

'Treat others the way you want to be treated.'

Matthew 7:12

25/10/24

Dear Family,

On Monday we launched the week off with our whole school assembly, focusing on 'Catholic Social Teaching'. These principles offer a framework for understanding and responding to social issues, with a focus on promoting human dignity and the common good, as well as caring for the environment, working for peace, and supporting the vulnerable. By adhering to these principles, we can work towards a more just and compassionate world. Throughout the week each class has been focusing on specific principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

We have now reached the end of a very busy half term and may we take

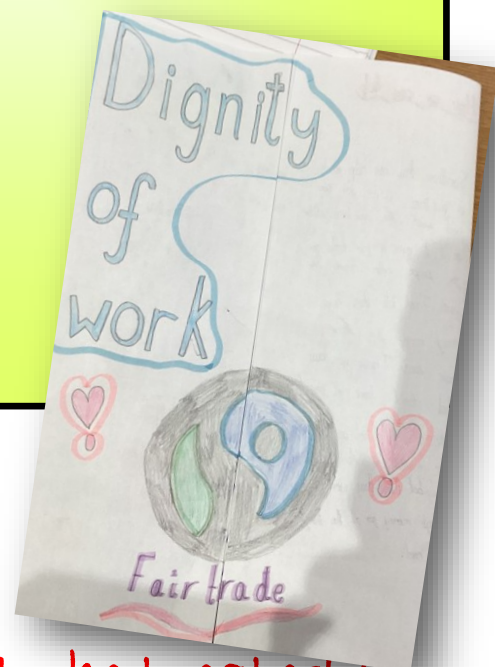
this opportunity to wish all our families a very

'Happy Half Term!'

An easy guide to Catholic Social Teaching Principles

- Human Dignity**: Everyone is special.
- Common Good**: What is best for everyone?
- Solidarity**: We are one big family.
- Subsidiarity**: All people should have a say!
- Participation**: We all want to work and contribute to our communities.
- Stewardship**: We are part of and need to care for creation.
- Preferential option for the poor**: Some people need extra help.

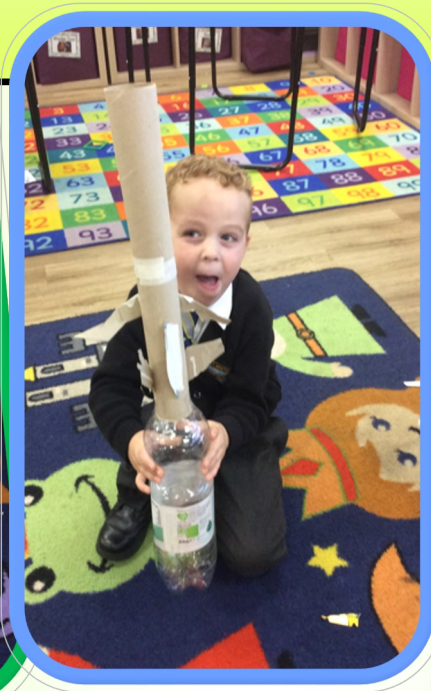
SOLIDARITY—WE ARE ONE BIG FAMILY!



Treat others as you would like to be treated.

