulthood.
- Children and young people feel valued.
- Involving young people means there are more people to make a difference.
- We all have different views and experiences, so including everyone means we get lots of perspectives.
- It can help you to learn about politics and democracy.
- It is your right to be involved in decisions which affect you!

At home we can also take time to talk to children about their feelings and viewpoints. This is especially important for our Year 6 children who are making important decisions about secondary school now.

Live Simply



As a school we are committed to living simply by answering the call for us to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.

During the Autumn term our focus for the Live Simply work is how we can look after our environment. We continue with our collection of cans, which will be recycled and the money raised, used to support local food banks. If you have any cans please don't throw them away, bring them into school and put in the trolley at the front of the school. Miss Liebig has kindly agreed to bring the cans to the collection point each week.

We are also considering litter and the impact it has on our local environment. We will be taking part in litter walks over the coming weeks, working together to make our environment a more pleasant place.

Our Learning



Reception - A wonderful start

We have had such an exciting first few weeks in Reception at the Rosary! We are so happy to be starting our journey together and have thought about how we belong to the Rosary family and to God's family.

We have been busy exploring our new classroom and outdoor areas, finding out where everything is and learning how to play and share together. We have had lots of fun playing, building, painting, and using our imaginations.

This week we have been learning "All About Me." We have been talking about our families, the things we like, and what makes us special. It has been wonderful to listen to each other and to learn new things about our friends.

One of our favourite times has been going to Forest School. We loved looking closely at all of God's creations—trees, leaves, and even little creatures! We enjoyed working together to explore and to help take care of the world around us.

We are learning how to be kind, take turns and be good friends to everyone. It has been a fantastic start to Reception and we can't wait for all the adventures still to come!!

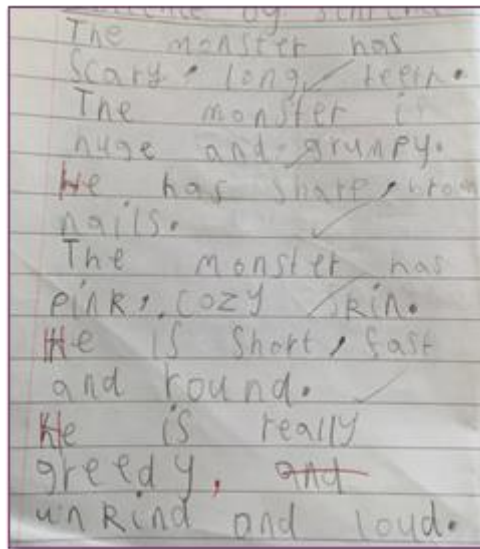


Year 2 - Wonderful Writers

In English, Year 2 been getting creative with their writing by exploring *Not Now, Bernard!* They have been working hard on character descriptions for the monster, thinking carefully about how he looks, moves, and behaves. The children have come up with some fantastic adjectives and imaginative ideas.

We have some future authors in the making!





Year 3 - Marvellous Mathematicians

Year 3 have shown fantastic dedication in Maths so far this year, working hard to represent numbers using concrete materials. Their enthusiasm and determination have really shone through, and it's wonderful to see them enjoying their learning while deepening their understanding of numbers. Well done, Year 3 – we are so proud of you!

