



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



In my assembly this week pupils were asked to follow the guidance of St David "Do the little things in life".

I hope that many acts of kindness have been shared this week!

On Monday our phased return will begin so over the weekend find your uniform, pack your bags and don't forget to set your alarm!

We are really looking forward to seeing everyone. I know there will be a great buzz in the College as we all return.

Have fun spotting the staff readers in our World Book Day competition over the weekend.

See you next week!

Theme for the week - Do small acts of Kindness.

Mrs S Pike

Headteacher



Click here for the details of our phased return to College from Monday 8 March 2021

<https://www.sbcm.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/HT-Letter-Reopening-on-Monday-8-March-2021.pdf>

Theme of the Week

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Cleansing the Temple

"Jesus drove them out of the temple." (John 2:15)

Your body is the home of the Holy Spirit. . .

-1 Corinthians 6:19 (TLB)

Challenge:
This Sunday's Gospel we hear about Jesus cleansing the temple. He went into the temple and drove out all the market sellers and money changers who weren't keeping the temple holy. Let us think about ourselves as a temple where the Holy Spirit dwells.

What do we need Jesus to drive out of us, to make us holy? Jealously, unforgiveness, anger? During our time of **siLENT** let us reflect on our own personal struggles and ask Jesus to help us drive them out and overcome them.

Prayer:
Lord Jesus, bless us and make us holy. During this time of silence help me become closer to you.
Amen

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DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words; be silent and listen.

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College Lenten Campaign

In the absence of the St Joseph's Penny box this year we are asking pupils to join our siLENT Campaign. This year we are encouraging pupils to spend one hour a day being siLENT. Watch the Campaign Video here.

<https://vimeo.com/519049729>

During siLENT time we are inviting pupils to be creative and reflect upon the season of Lent. All creative work will be submitted to our House Competition, judged by Kathryn Ansley from Caritas with prizes for the best piece.

While pupils are being siLENT, we are asking families to sponsor their efforts and donate to the very worthwhile projects of Caritas.

Please donate online at St Bedes College is fundraising for Caritas Diocese of Salford (justgiving.com).

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-bedes-college3>

Caritas is the official outreach work of Salford Diocese; to find out more about the work of Caritas please visit Caritas Diocese of Salford <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/>

Mrs Hibbert

Photography Competition

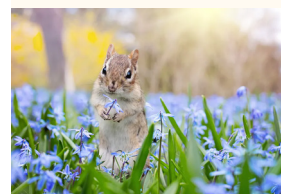
Spring is in the air...so Siena House and the Art Department are running a photography competition, on the theme of spring and nature. As the flowers begin to bloom, the sun re-emerges, and the weather begins to improve, we are encouraging our pupils to get outside and take their best photos of the nature all around us.

Entries can be sent to Mr Lee Rodriguez, with a closing date of Monday 23rd March. Mr Peers, our resident photography expert, will help with the judging and there will be prizes and House Points on offer to the best entries. As always, if you are going on a walk, be safe and stick to the government guidelines, but next time you see a daffodil in bloom or a robin return to its nest, don't forget to take a quick snap.

Mr Lee Rodriguez



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Siena House

Nature Photography Competition

Lets enjoy the sun and be creative!

Send your best photograph of nature or wildlife to Mr Lee-Rodriguez by Monday 15/03.

Mr Peers will judge the best photo from each House.

There are prizes and House Points to be won.