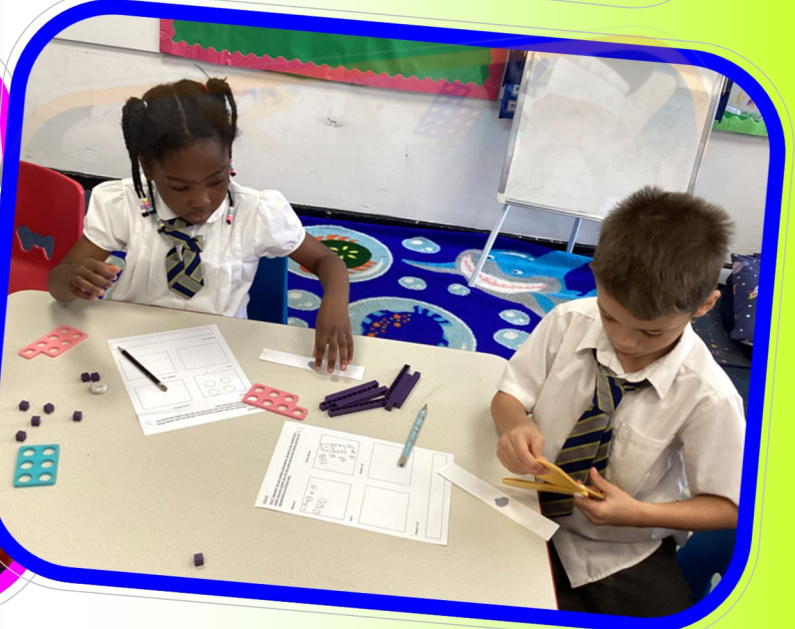
Junk Modelling

During their DT learning this term, Swift Class have made some amazing junk models. The children have been learning how to use scissors, attach different items together and use a variety of joins in their creations. The children all verbalised their plans and then got busy creating— we had some amazing rockets, fairy castles and even a 'bug catcher'. A big thank you to the families of Swift Class who bought in lots of their recycling for us to make our models! The children have loved this project!



LEARNING IN ACTION IN THIS WEEK!

Abba class love using maths resources to help them with their learning. The children used number fans, number lines, numicon, coins and dienes blocks to represent two digit numbers. They did a fabulous job!



LEARNING IN ACTION IN YEAR 2 THIS WEEK!

As part of their Art curriculum, our Year 2 children have been busy creating maps for their route to school. They used cardboard and scrap materials to produce their final pieces.

They then made their own view finders and took a section of their map to create a stain glass effect using tissue and cellophane. The end results were fantastic!

Well done Fantasia class!