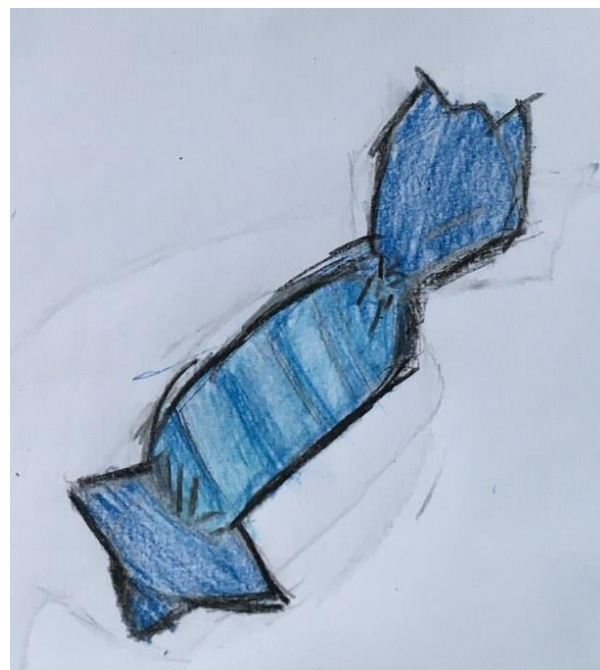


Year 4 – A Start Full of Learning and Creativity

Year 4 have had a busy start to the new academic year as they have explored how they can live and belong like the saints, using the example of St Teresa of Calcutta as a role model.

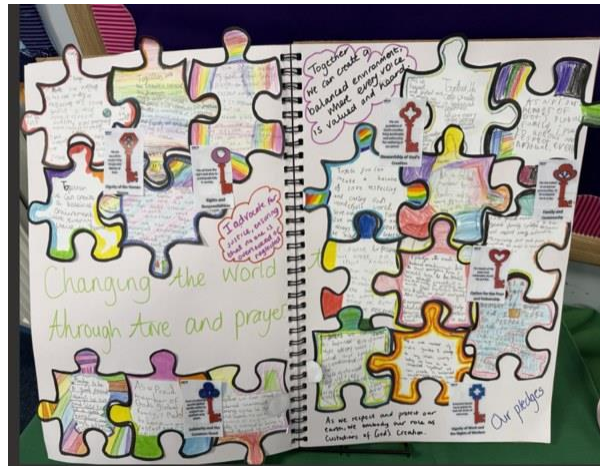
They considered how her example of kindness and love towards others helped them and how we are each called to follow this example.

In Art the children have started to explore tone when drawing to create the illusion of 3D in their sketches.



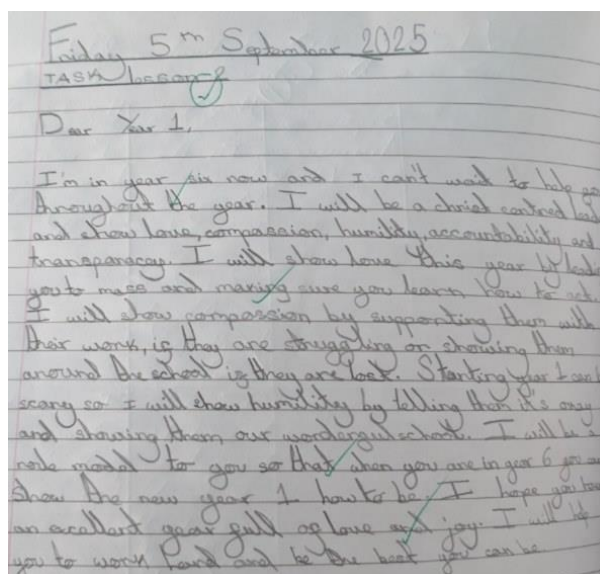
Year 5 - Change through Prayer

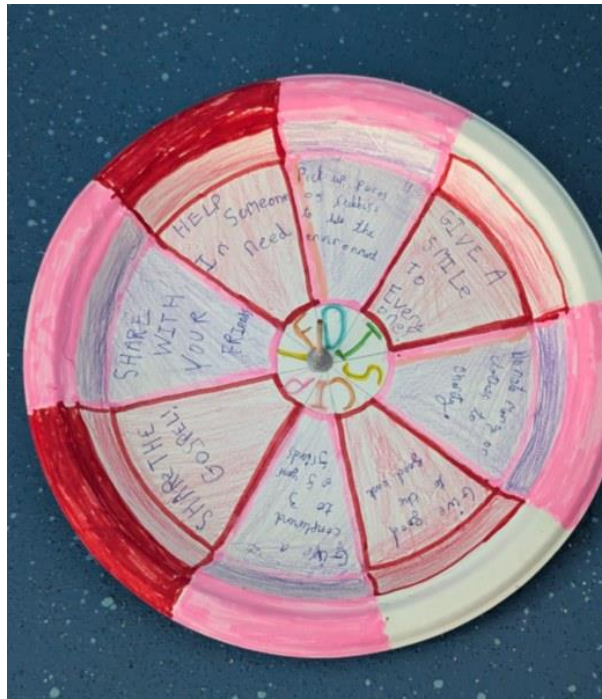
Y5 Have been learning about how to change the world through prayer. We have been discussing ways that we can be peacemakers in our school, community and with our global family. We have made pledges showing how we all belong and are linked in lots of diverse ways.