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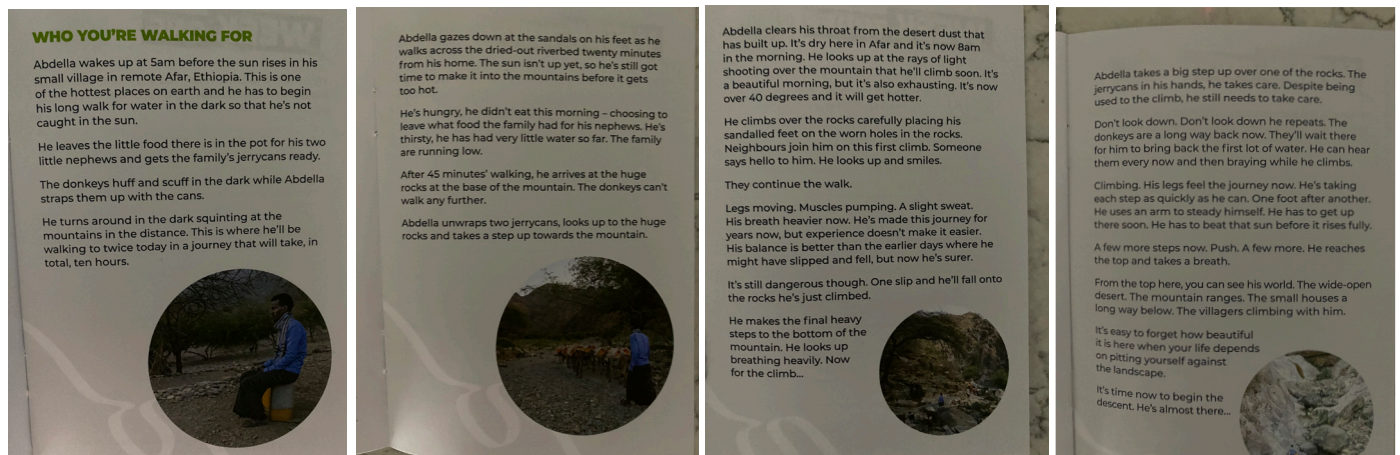
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CAFOD Walk For Water

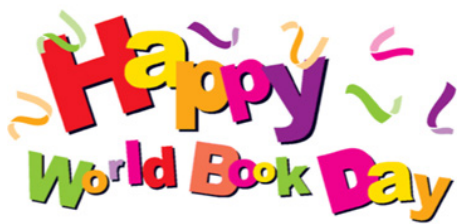
We very much hope to raise £750 which will provide a whole village with safe access to clean water. Please help us! You can donate by going to our JustGiving page: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/RE-Walk-For-Water>

Thank you.

Aaron and Niav - L5 SIN



World Book Day 2021

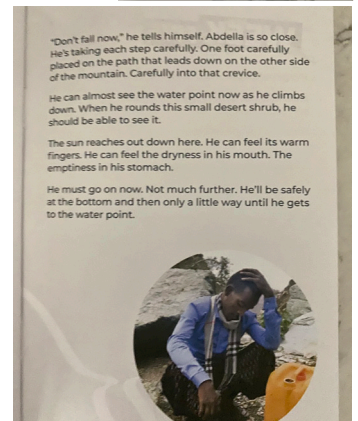


We do hope you enjoyed World Book Day this week and managed to enjoy reading a good book on the day.

College pupils have all been sent an email giving them access to our World Book Day competition to identify our staff readers behind their books. Can you tell who this is?

Mrs Poolton would also love to see photos of pupils reading one of their favourite books and they should send them to her at kpoolton@stbedescollege.co.uk for a chance to win a prize.

Pupils have all been sent a link to a digital £1 book token but they will also receive a printed token when they return next week. These can be exchanged in College for one of these books which will be available from the Maher Library.



Mrs Poolton



Among Us - A Parent's Guide

What is Among us?

Among us is an online multiplayer game rated PEGI 7 that allows a maximum of 10 players to take on the roles of 'Crewmate' or 'Imposter'. The aim of the game is for the Crewmates to identify the players who are imposters in the game. The imposters in the game have to secretly sabotage the tasks on the ship and kill the Crewmates before they finish their tasks.

What is good about the game?

It promotes communication and teamwork to achieve the end goal of finding the Imposter. It also features a thrill for the Imposters, who are trying to hide their identity. The same goes for Crewmates, who need to clear their name, so they are not voted out, and they have to do their tasks while their life is on the line.

What is it so popular with young people?

Statistics on Twitch, the popular gaming streaming platform, show that over 25 million hours of Among Us streams were watched between August and October 2020. So why is it so popular?

It's simple to play, 'extremely social' and involves a lot of teamwork and interaction with others which is the key ingredient for the success of other multiplayer games. There is a level of customisation of the avatars and the game itself. It can also be played across a range of platforms (PC and mobile).

What should parents be concerned about?

Talking to strangers within the game

If your child is playing a game that is set to public, they may meet and chat with people they don't know which could put them at risk.