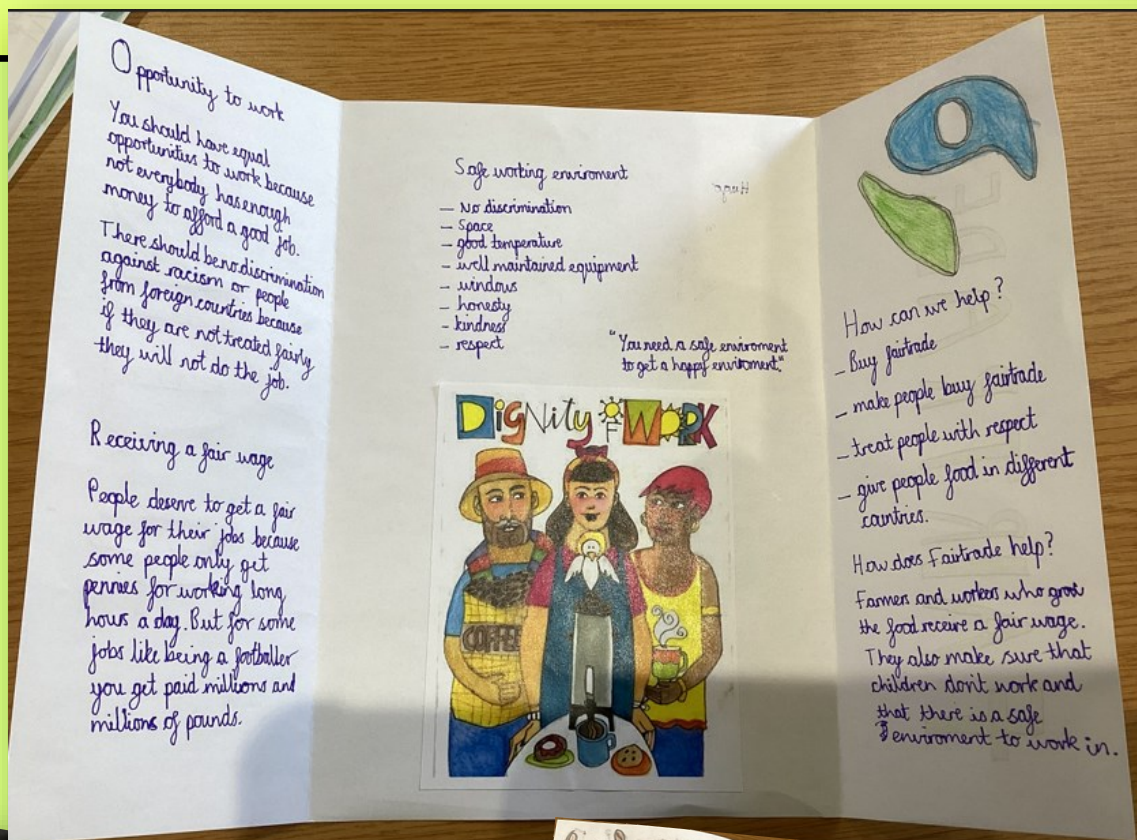


YEAR 6 LEARNING IN ACTION

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

A message from Mrs Vernon....

As part of our Catholic Social Teaching, Year 6 have looked at what dignity at work means. They put together a leaflet to explain what dignity at work should look like, such as: fair wage, safe working environments, being respected, no discrimination and everyone having the opportunity to work. They also thought about how we could help people get a fair wage by buying Fairtrade products. It has provoked interesting discussion and also helped us think about how we look after and respect one another in our 'workplace' at school.

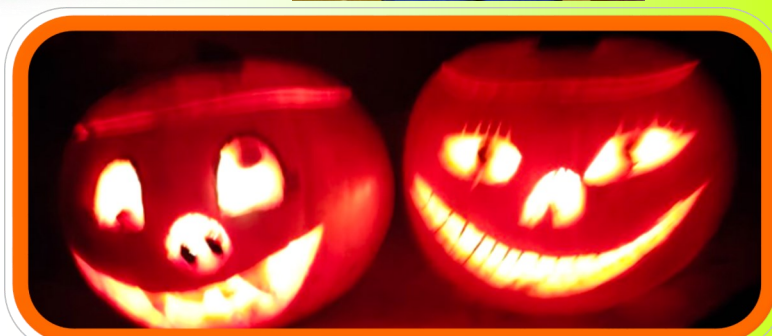


**PUMPKIN CARVING IN
ACTION!**



**Great!
Job!**





Parent Governor Vacancies



Our Governing Board has provision for TWO Parent Governors and these positions will commence 6th January 2025. An email was sent to parents on Wednesday of this week, including more information about the process.

Parent governors: are parents of children at the school who are eligible to stand for election to be governors by other parents and carers. Parent governors are 'representative parents' rather than 'representatives of the parents', and in common with other governors, are concerned with the welfare of the school as a whole.

Please follow the link below to learn more about the role of a governor.



When we return from half term on Monday 4th November we will be selling a variety of Poppy Appeal items in the school office. All items are £1 each and we have a selection of snap-bands, wristbands, pencil sharpeners and rubbers. Thank you as always for your support.



RECEPTIONS ADMISSIONS

September 2025

Do you have a child
born between
1 September 2020
and 31 August 2021

If so you will need to
apply for a school
place by 15th Jan 25
(to commence Sept 25)

*St Joseph's Primary School is a thriving
and happy primary school, providing a
broad and balanced curriculum.*

*To arrange a visit, please contact us on
the details below.*



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COMPETITION TIME FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS!



Herefordshire Council is running a very special competition for primary school pupils to help name our fleet of gritters that are in action to keep our roads safe during the colder months.

It's a great opportunity for Herefordshire children to get thinking creatively over half term. Attached is also an optional colouring sheet so entrants can use their crayons, pencils or felt tips and have fun creating their own gritter!

The competition is open to the following age groups:

- 3 to 5 years
- 6 to 7 years
- 8 to 11 years

All entrants have to do is visit the official [competition page](#), enter a few key details so that we can contact the winners, and submit their suggested name for one of our gritters.

Each winner will be invited to attend the Balfour Beatty Living Places depot to meet their gritter in person, along with some of the winter heroes who maintain and operate them. They will also be awarded their own competition winner certificate to take home with them.

But this isn't all - a new online system is launching this winter that will allow people to see the locations and progress of the gritters in real time. This means the competition winners will be able to follow their named gritter as they work hard to keep Herefordshire roads safe during the colder months.

The deadline for entries is Tuesday 27 October 2024.

