



Diary Dates

Mon 15th Jan
Be Active
multisports
Yrs 1-3
3-3.50pm

Lego club—Mrs
Wassef Yrs 1-3
3-3.50pm

Netball squad
training
Yrs 5 and 6
3-3.50pm

Beginners chess
club 3-4pm

11+ club Year 4
with Dorrie—
Leap Ahead
Tuition
3-4.15pm

Tues 16th Jan
Star of term
Mass
9.30am in
Church

Intermediate
chess club
3-4pm

Music club
(Yrs 5 and 6)
3-3.50pm

Multisports with
PSD (KS2)
3-3.50pm

Irish Dancing
school
6pm-8pm

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a peaceful Christmas and New Year. It has been lovely to welcome your children back this week and they have hit the road running!

Last Sunday we celebrated the Epiphany. In whole school assembly on Tuesday we heard the story of the 4th wise man (Artaban).

Artaban has 3 gifts for the baby (a ruby, a sapphire and a pearl). As he travels to meet up with his 3 friends he is delayed after helping an injured man. He nurses him back to health and gives his sapphire in payment to the innkeeper. When he finally arrives in Bethlehem he finds out that he has missed the baby's birth and that the family have fled to Egypt because King Herod had ordered the killing of all babies. Artaban gives his ruby

on the day that Jesus is to be crucified. As he walks through the city he sees a slave girl being sold and she begs Artaban to free her. He uses the final pearl to obtain her freedom.

Disconsolate, he makes his way to the cross to see Jesus and inform him that he has no gift. I hope the children will be able to tell you what Jesus says next.

This week I have asked the children to think carefully about what they will gift to Jesus this year. It may be that they will try extra hard in school or remember to say thank you and please. It may be that they will give more to charity or pray for those in need. Talk with your children about what they will give to Jesus.

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty



to a group of soldiers to stop them taking a baby from its mother. Left with 1 pearl Artaban searches for 33 years for the baby who is now a man. He finally arrives in Jerusalem



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Wed 17th Jan
Badminton
Festival Year 3
at Cranford
Community
School (during
school day)

BE-ACTIVE
football
(Years 4-6)
3-3.50pm

Gymnastics club
with Mrs Doherty
Years 1-3
3-3.50pm

Computing club
with Mr Lynam
Years 4-6
3-3.50pm

11+ Club with
Dorrie/ Leap
ahead tuition
(Yr 5)
3-4.15pm

Thurs 11th Jan
BE ACTIVE
football club
Yrs 1-3
3-3.50pm

Netball match vs
St Bernadettes
away
3.30pm

Fri 12th Jan
Miss Wiggins'
drawing club
(Yrs 4-6)
3-3.50pm

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Start of term Mass

Next Tuesday the school will celebrate the start of term with Mass in Church at 9.30. Please join us if you can.

Parents Evening

Please note that Parents Evening will be on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February. Further information to follow.

Height and weight checks for children in Year 6 and Reception

This week parents/ carers of children in Reception and Year 6 will have received a letter via ParentPay regarding height and weight checks to be carried out on 24th January in school.

You need to **opt out** if you do not wish your child to have their height and weight measured.

This weeks attendance

This weeks attendance is at 94.3%. Down 0.5% from the week before Christmas. Year 3 had the highest attendance rate of 96.2%.

Well done Year 3!



This week we welcomed Miss Bains (our new Nursery teacher) and Miss Simmonds (our new Year 2 teacher) to St Catherines.

We also welcomed back Mrs Pearce to the team.

We hope they will all have a long and happy time at our school.