Year 6 - Christ Centred Leaders

Year 6 have made a running start to their final year at The Rosary. They are learning how to be role models and help in school by being Christ Centred Leaders. They have written letters to Year 1 explaining how we will help to support their journey this year, including teaming up with them as Mass partners, teaching them skills such as tying shoe-laces and even reading with them. They have taken their leadership role seriously sharing Catholic Social Key spinners with all classes to give ideas on how we can live in the footsteps of Jesus on a day-to-day basis.





Attendance



As a school we believe in the importance of attendance and work closely with Birmingham LA and parents to ensure that all children are in school every day. Research has shown that absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and the whole class. Children who do not attend regularly:

- do not achieve well in exams
- find it difficult to maintain friendships
- are more likely to become involved in crime
- miss out on opportunities in further education and the world of work?

We have recently had a number of families contact us about leave in term time. As you already know a 2013 amendment to The Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2006, means that Head Teachers may no longer authorise leave during term time except where the circumstances are exceptional. This is in accordance with Birmingham Local Authority's 'Leave in Term Time Guidance.' If families choose to take leave in term time they may be subject to legal procedures.

A letter has been sent out explaining attendance procedures and I would ask that you read it carefully and consider the implications if you chose to take children out of school during term time. We are aware that families have been fined by Birmingham LA and this can be a significant amount of money and we do not want to see our families in this situation.

E-safety tips from Mr Yasir



Internet Safety – Advice for Parents

During the summer the children may have spent more time online—playing games, watching videos, or chatting with friends. Now that they are back to school, it is a good time to review their online time so that they remain safe and happy while using the internet but also get the balance right between online time and homework time.

Here are some top tips for parents:

Set clear boundaries

Agree on screen time limits and make sure devices are used in shared family spaces where possible.

Keep communication open

Talk regularly with your child about what they're doing online. Encourage them to speak up if something makes them feel uncomfortable.

Use parental controls

Set age-appropriate filters on apps, games, and websites. Most devices and internet providers offer easy-to-use safety settings.

Times Tables Rockstars



We have launched Times Table Rockstars again which is a great app to use with the children as they learn their times tables in a fun and interactive way.

Your child will have brought home their log in details but if you are unsure please see your child's teacher about how to use this app to improve times table knowledge.

Every week we will celebrate the children who are successful – it may be that they are in the top 10 scorers, it may be most improved, it may be for certificates achieved.

If you need any further details please speak to your child's teacher.

Dates for the diary

We will be sending out a separate letter with all dates on it. Please refer to this over the coming weeks.

School Notices

Earrings

Can I please remind parents that children are only permitted to wear a small gold stud to school and these need to be removed for PE, in line with our Health and Safety policy. Thank you to all the parents who support school with this policy.

Contact Details

If any of your details have changed recently can we please ask that you contact the school office. This could be a change of address, or a change of phone number or perhaps a change in emergency contact details. We will then update our school records accordingly. If you wish to change the names of people on the pick-up list please contact the school office.

School Website

Please refer to the website to find out information about the school and events that are taking place in school. It is possible to sync the school calendar to your mobile phone.

