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Years 5 and 6 Pacesetter Handball Tournament

On Friday 15th March 2019 we took 2 teams to the Pacesetters Games Handball Tournament. Both of our teams performed magnificently, on and off the pitch, and managed to finish 1st and 3rd respectively.

Our A team won every single game they played, including a 3-0 victory over Boothville in the final. They worked so hard for each other and showed that they could remain positive and focused throughout the whole morning. The B team also did amazingly well, winning 4 of their 6 games during the tournament, narrowly missing out on a place in the final to face our very own A team!

It was pleasing to see both of the teams supporting each other from the sidelines in between rest games. Although the A team picked up the trophy and the medals, this was truly a team effort from everyone representing St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School.

We are not only proud of their sporting achievements, but also of how they conducted themselves throughout the event. We always say that we value good players AND good people. On the day they were both, so a massive congratulations to Ngozi, Thomas, Mezue, Georgee, Angela, Lily, Fatima, Condy, Taye, Henry, and Bobby!



Upcoming Events

March 27

[Lenten Service](#)

March 29

Years 3 & 4 Trip - Athletics Tournament

March 29

7:30 p.m. We're leading Stations of the Cross – St Gregory's Church

April 4

KS2 Easter Production to families

April 5

Years 5 & 6 Trip - Athletics Tournament

Announcement

Please ensure PE kit is available in school all week. PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt, plain black or plain white shorts, black plimsolls and trainers for outdoors.

More Important News

British Science Week

Last week we had an assembly from Sublime Science, the children had the opportunity to join in with the many interactive experiments all about the theme 'journeys'. They all had a go and learnt a lot about forces, reactions and properties of materials.

Years 3 and 5 were treated to a grand finale from Sublime Science and were able to watch rocket launches from our very own school playground!

In class, all the children have been thinking about what it means to be an engineer. We have learnt about some of the different types of engineering and why building things and being inventors is still important today. All the children in St Gregory's have now completed their application for the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Young Leaders Award by writing a persuasive letter and submitting their design for an invention that solves a modern day problem.

Foundation Stage Visit Eleonore House

On Wednesday 20th March nine of our Foundation Stage pupils visited Eleonore House, off Grange Road. The pupils chose some story books that they wanted to share with the Eleonore House residents. The residents were having their weekly coffee morning and the children enjoyed joining in, chatting and eating biscuits and drinking squash. Have a look at [our website](#) for photos of our visit. Another group of Foundation Stage pupils look forward to visiting next week, their trip will focus on Mothering Sunday and spring time.

Premier League Primary Stars

Also on Wednesday we welcomed a television crew from ITV Anglia News, into school, to see the work that we do with Northampton Town Football Club. If you would like to know more or if you missed Mrs Rolph's interview on ITV you can still see it on [the school website](#).

International Rosary

Sacred Heart will have the International Rosary again in May on the following dates: Wednesday 8th, Friday 17th, Wednesday 22nd, and Friday 31st. More details will be available from the Church nearer the time.

Lent

As you will know, we are now in the season of Lent. We marked Ash Wednesday with a whole school liturgy when we reflected on the words of St Paul in his letter to the Corinthians.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails... And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; 13

We have all been reflecting on how well we show this love to those around us and we have committed to being more loving during Lent.

During class reflection times, each class is reflecting on a different station of the cross. They will be looking at religious art for this station, acting it out, writing a prayer and then creating a piece of art work in response to what they have learned. They will then present this in our Easter Liturgy,

when they will lead the whole school in reflecting on this part of Jesus' journey to the cross. Please do talk to your child about which station they are working on; I am sure they would love to tell you all about it.

To this end, Year 1 will be carrying out their mission project for this year as they raise funds for Missio, a charity which develops faith and alleviates poverty for children around the world. There is a collection box in the school office should you wish to donate. You can find out more about Pope's Francis's chosen charity on www.missiontogether.org

Years 3, 4 and 5 will be leading us in a reflection on Lent in their production 'Roll back the Stone' on April 4th at 9:30am.

We will also be leading the ecumenical reflection on the Stations of the Cross at St Gregory's Church on 29th March at 7:30pm. You are very welcome to join us.

Next week, you are all invited to attend the Lenten Reflection at the Cathedral. It would be amazing for as many of us as possible to support the children involved in the service and for ourselves personally, to take time to reflect on our own Lenten journey. The service will last for approximately an hour, please find more information below.



Lenten Reflection

Wednesday 27th March 2019

6:00 p.m.

**The Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury,
Primrose Hill, Northampton, NN2 6AG**

You're invited to join pupils from the St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Academies Trust on their Lenten journey: take time to be with Jesus to relive His suffering through the eyes of our young people in reflection, prayer and music.

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Everyone welcome