If you have any questions about our gritter naming competition, please email submit@herefordshire.gov.uk

Diary Dates

Monday 4 th November- Friday 8 th November	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Week!
Tuesday 5 th November	Year 4 Community Gardens visit PM
Friday 8 th November	FSJ Football Fundraiser
Friday 8 th November	Curry and Quiz Night
Monday 11 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 11 th November	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 12 th November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 27 th November	Flu Vaccinations
FRIDAY 29 th November	Whole school—ATHLETE DAY!
Thursday 5 th December	Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Fayre
Thursday 12 th December	Nursery Nativity @ 2:30pm
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Dinner Day and Afternoon Show
Monday 16 th September	Reception visit to Clearwell Caves
Tuesday 17 th December	Key Stage 1 Santa Safari
Tuesday 17 th December	Key Stage 2 Santa at the Stadium
Thursday 19 th December	End of Term Mass
Friday 20 th December	Nursery Christmas Party @ 11:00am
Friday 20 th December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance
Friday 20 th December	End of Term
Monday 23 rd December	HOLIDAY CLUB
Monday 30 th and Tuesday 31 st December	
Thursday 2 nd and Friday 3 rd January	
Monday 6 th January	Children return to school for Spring Term

Cooking Club

A message from Miss Sadler....

We had a spooky week at Cooking Club this week and decorated lots of Halloween treats! The children first made Oreo monsters by dunking them in melted orange, green or white chocolate. They then decorated their monsters with googly eyes, icing and Halloween sprinkles. Then children then used these decorations to make a Halloween cupcake. We were so excited to eat our sweet and spooky treats!



Gardening Club

A message from Mrs Hodges

This week in gardening club we finally got to try our long awaited cucumber and it was definitely a hit! Well done to you all it was delicious! We pulled up our remaining carrots and some nice sized parsnip, we will wait a few more weeks to pull the rest in the hope they will be even bigger! We pulled up our tomato plants and put on our compost heap as we cleared our smaller greenhouse out for winter. We took turns in clearing the greenhouse roof for maximum sunlight and raked up the leaves around our area to keep it tidy. We were very lucky to have help from Mr Webb today as he started digging our pond, a big thank you to him!



MARK THIS ON YOUR
CALENDAR

QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT

JOIN US FOR OUR QUIZ AND CURRY NIGHT TO RAISE MONEY FOR
OUR SCHOOL AND NURSERY. THERE WILL BE QUESTIONS FOR THE
WHOLE FAMILY!

THERE WILL BE A CHICKEN CURRY AND VEGETABLE CURRY KINDLY
DONATED TO US BY HAZELHURST NURSING HOME AND A LICENSED
BAR.

TICKET INCLUDES
QUIZ ENTRY, A
RAFFLE TICKET
AND A CURRY

FRIDAY 8TH NOV

5:30PM-9PM

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL HALL

TICKETS: ADULT £10 / CHILDREN £5

MAXIMUM 10 PEOPLE PER TEAM

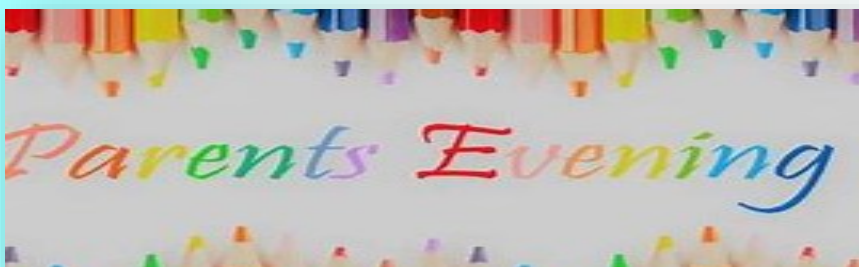
AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

SCHOOL GAMES MARK AWARD



Our year 6 representatives, attended the Herefordshire School Games Mark Awards Evening, on Monday at Whitecross School. We were proud to receive the Gold Award for the third consecutive year. This is such an amazing achievement for our school community- Well done to all and keep up the great work! Now we have achieved this award for the third time, this year we are eligible to work towards our Platinum Award...!

Onwards and upwards!!!



