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In this weeks Gospel we heard the parable of the unforgiving servant. I spoke to the children on Monday about



the joy of forgiveness and how it can bring healing and peace to ourselves and how it impacts those that we forgive.

The children heard a story about a teacher who had

a particularly challenging class so decided to give them some potatoes. He asked them to write the names



of all the people they disliked (because they had been mean to them) on the potatoes. They were then asked to place the potatoes into a bag and were made to carry them for the next two weeks. Of course the potatoes went bad and began to give off a foul smell. The children wanted to get rid of the bags but weren't allowed to. It was explained to the class that this is what hate does and the only way to get rid of it is to forgive.

The idea of forgiveness is one of the most important in the Gospel. Evil and ill feeling grows like a disease. The only thing that can stop it is a willingness to forgive and love.

The children also learnt the sign for forgive in assembly. It's a really nice one and represents wiping the slate clean. See if they can remember it.

Have a lovely weekend.



22nd September 2023

Year 6 PGL and Secondary School applications

On Tuesday 3rd October we will be holding a PGL and Secondary School transition evening. I am delighted that the Headteacher of Douay Martyrs (Mrs McCloskey) will be joining us to speak about Douay Martyrs our local Catholic Secondary school. The Year 6 children should have brought a letter home this week.

Stage Talent

Book a Free one-to-one Music Lesson

For children aged 4+ wishing to learn piano, guitar, ukulele or drums at our school.

Register by text : 07782503260 and include: Child's Name, Age, Music Instrument or register at: <u>www.stagetalent.co.uk/register</u>



Mr Doherty





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We are so fortunate to be able to provide Irish Dancing on Thursday nights. We started this week and there was a wonderful atmosphere in the school. It would be great to see even more of our children attending, especially boys! Please contact Rubie to enrol your child for a free taster session. This is open to children that don't attend St Catherine so please spread the word.



ABOUT US

Irish dance classes taught by champion dancers Rubie and Lacey Caulfield

Dance Class Every Thursday St Catherine Catholic Primary School Money Lane, West Drayton, UB7 7NX All abilities 6-8pm

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Chess club

We have had such an amazing response to our offer of an after school chess club, that we will now be offering two clubs. One for beginners (on Mondays) and intermediate players (on Tuesdays).

Both clubs will run from 3pm until 4pm. Payment will need to be made in advance for the remainder of half term (£16). Please make sure this payment is made via ParentPay by Monday.

The children have been notified today as to which club they can join. If there are any issues (or you didn't receive a slip) please contact the office.



Respect for our neighbours We have three golden rules at school-Ready, Safe and **Respect.** All of our rules can be traced back to these three.

As parents and carers we must set the example to our children. Please show respect for our neighbours in Wren Drive by not parking in the numbered bays. These are for residents only. Our friends in Wren Drive kindly ask that you only park in the bays marked 'V' for visitors. Many thanks for your co-operation on this matter.

Altar servers

If any boys or girls, who have received Holy Communion, would be interested in training as altar servers at St Catherines Church please speak to Mr Doherty or email the office directly. This is a wonderful way for our children to become active members of our parish Church.



Occupational Therapy stay and play workshop—change of date

Please note that the date of our OT workshop has changed to Tuesday 17th October at 8.45am. The workshop will be followed by a stay and play visit to EYFS. All Nursery and Reception parents are welcome to attend. Our calendar has been amended.







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Pedestrian training

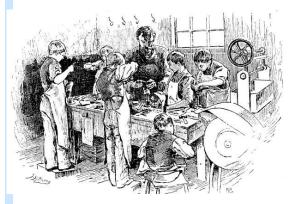
This week Years 4 and 5 received their annual Pedestrian training from the Hillingdon School Travel and Road Safety team. Thank you to the staff from the team and to Mr McCosker for volunteering to help out. The children learnt how to cross between parked cars, how to use different types of crossings and why seatbelts are so important.





This weeks attendance

This weeks attendance is at 95.9%. A % slight fall from last week. Year 1 have the highest attendance rate of 99.3%



Well done to Pricilla (year 6) who came to me this week to show me her wonderful topic work on Victorian workhouses. It was wonderful to hear how enthused Pricilla was about the topic. She spoke so eloquently about how badly treated the people were who were forced to live there.



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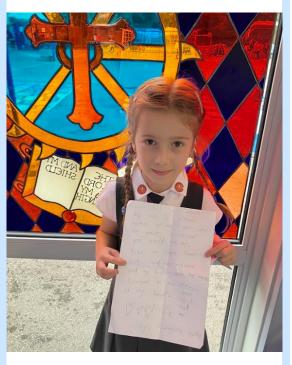
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It is such a joy when children come and tell me about the wonderful things they have found out using the internet. Used properly it is an amazing tool for learning. We are a school that promotes a love for music so imagine my delight when Zuzanna from Year 2 shared a favourite hymn of hers (Spirit lead me) that she discovered on you tube. She had even written out the lyrics! This is the QR code for the song:





Out of this world artwork!



Well done Isabella (Year 2) for this wonderful painting of the solar system. Not only is Isabella a gifted artist but she was also able to name all of the planets in order!

Swim superstar!