Seeing inappropriate content

Although you can use the censor filter to block out bad language, it does not block everything and there are words that are not picked up by the filter. So, despite this feature, there is the potential that children can be exposed to inappropriate content.

Are there any safety features?

Apart from a censor option to remove the bad language, there are no built-in safety features in the game.

To limit interactions with strangers, you can encourage children to set games to private and only allow people they know into the game.

If a player does become an issue the only person who can remove them is the Host. This does mean that all the players have no option but to rely on the Host to take action if something goes wrong in the game.

Tips to keep children safe within the game

- Encourage your child to set get games to private and only play with people that they know.
- If they are the Host of the game, advise them to be more vigilant of what players are saying or doing to remove anyone that is not respecting others or sharing inappropriate content.
- If they do choose to play public games, make sure they keep their personal information private, particularly if they are playing with people they don't know.
- For young children using Discord to speak to players in the game, encourage them to put the sound through the PC speakers rather than on a headset so you can be aware of what is being said.
- Talk to them about issues such as cyberbullying and online grooming so they know how to recognise these risks and have some coping strategies to use if they come across them in and out of the game.



Mrs Hunt's Message



Dear Lord,

Help us to respect, help and show love to everyone we meet, because we are all equal in your eyes.

Amen

Here is the link to Mrs Hunt's Friday Message: <https://youtu.be/1akU8vzfsG0>

Run Mr McGrath Run!

Mr McGrath will be undertaking a mammoth challenge this weekend starting at 4pm on Friday March 5. He will be running 4 miles every 4 hours for 48 hours, which is just under two marathons. Mr McGrath will be experiencing sleep deprivation to go with the exhaustion of running and muscle fatigue. It is for a wonderful charity St Ann's Hospice which cares for thousands of local people with cancer and non-cancer life-limiting illnesses every year. Every donation will be greatly appreciated and will go a long way to supporting St Ann's Hospice in their future care for many people.

Here is the link for Mr McGrath's Just Giving Page:
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kevin-mcgrath5>



Headteacher's Award



Congratulations to Prep 5 pupil Francesca on receiving her Headteacher's Award this week. Francesca has been in school every day during lockdown and has impressed all of her teachers with her hard work. Her application and focus have been outstanding and she has lit up our school with her cheerful personality and lovely smile. Thank you for being such a superstar and well done!