We will be holding our Autumn term Parents' Evening on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th November. Parents have been sent an email link today to book an appointment online.

These meetings are important for parents and teachers to work together and openly communicate about the children's progress and wellbeing. We look forward to welcoming you to these in a few weeks time.

FIRST WEEK BACK!
MONDAY 4TH—FRIDAY 8TH
NOVEMBER

NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Speak out. Stay safe.
programme



When we return after half term we will be participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme . Speak out. Stay safe. is a programme for children aged 5-11 which

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

If you would like to know more about the Speak Out Stay Safe Programme please visit:

www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Tuesday

On Tuesday 5th November , Year 4 will be venturing down to the Community Gardens, with Tim and his team for an afternoon of outdoor learning.

The children will be leaving straight after their lunch at 12:45pm. Please can they bring in old, comfortable clothes to change into.

Wednesday

On Wednesday 6th November, Year 4 swimming lessons start. Can children please be in school for 8:40am prompt, with their swimming kits and a snack for the way back! Many thanks.

FSJ NEWS!

On the 8th of November the FSJ are hosting a football fundraiser so that we can buy some lovely new PE equipment for the children to use in their lessons.

We will be emailing out sponsorship forms so that you can ask your family and friends for sponsorship over half term.



FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER

WE ARE RAISING MONEY FOR

NEW PE EQUIPMENT

HOW FAST CAN YOU KICK IT?

WIN



FAMILY TOUR OF WEMBLEY STADIUM



EVENT DATE

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

SPONSOR DEADLINE

TUES 5TH NOV 2024 | 5:00pm

To ensure your child receives their prizes on the day of the event, all sponsor money must be donated online before the date and time shown above.

NURSERY IN ACTION THIS WEEK
A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO



The children have been focusing on the The Bear Hunt story this week. We have

been sorting and counting the coloured bears and going on a bear hunt in forest school.

They have also loved creating Autumn handprints and colour mixing and playing hopscotch together on the playground.

Have a lovely half term!





**A message from Mrs
Urding...**

Our Liturgy Leaders led our Worship assembly on Wednesday. They explained that the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and how praying the rosary can bring us closer to Jesus and Mary. Our Liturgy Leaders clearly explained how to pray the rosary and then followed this with reading one of the stories from the joyful mysteries, the Visitation. Following this they reminded us all that we can pray one decade of the rosary in our classes, at home or alone and that we can ask God to keep us safe, to walk by our side when we need it or to say thank you for our friends and family. They finished their Liturgy by inviting us all to say the Hail Mary together. Thank you Liturgy leaders.

WELL DONE!

Well done to Jacob. D in Year 5 who is thriving at representing his rugby team in Coleford. He is thoroughly enjoying his weekly training and matches and we are all really proud of you! Keep up the great work Jacob!



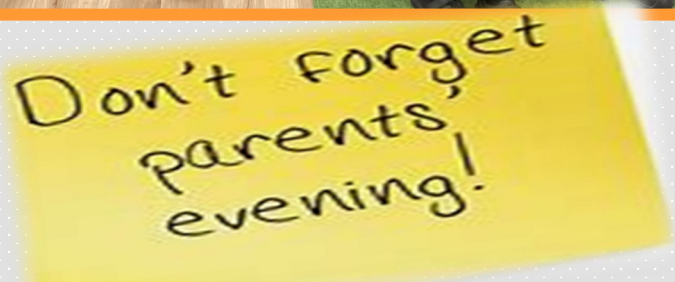
A HUGE congratulations to Isla.W in year 3, who completed a fantastic poster in her own time at home, all about our Catholic social teaching principles. She produced some beautiful art work on how we can be responsible for looking after our planet.

Great work Isla!





Happy Birthday to all our October birthdays! Wishing you all a very happy time celebrating with family and friends!



SWIFTIES	95%
ABBA	100%
FANTASIA	96.18%
ZIMMER	99.2%
ALISHA	96.15%
MIRANDA	99.57%
SHEERIOS	96%

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Royal Writer's CERTIFICATE

This certificate is awarded to



Pot of Gold



Enjoy your week and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 4th November.

God Bless

Mrs Francis

