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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful first week back. The children have settled quickly back into routines and we are all looking forward to the year ahead.

Thank you to all of the school staff for working so hard to make the children's return to school so seamless.

We began the year with a whole school assembly reminding the children about their 5 trusted adults who they can go to if they are worried, anxious, scared or angry. I told them that I don't mind who they tell as long as they tell somebody. Again, as with last year, it was wonderful that many of our children said they would speak to God.

I reminded them how important it is that we communicate when we are feeling anything less than happy and ready to learn and that when we are feeling any of these extreme emotions our brain functions shrink into the amygdala and we become capable of only three things: flight, fight or freeze. We cannot live our lives in all their fullness or learn at school when our brains are functioning in this way.

Make sure you ask your children who their 5 trusted adults are that they would feel able to share problems with at home and school.

I also shared with the children a short mantra that they can repeat over and over the next time they are feeling overwhelmed: 'Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you'. It is a prayer that my own mother taught me and it really works!

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty



Scarlet fever

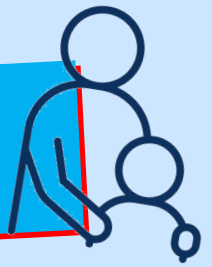
We have had a number of confirmed cases of scarlet fever this week in school. Please see NHS website for more information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/scarlet-fever/>





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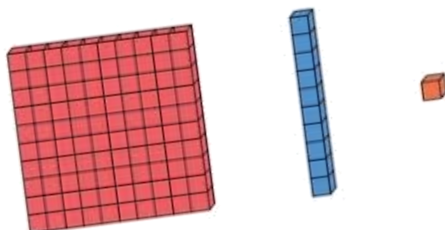
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Thank you to Austeja (daughter of our caretaker Bart), who completed Martyna Deneka's 'Life in all its Fullness' stained glass window over the holidays. I think you will agree it looks incredible. Well done again to Martyna for her winning design.

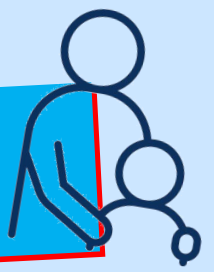


Well done to Sienna and Santana who were sent to see me with their first piece of maths work this term on place value. A super start to Year 6 girls! Keep it up.





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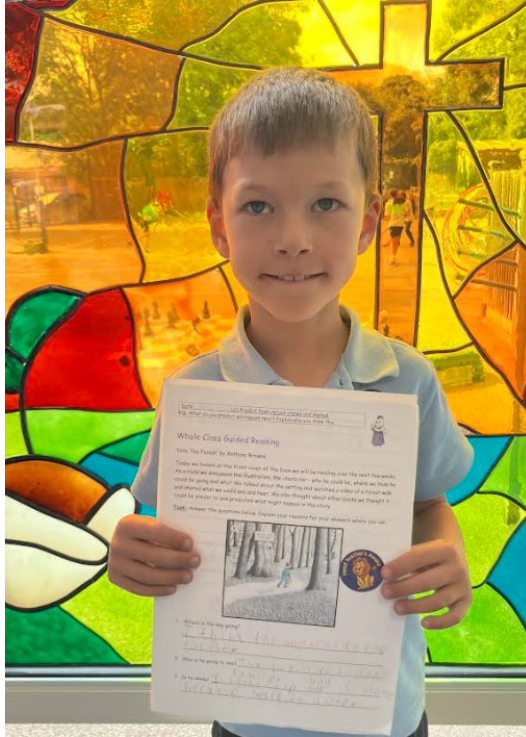
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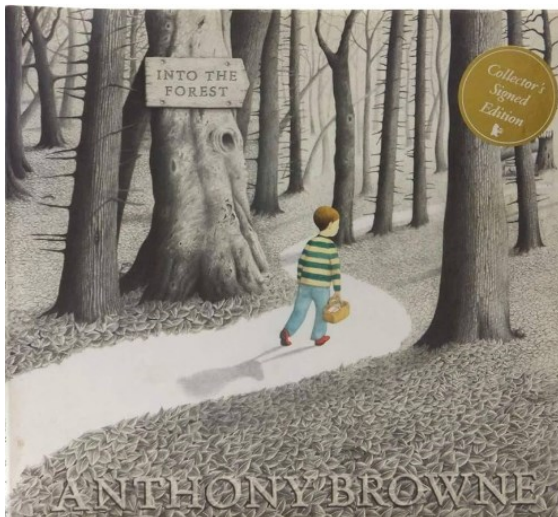
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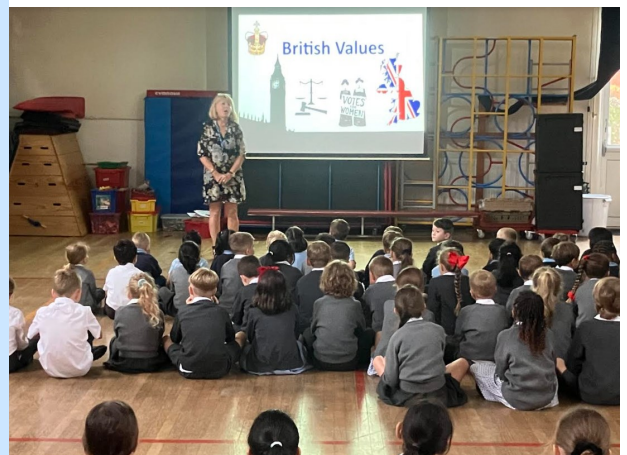
Well done to Victor in Year 3, who was sent to see me with wonderful work from his English lesson this week. The children are reading 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne and had to guess what the book was about using clues in the cover illustration.



