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NEWSLETTER

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Catholic Life of the School

As October is the month of Mary, Miss Lally organised a whole school activity to support the children in learning how to pray the Rosary. The whole school met in the School Hall where they were put into their House Groups and the children created a decade of the Rosary together.

We celebrated our 3rd annual 'Grandparents' Day' on Friday 6th October when we welcomed 67 Grandparents and other special family members/friends into our school. The Grandparents supported not just their Grandchildren but worked in small groups in each class to complete a wide variety of tasks. In the Reception Class they created tree paintings, autumn wreaths and hedgehogs; in Year 1 they interviewed their Grandparents, painted self-portraits, read stories and write prayers; in Year 2 they also interviewed their Grandparents and created paper plate Koalas to link with their topic on Australia and in Year 3 they used the ipads to research Anglo Saxon jobs. The Year 4 classroom was very 'sparkly' as they created a variety of pictures linked to Harvest and also made Pandora's Box. In Year 5 they created silhouettes of WWII during The Blitz and the Year 6 class created mythical creatures to link with their creative writing. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive – 'lovely to see how my grand-daughter interacts with others', 'great to take part with the children', and one of our former Headteachers wrote 'Thank you for inviting us – not had so much fun with glue and glitter in years! Please apologise to the cleaners for us!' I visited every classroom and witnessed many happy faces, a lot of laughter and a real sense of community and sharing. We will post more photos on the class pages as soon as we can access them on our website.



Year 1



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Year 4

On Monday we had our first 'Wow' day when we were visited by Leslie who led 7 inspirational workshops across the whole school, including a sharing assembly at the end of the day. Our theme was 'Superheroes' and we had a very impressive selection of Superheroes on display this year. There were many 'Spiderman' and 'Batgirl' costumes, several 'Super TA' (Teaching Assistant) costumes and everything from 'Wonder Woman' to 'Superman' Princess Superheroes, 'Iron Man' 'Captain America' and an 'Incredible Hulk'. A huge thank you to all of the parents for providing the costumes. Lesley linked her story telling, sign language and dance to the focus for the Topic Work in each class as well as our Learning Powers. It was an extremely enjoyable day and it was a pleasure seeing all of the children joining in with the dancing and sign language and also sharing it with the rest of the school at the end of the afternoon.



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Yesterday we were visited by 2 representatives from CAFOD who came to talk to us about this year's Harvest Campaign – 'Brighten Up Harvest' and the work taking place in El Salvador. The children were impeccably behaved during the assembly and listened very carefully to how the support enables people to provide food for their families – sometimes by growing their own crops, or by running a business such as selling chickens. This year our **Harvest Assembly** will take place on Friday 20th October at 9:15. The children are invited to wear clothes of bright colours and bring in a contribution of £1.00 (or more if you wish) to support the 'Brighten Up Harvest' campaign of CAFOD. We are also collecting donations for the DENS Dacorum Food Bank which we will take there after the Harvest Assembly. If you are able to make a donation, please send it in by Thursday 19th October so that we can set everything out for our Harvest Assembly. We look forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Assembly on Thursday morning. The doors will be opened at 9:00 am once the morning 'rush' has finished and children are in their classrooms. Thank You.

BLP Awards

Congratulations to the children who have received a 'Superhero' award this week:

Year 1 – Natalia Mandimutsira , Year 2 –Hugo Smitten , Year 3 – Ellie Godley, Year 4 – Lola Buzzle, Year 5 – Poppy Mander, Year 6 - Grace Taylor

Many congratulations to the following children for their outside school achievements:

Gracie Nash – Irish Dancing 1st in Award Reel and 4th in her age group in the British National Championship.

Dara Jones – Irish Dancing – competed in the All Scotland Championships last week and placed 14th out of 58 girls from the UK, Ireland, USA and Canada.

Our children spent time in their classrooms discussing the democratic process of elections when they elected their School Council representatives. The School Council bring ideas from their classmates and represent the school at various events and activities throughout the year including fund-raising and determining how we can support awareness of the Common Good across all communities and also enhance our own community. This was then expanded to their House groups where they elected their House Captains and Vice-Captains. The House Captains and Vice-Captains also lead the children in their Houses during cross-school activity days such as our Wow days, lead the teams during Sports Day and also lead fund-raising activities. The children who expressed an interest in standing for these positions had to present a speech to their class and House mates who then voted for the children they felt would be the best representatives. Thank you to all of our children for taking part in this democratic process and congratulations to all of the children who were elected.

Secondary School Applications

Mrs Anderton and I will be running a short information session for parents on Thursday 19th October at 2:45 pm. If you have not yet made a firm decision about the choice of school for your child, please make sure you visit EVERY school that is available to you as an option before the schools break up for half term on Friday 20th October. Please check if any of the schools require a 'Supplementary Information Form' or 'SIF' as that will need to be sent directly to the school. Please also note that the deadline for the Herts County Council online applications is 31st October, 2017. At the information meeting we will also have some SATs revision books available for you to order/purchase.



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PE Twitter Account

Mrs Lulham has asked me to let you know that she will be sending out details next week regarding her new PE Twitter account.

Other Sporting News

In other sporting news, our Year 3 children went to a Cross-Country festival at Adeyfield School on Wednesday. Out of all of the Dacorum Schools that took part, our girls team came in 3rd place and the boys were 2nd. Overall the team came 3rd.

The Bronze Sports Ambassadors are Ellie Brennan and Beth Irvine. Our Health/Activity Leaders are Madeleine Smith and Achidaishe Padzakashamba. They went to the David Lloyd Centre in Hatfield for a day of training and have already been talking to the newly formed Sports Crew of Holly Sells, Billy Redman, Ella Pinfold, Oliver Leung and Daniel Ifode. They have a weekly meeting with Mrs Lulham, update information on our website, announce results in assembly, organise events and generally help to improve fitness and sports opportunities across the whole school.

Dates for the rest of this term

17.10.17	Contemporary Dance lessons Year 4 FS2 Family Lunch 11:50
18.10.17	Individual School Photos
20.10.17	Harvest Festival
23.10.17	Half Term break
30.10.17	Wow Day (RE theme – ‘Creation’)
3.11.17	Class Assembly – Year 4
6.11.17	Foundation Stage Wow Day
10.11.17	F Stage and KS1 classes to the cinema Class Assembly – Year 2
14.11.17	Mass for the Feast of St Albert the Great with Fr Kim 9:15
15.11.17	Theme Day - Feast of St Albert the Great Parent and child ‘sharing learning’ 2:45-3:10
16.11.17	World Philosophy Day
17.11.17	Children in Need Day Year 5 and 6 to Duxford Museum
23.11.17	KS2 classes to the cinema
24.11.17	Class Assembly – Year 1
1.12.17	KS2 Advent Service
12.12.17	School Choir to Westminster Cathedral (am) KS1 Nativity (pm)
13.12.17	Christmas Lunch
14.12.17	Reception to Year 6 trip to the Pantomime in St Albans (am)
15.12.17	FS1 and FS2 Nativity 11:00 End of Term Assembly 2:45 (parents welcome)
18.12.17	Class Parties Mr Marvel in F Stage (am) Christmas Carol Service at Our Lady’s 7:00 pm
19.12.17	Term Ends 1:30 pm
3.1.18	INSET Day (School closed to children)
4.1.18	New Term begins for all children

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