



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY



Newsletter Lent Term 2.2



'PUPILS ENJOY SCHOOL'



'PUPILS RELISH CHALLENGE'



"PUPILS ACHIEVE WELL"

'Out of adversity comes opportunity' Benjamin Franklin

We are delighted to welcome the entire school community back this term. Thank you for the magnificent work you carried out in often very difficult circumstances. This is a unique time to consider opportunities for change for the future. I am happy to tell you that Sacred Heart has thrived rather than survived during this pandemic. Every member of staff has grown in terms of skills and expertise as a result of immediate changes required of our profession. We have shared 'silver linings' which will continue to improve the children's experience and our effectiveness as professionals. We have learned that education is a quintessentially human exchange. The definition of key workers, value and esteem in society has been raised and often under-rated essential workers have been widely celebrated: the food manufacturers, carers, NHS and teachers notably.

Key changes for education since the pandemic:

- Focus on mental health and wellbeing
- Improved home/school communication and partnership
- Use of technology/face-to-face/practical/independent learning
- Zoned recreational spaces
- Longer study sessions for older children
- Value of extra-curricular activities
- Increased levels of hygiene to minimise infection and absence

Talking with the children, they tell me how much they value their school experience. Their friends of course, but also a deep gratitude to the staff for the high level of engaging learning and the care and kindness which is imbued in countless daily acts. Many children have a new-found appreciation for the silence and reverence of class worship and are inspired to write prayers and be active disciples. A deeper understanding and empathy for others is evident. We, as society, have collectively been forced to re-evaluate what is important in our lives and I believe we will all be a little kinder as a result.

I wish you and your family a joyful Easter.

Lisa Atkins

Community Champions

On behalf of the entire school I would like to thank Mr + Mrs Murphy for donating the wood for our Stations of the Cross art project. The Stations will be enjoyed for many years to come.



Stations of the Cross

The children have created the most beautiful Stations and walked the 'Journey' this week. The art will provide a lasting reminder of our mission to live, learn and love as active disciples.



Parent Forum 22.3.21

Kind thanks to our class leads who participated in a virtual meeting. SLT asked a number of questions and these are the outcomes:

You said	We listened
We liked using School Cloud and the children being involved but don't want to not have a teacher—parent consultation	Term 1 will be child led conferencing involving the parent and the child will have questions beforehand. Term 2 will be parent—teacher cloud appointment
The re-opening has worked well. We appreciate the emphasis on emotional wellbeing and extra teacher run clubs. Can we have key points with the HT video message?	Written key points will be added to the weekly message.
We asked if parents would prefer non-logo black jogging bottoms for P.E—the answer was unanimously yes.	2021-22—Non- logo black jogging bottoms will be PE uniform (with a logo shirt).

Art Weaving and Volcanoes by Year 2



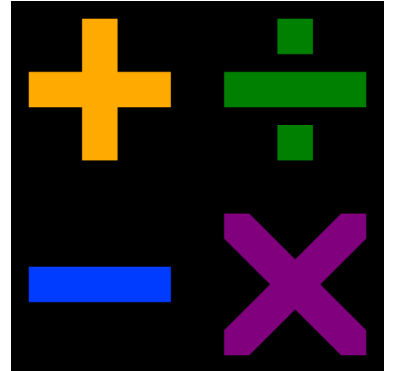
Our Lady Undoer of Knots Statue

Sacred Heart Parish and our school have jointly purchased this lovely statue. The statue will be unveiled as part of our Marian Celebrations in May, the month of our Lady.



Mrs Dowsett's Maths Challenge

Do encourage your child to have a go at the new weekly maths challenge. Maths has been the area most affected by the lockdown.



Medusa Storytime

The children continue to enjoy learning about Greek myths and legends and were tasked to draw a portrait of Medusa's head on a plate and re-tell the story at home. Each week a story is shared and vocabulary, punctuation and comprehension questions are shared.

'Reading is at the heart of the curriculum' Ofsted 2020



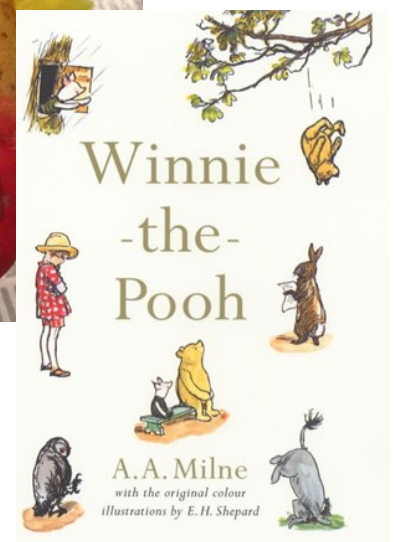
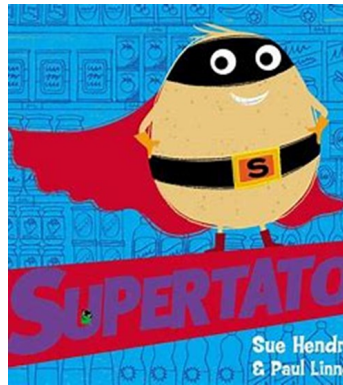
Headteacher Easter Challenge

Have a go at the nine nature activities. Draw or add a picture to your sheet. There will be prizes and treats for completed entries on the first week back.



World book day

This year the theme for World Book Day was bedtime stories and we had a "Onesie upon a time" dress up day. Throughout the week, children in each class, shared and recommended their favourite bedtime stories to help inspire and give ideas for future reading. They also wrote some wonderful book reviews. Many children enjoyed taking part in the Sacred Heart potato character challenge and produced some fantastic work. Some children were at school and some children were learning from home, but we all had fun celebrating books together.



Lenten Care Packs

Sacred Heart has prepared 27 Care Packs containing food and hygiene products for our community. The children decorated personalised labels and blessings to accompany each pack. Well done, Sacred Heart!



Do not be afraid!

Mrs Dakin skilfully re-enacted the Holy Week story through 'Godly play'. The Y1 children were transfixed by this sensory experience.



