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Eleonore House

Eleonore House is an NPH managed older persons housing scheme, on Buttermere Close off Grange Road. Last month, children from Foundation Stage began to visit the residents from Eleonore House. We took inspiration from the documentary "Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds" and we wanted to set up a project with residents within our community. Each Wednesday, a small group of children take a story over to read with the residents. It has been wonderful watching the children build relationships week on week and watching the residents smile. This week, we took our writing books over to show the residents the wonderful writing we have been completing. They were very impressed! We have received lots of positive comments from Eleonore House and we can't wait to visit again next week.

When asked about our trips to Eleonore House, the children said the following:

Ashleigh "Eleonore House is great because I like seeing the people there. They are kind to me."

Beatrix "I met a lady called Christine. She had a blue top on and she said I looked beautiful. She was kind to me."

Hadley "My woman was in a wheelchair. She was nice to me and she let me have a biscuit."



Upcoming Events

May 6

Bank Holiday – School and Nursery closed

May 7

School and Nursery re-open

May 10

Photographer in school–class photo

May 13

KS2 SATs Week

May 20

Walk to School Week

May 21

Year 4 Trip – Verulamium Museum

May 24

FS Multi-Skill Sports Tournament

Announcement

If your child is going on a trip we can't take them offsite without a permission form. Copies are available [on our website](#). Please complete both sides and return.

More Important News

Castle Architects in Year 1

In summer term Year 1's topic is Castles, Kings and Queens, the children had a great start to their new topic when focussing on castles this week. After researching and learning about the different components of castles they were inspired to design their own castle. First, they drew their individual castle design, thought about the materials required and how they would make it. Next, the children worked in groups to collaborate on a single design for their team, using aspects of their individual plans. Then the practical fun began with the children working together to build a replica model from cardboard.



"I will use screwdriving to bolt the pieces together."

"I'm using a wrench to fix things tightly to my castle."

"My castle has a clock, flags, bricks, a window and a gate."

"I did the sign of crosses on my castle so that if Jesus wants to, he knows he can come in."

Have a look at [our school website gallery](#) to see more of our designs.



Northampton Hope Centre



From Tuesday 7th May we will have a Northampton Hope Centre donation basket in school. If you are able to buy an extra food item when completing your weekly shop for someone else's benefit this would be greatly appreciated. At the moment the Hope Centre have too much pasta so please don't donate this. We welcome in date, non-perishable food such as tinned fish/meat, rice/noodles, tea, coffee, cooking or pasta sauces, toilet roll and sugar.

The food donated will be used in one of Hope's Services, this could be at the Hope Centre in town or at Hope's 'social supermarket' or Food Club, where people on low incomes and benefits can join a club, allowing them to buy food and other goods at below the price paid in supermarkets. For more information see [Hope's website](#).

May Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary

We have now entered the month of May, the month we traditionally devote to Mary. This week, we welcomed Deacon David Donoghue in to speak to us about Mary and the rosary. Please speak to your child to find out what they know.

Also, if you would like to explore this further for yourself, you could join in one of the sessions at Sacred Heart.

This week:

Sacred Heart International Rosary. Our first set of mysteries - the Joyful Mysteries will be said in English and Irish this Wednesday at 7pm at Sacred Heart followed by refreshments! Please do come and join us and bring some food or drink to share from your own culture or any other! As always there will be music, a shared intention, this week we will pray for peace in ourselves, our families, our communities and in the world. There will also be a chance to add your own intentions and the words to the prayers will be on the screen in the relevant language to enable us all to participate.

Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother begins 13th May. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother* will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ. Join us at Our Lady's in The Institute, Great Billing on Mondays 13th May and 20th May at 1pm. For more information contact Lorraine in the parish office.

Catholic Basics "The Moral Life"

16th May at the Diocesan Centre, Luton, LU4 8JD. Join us to learn about the many-faceted jewel of the Church's teaching on morality! Mass at 9am for those who wish. Course from 10am - 3pm (9.30am for refreshments). Come and join us for an engaging day with full lunch, no qualifications needed. For booking, contact Jackie email: admin@nores.org.uk or phone 01582 723312.

Mr. Ant takes on Tough Mudder

Finally, a message from Ant, our Pacesetter Sports Coach - I'm entering a Tough Mudder Competition, with some fellow Pacesetters, on Saturday 18th May. I'm aiming to raise £500 in sponsorship money by completing this tough 8-10 mile run and muddy 25 obstacle challenge. I volunteer for a Scout Group and we hope to take 26 young people to Holland this summer for a week long camp. Monies raised will go towards extra activities such as cycle hire, canoeing and cultural trips to local Dutch towns. To find out more and support my cause please visit my [Just Giving website page](#).



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**BOUNCY CASTLES
FACE PAINTING
HOOK A DUCK
ROCK PAINTING
PENALTY SHOOT OUT
DJ WAYNE
FREE MAGIC SHOW, CIRCUS SKILLS &
BALLOON ANIMALS BY JUST KAREN**

**SATURDAY 15TH JUNE, 2019
SCHOOL PLAYGROUND, 1 - 4PM**

PLEASE NOTE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN AT THIS EVENT



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