Parking Arrangements

We have been fortunate to have secured arrangements to use the Mosque car park. The carpark will be open for parents to use from 8.30am until 9.15am each morning and from 2.45pm until 3.45pm every afternoon except Friday. Can we once again stress the importance of using this facility rather than parking on pavements, blocking gates and using the corner of roads. **DO NOT USE THE CHURCH CARPARK FOR PARKING.**

Once again we have a number of cars that are being parked in such a way that may endanger the lives of children including double parking. The police have issued a number of tickets to drivers and will continue to monitor parking and driving on Bridge Road. If you see anyone parking or driving dangerously you can take a picture and share on the website below.

<https://nextbase.co.uk/national-dash-cam-safety-portal/>

This can be used to prosecute drivers.

Free School Meals

If you feel your child is entitled to free school meals please contact Mrs Kennedy and she will do an online search. This will enable families to access HAF events free of charge during the holidays.

Play Equipment

Can I please remind parents that the play equipment is not for use at the end of the day especially by young children. Please keep your children with you and don't allow them to use as we do not have adults to supervise and there is a risk of accidents happening.

Early Help Offer

Please remember to visit our Early Help Offer on the school webpage where you will find information about the support we can offer as a school. If at any point you need additional support please see myself, Mrs Banks or any member of our pastoral team.

<https://www.rosaryrc.bham.sch.uk/early-help-offer/>

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child please contact a member of our safeguarding team. Information can be found on our webpage.

<https://www.rosaryrc.bham.sch.uk/safeguarding/>

My Family Coach

There are times when we all need help with parenting. My Family Coach is a free online service with lots of videos and advice on how to support children at each stage of their development. Please take some time to view the resources available to support with the many challenges of parenting. <https://www.myfamilycoach.com/>

Community Notices

Birmingham School Health Support Service

NHS
Birmingham
Community Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

SCHOOL NURSE VIRTUAL DROP-IN CLINIC

Every
Tuesday
and
Thursday
from
4:30-5:30pm

Your School Nurse is here to help you feel healthy, happy and safe during your school years and to get the best from your education.

Join the link and talk to a School Nurse. We provide a confidential and friendly service.

<https://nhs.vc/BCHC/C-F/Schl-Nurse/Drop-In>

Best Care
Healthy Communities

attendanywhere



NHS
Birmingham
Community Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

ChatHealth

Do you know where I can get some health advice?

The School Health Support Service can help students with all kind of things like...

Relationships, mental health, alcohol, bullying, self-harm, smoking, drugs and healthy eating

Text the School Nurse for confidential advice and support on 07480635485

We do not usually inform your parents, teachers or anyone else if you contact the school nurse. We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact a member of school staff or your doctor. Our text number does not receive voice calls or NHS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). Prevent the school nurse from sending messages to you by texting STOP to our number. Please respect your school's mobile phone policy. Messages are charged at your usual rate.

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After school and holiday activities for 4-16 year olds

Football club

Martial arts

After school club

Holiday care and holiday play scheme

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After school and holiday activities

Football club Boys & girls 8-12 years
 Come train and be part of a team
Tuesdays 6pm to 7.30pm
 £3 per session



Martial arts 5-16 years
 Help your child with their coordination, respect, concentration, behaviour, fitness and direction
Fridays 4.30pm to 5.30pm
 £4 per session



Holiday care 4-14 years
Week days 8.45am to 5.15pm
 Full day care, breakfast, evening snack. Packed lunch required.



Holiday play scheme 4-14 years
Week days 10am to 3pm
 A range of activities including sports, creative arts, cooking, team games, workshops, off site activities, outings. Packed lunch required.

After school club 4-14 years
Monday to Thursday 3pm to 6pm
 Play opportunities, collections from local schools, snack included.
 £48 weekly (£46 for siblings)
 £14 daily (£13 for siblings)
 We accept college/university finance places



Youth groups
 Boys and Girls youth groups

Contact Reece Keye or Rico Gardner-Blake... **0121 328 3043**

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