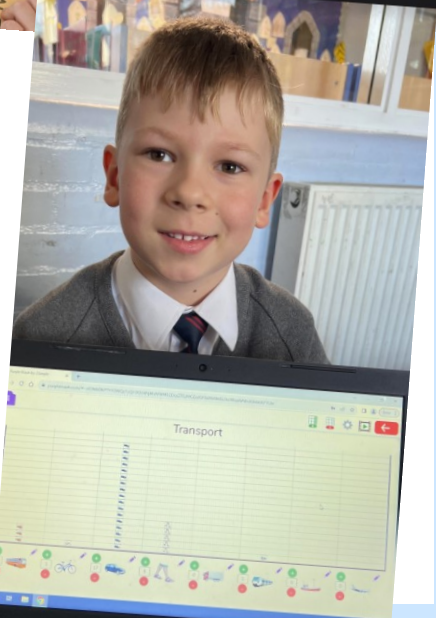
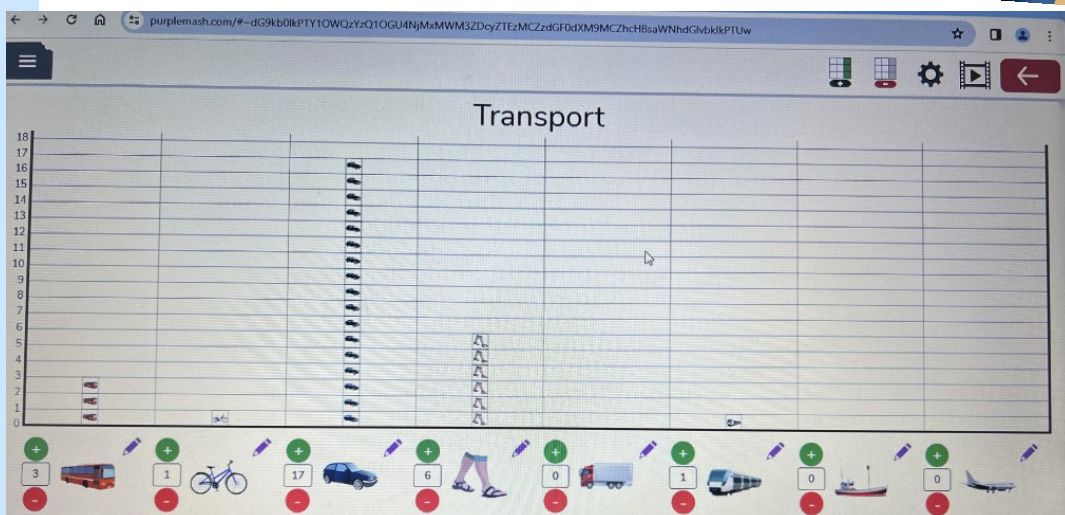
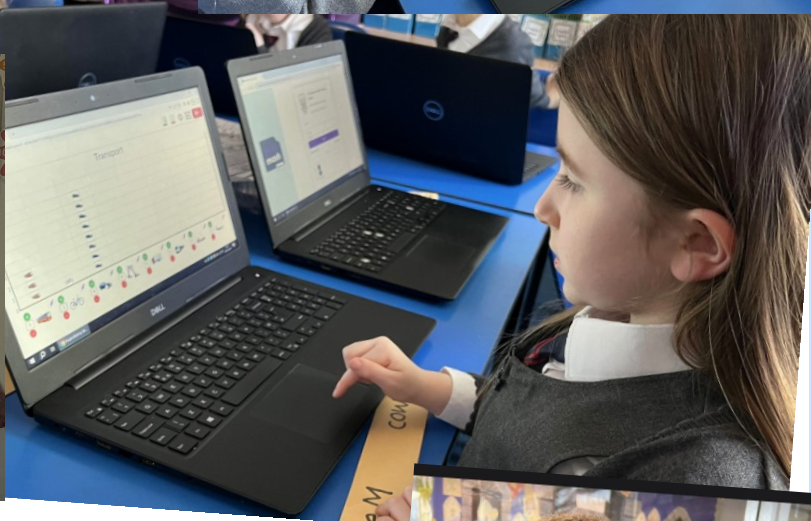
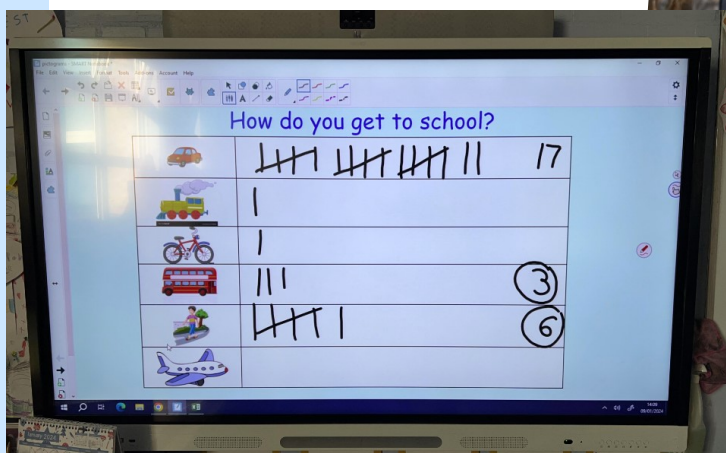
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Year 1 Computing

Year 1 have been learning about pictograms! They asked the class which mode of transport they use to get to school. They then transferred their tally chart into a pictograms using a computer! The most popular transport used to get to school is a car! Fantastic work Year 1! Not so fantastic that we are using cars so much parents!!!!