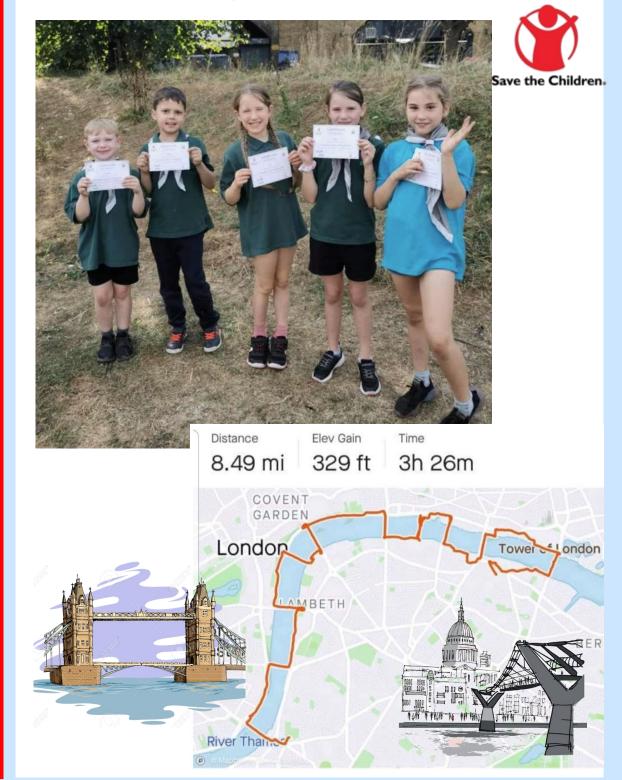
Well done to Ciara in Year 4 who won a gold medal for Hillingdon Swimming club last Saturday. Congratulations! The future looks bright for our school swim team!



St Catherine Catholic Primary School NEWSLETTER® 22nd September

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It is wonderful to see the children of St Catherine involved in charitable works outside school. This is Catholic Social Teaching in action. 2nd West Drayton Scout group completed a sponsored 10 Bridge Challenge Walk, raising money for Save the Children. Well done to Castiel, David, Lily, Fara and Erin.



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Sool SC



Come and join us for some delicious home cooked Italian food and fun games for the whole family.

Book your table for 6, tickets available on the playground. Limited space available so don't delay.



Dates for the diary

Family games night - Saturday 30th September 3-7pm

Bags2School -

Thursday 2nd November



AGM - Thursday 9th November 7pm

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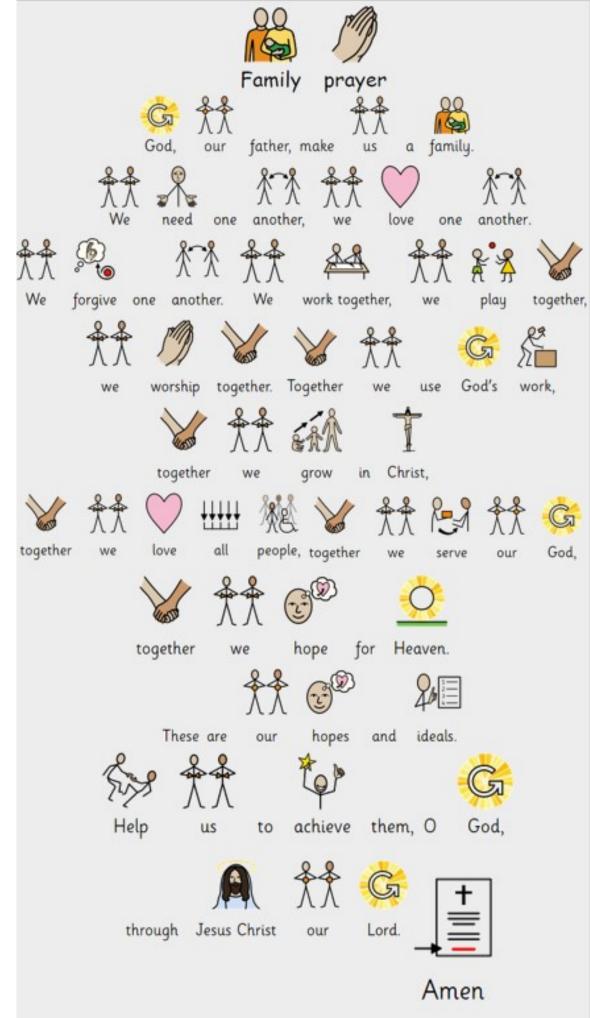
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Our prayer for September is called the 'Family Prayer'. Encourage your children to read this during September and try to make it a prayer with which they are familiar.



<u>Autumn term diary dates</u>

<u>Autumn (1st half)</u>













St Catherine Term Dates 2023/2024

Autumn Term 2023

Mon Sept 4th - INSET DAY

Start of term - Tuesday 5th September 2023 End of term - Friday 20th October 2023

Half term - Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023

Start of term - Monday 30th October 2023 End of term - Wednesday 20th December 2023 *Thurs 21st December - INSET DAY*

Christmas Holidays - Friday 22nd December 2023- Friday 5th January 2024

Spring Term 2024

Monday 8th January - INSET DAY Start of Term - Tues 9th January 2024 End of Term - Friday 9th February 2024

Half Term - Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024

Start of Term - Monday 19th February 2024 End of Term - Thursday 28th March 2024 *Good Friday - Friday 29th March*

Easter Holidays - Friday 29th March- Friday 12th April 2024

Summer Term 2024

Start of Term - Monday 15th April 2024 End of Term - Thursday 23rd May 2024 *Friday 24th May - INSET DAY*

Half Term - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024

Start of Term - Monday 3rd June 2024 End of Term - Tuesday 23rd July 2024 *Wednesday 24th July - INSET DAY*