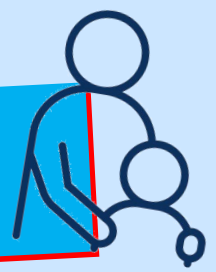
Homework this week

No homework has been set on google classroom this week but you should find that your child has been issued with a reading book (which they should be reading) and Years 3-6 have been asked to prepare a short speech/ manifesto for the School Council elections, which will take place next week. Years 1 and 2 chose their Councillors in class this week.

British Values assembly



Thank you to Mrs Reardon, who delivered a whole school assembly this week on the value of democracy ahead of our School Council elections. Mrs Reardon has asked Years 3-6 to prepare a manifesto to be delivered next week ahead of the class ballots. See what your children remember from the assembly. Perhaps ask them what language the word democracy comes from.



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Raincoats

Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing in school for wet weather. They should all, at least, have a light, waterproof coat to wear at this time of year. It is very important that the children get outside for breaktimes and lunchtimes and even if it is raining lightly we will be sending them outside. Children without coats will be required to stay inside or sit under shelter at break and lunch if they do not have appropriate clothing. Can I remind you that all coats should be of a single block colour. Thanking you in advance for your co operation.



Met police visit and parent workshop.

Next Wednesday the Metropolitan police will be visiting Years 2,3 and 5 to talk about the role of the police and staying safe.

As part of their visit they will be holding a 1 hour workshop between 2pm and 3pm in the school library on Internet Safety. Please come along to learn more about keeping your children safe online.



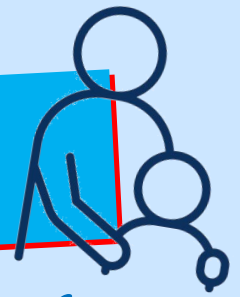
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Running club will resume for the squad that was training at the end of last term on Friday at 3pm. We will be holding trials for new members this half term.





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Relationship and Health Education workshop for parents

Next half term we will be delivering a new Relationship and Health Education programme in school. This is a programme produced by Ten Ten called 'Life to the Full' and is fully approved by the Diocese of Westminster. We will be holding a parent information workshop on Thursday 19th September in school. Please come along if you wish to find out more in advance. We will share information following the workshop if you are unable to attend.

Reading champ!

Well done to Jacob in Year 4, who completed the Hillingdon Library Marvellous Makers Summer reading challenge! Well done Jacob. This is a wonderful achievement and I know you must have read lots of books!

I would be delighted if other children who have completed the challenge could bring their certificates to school so they can be celebrated in the newsletter too. The challenge finishes tomorrow so get to the library if you can!





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19th July 2024

Welcome back everyone, we hope you all had a wonderful summer.

Dates for the Diary

FSCS meeting - Thursday 12th September

Bag2school - Tuesday 19th November



The attached invitation was sent out to all of our Year 5 children this week.



The Douay Martyrs
Catholic Secondary School

Open Evening

Thursday 19 September 2024

From 5pm - 8pm

▶ Headteacher Presentation
at 5.15pm, 6pm & 7pm

Open Mornings

Tuesday 24 September 2024

From 8.45am - 10.45am

Tuesday 1 October 2024

From 8.45am - 10.45am

Come and talk to our students,
visit our lessons, meet our
teachers and become part of a
highly successful school.

“ Pupils are safe and happy at
this school. The mental health
and well-being of pupils is
treated as a high priority.
- Ofsted 2024

▶ For further information contact:
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All applicants are required to complete a
Certificate of Catholic Practice.

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Please support Moorfield Cowley Explorer Scouts fundraising event this weekend (Saturday) from 11am until 5pm.

Moorfield Cowley Explorer Scouts



Kandersteg
International
Scout Centre

Scouts 

Scout festival Fundraising For Our Explorer Scouts To
Attend An Overseas District Camp For 10 Days At Kandersteg
International Scout Centre in Switzerland.

Everyone is welcome to join us for just
a £2pp Entry Fee + Individual cost per activity

On Saturday 7th September
2024

11am – 5pm

- Mini Climbing Wall
- BBQ
- Archery
- Tomahawk Throwing
- Lucky Dip
- Tombola
- Popcorn on open fire
- Art and Craft Making
- Face Painting
- Plus many more

Endeavour Scout Hut
High Street Yiewsley
(Opposite Shell Garage)

West Drayton
UB7 7QP

Donation's Welcome to Help
Fund the Explorers Trip Scan
this QR code



Scan to pay

Important future diary dates

Tues 17th Sept: beginning of term Mass at 9.30 in Church



Thurs 19th Sept: Country Dancing Workshops



Thurs Sept 19th: Relationship and Health Education workshop for parents at 6pm

Thurs 26th Sept : Mobile Planetarium workshops for Years 2-6



Mon 30th Sept—Thurs 3rd Oct: Bikeability course for Year 6



Thurs 3rd Oct: Year 1 and 2 Maths workshop for parents at 6pm

Fri 4th Oct: Individual photos

Fri 4th Oct: Flu jabs for Rec—Yr 6



Mon 7th Oct: Harvest Assembly

Mon 7th Oct: Supporting your child with reading (Reception parents)

Thurs 10th Oct: Year 3/4 maths workshop for parents at 6pm

Wed 16th Oct: Great Fire of London workshop in school (Yr 2)



Thurs 17th Oct: Year 4 trip to Hampton Court

Thurs 17th Oct: Year 5/6 Maths workshop for parents at 6pm

Sat 19th Oct: Community Stay and Play morning 10am-12 noon

Tues 22nd Oct: Parents Evening (4-7pm)

Thurs 24th Oct: Parents Evening (4-5.30pm)

Fri 25th Oct: Reception Liturgy for parents and family @ 2.30pm



Mon 28th Oct—1st Nov: Half term