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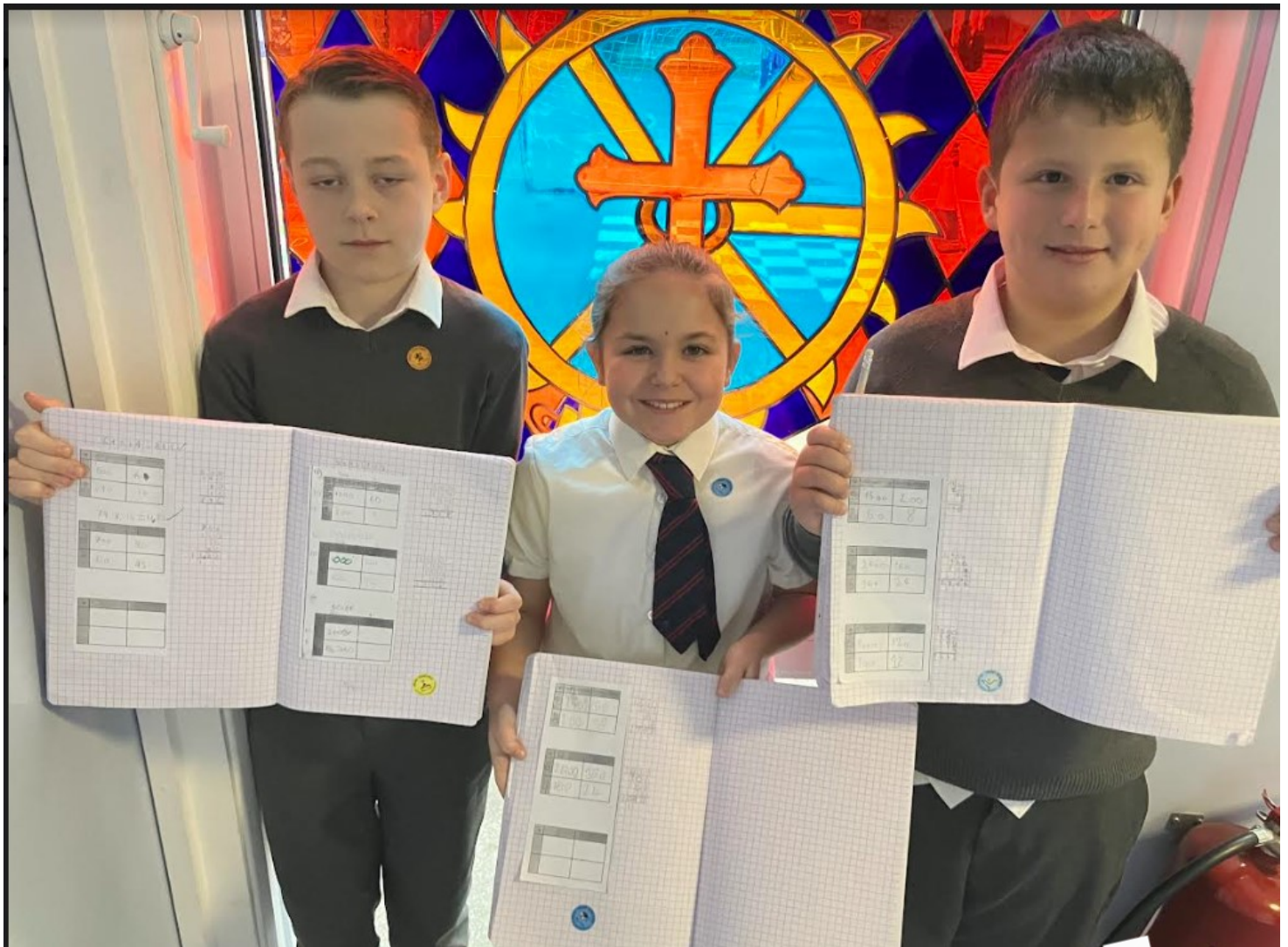
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Marvellous maths

What a lovely visit I had from three Year 5 children today sharing their maths work on multiplying 2 digit by 2 digit numbers. Well done to Sienna, Nathan and Riley. Super impressive.



$$32 \times 26 = ?$$

$$\begin{array}{r|l} \times & 20 \quad 6 \\ \hline 30 & \\ 2 & \end{array}$$



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Happy new year from all of us.



Our next FSCS meeting is coming up next week, Thursday 18th January. Please come along to find out our plans for this year.

Valentine's disco coming up soon, dates to be confirmed.




Dates for the diary

FSCS meeting- Thursday 18th January. 7PM.



Our prayer for January is the Guardian Angel prayer. We ask, at the start of the year, for the angels to look after all of us. Please make this a prayer that you say regularly with your child at home so that they learn it off by heart, if possible.





Guardian angel prayer

Angel of God my guardian dear

To whom God's love commits me here

Ever this day be at my side

To light and guard to rule and guide

Amen

Spring term diary dates

Tuesday 16th January: Start of term school Mass at 9.30 in Church

Wednesday 17th January: Badminton Festival at Cranford Community College during school day

Thursday 18th January: FSCS meeting at 7pm

Monday 22nd January: Year 2,3,4 Football tournament at ACS school Hillingdon 2.45-4pm

Monday 29th January: Year 4 trip to the Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge

Wednesday 31st January: Year 1 school trip to Milestones Museum

Monday 5th February: Mental Health week at school

Tuesday 6th February: Parents Evening 3:30-5:30pm

Thursday 8th February: Parents Evening 4-7pm

Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February: Half term holiday

Thursday 28th March—Year 6 Passion Play at 9am in school.
Year 6 parents/carers and families welcome

Thursday 28th March—Accessorize day

Thursday 28th March—Last day of term (finish at 2pm)

Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April - Easter holiday

Monday 15th April—Start of Summer term