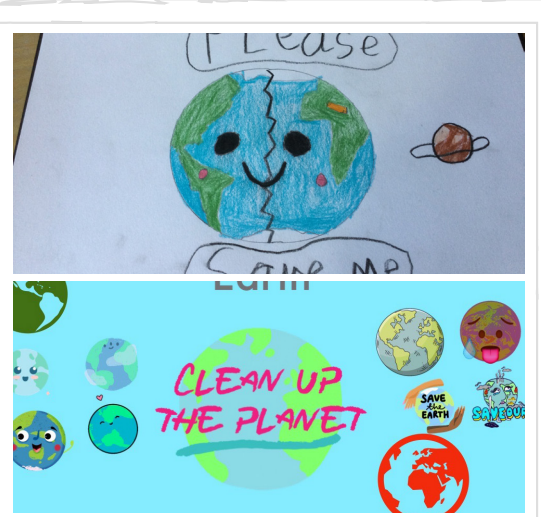
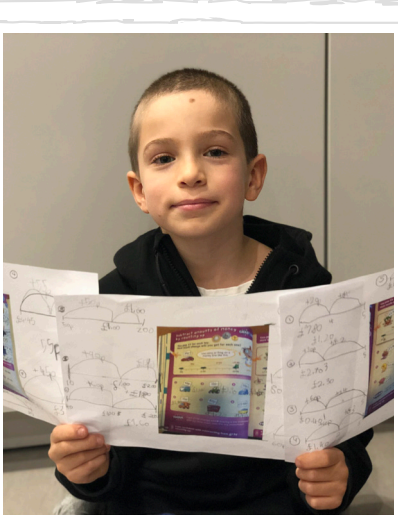
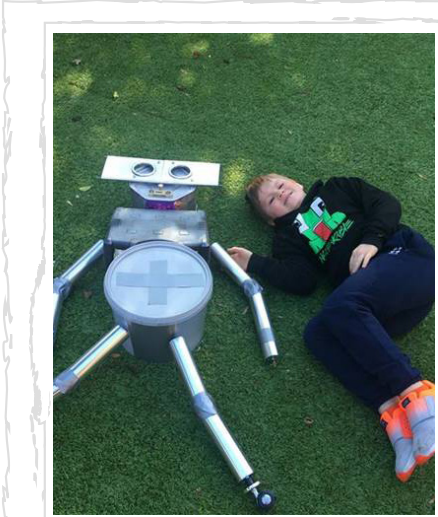
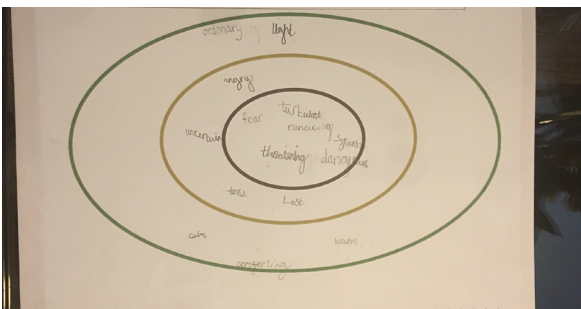
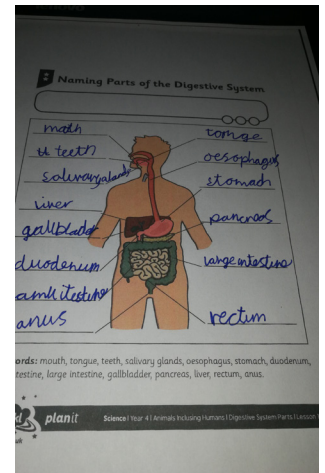
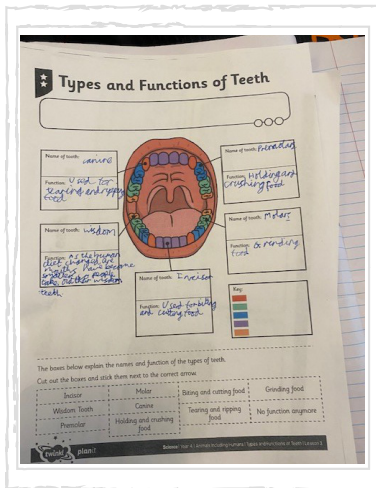
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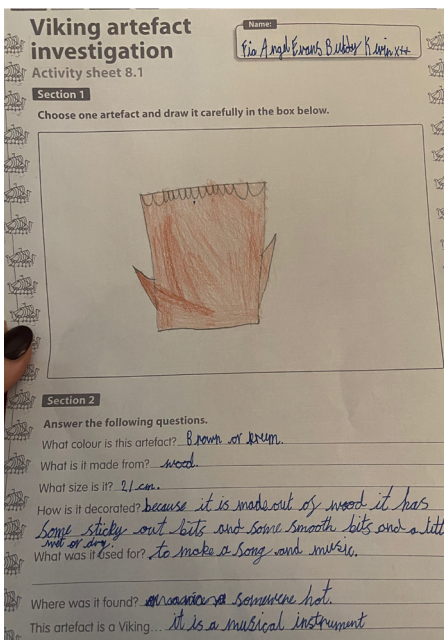
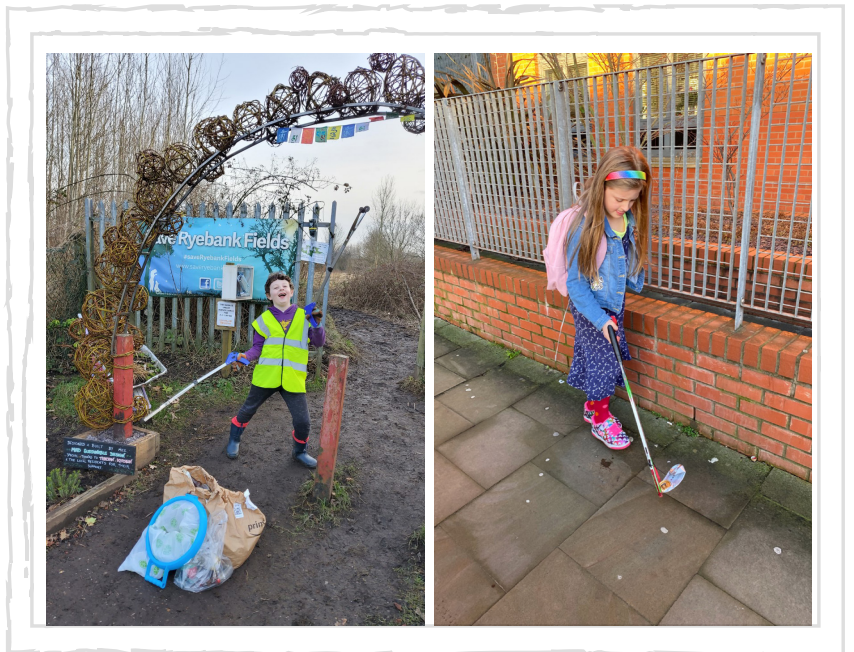
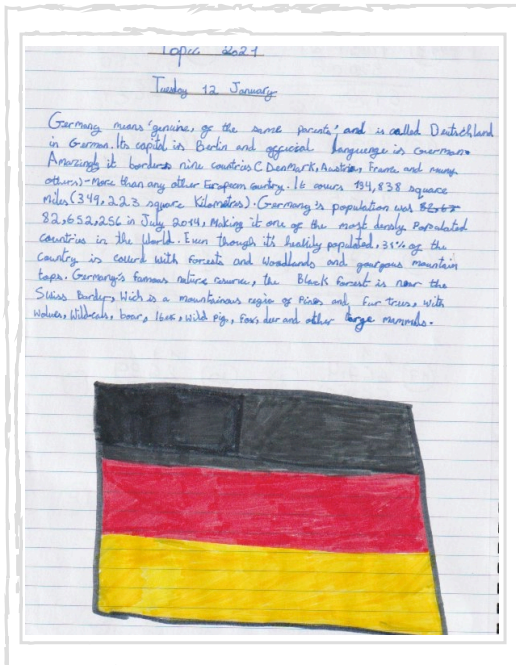
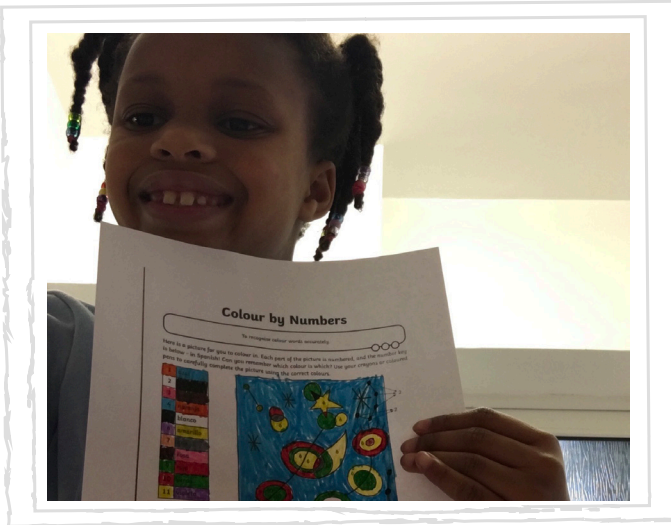
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Prep 3 and 4 - Remote Learning

Throughout lockdown we have been highlighting some of the fantastic work that has been achieved by the children. This week we finish with a focus on Prep 3 and Prep 4. Prep 3 have been extremely hardworking over the last few weeks and have shown a real flair for remote learning. Some of the work produced has been outstanding. They have created their own solar systems, Viking longboats and animations in Technola. As well as completing an impressive amount of written work they have engaged in practical activities too.

Prep 4 have been working brilliantly and independently at home. Lots of children have sent in some impressive and creative work. They have been studying artists from around the world in Art. They have studied the book 'Escape from Pompeii' and built up a good vocabulary bank in their Literacy lessons. In Science they have been learning all about the digestive system and conducted their own tooth decay experiment at home. Well done Prep 3 and Prep 4, fabulous work. We look forward to welcoming you back to school next week.





World Book Day

World Book Day 2021 was different to any we have previously experienced; everyone joined in with a variety of different activities, like reading to a brother or sister or other members of their family and many children dressed up for the day at home. We loved seeing all the photos of the children taking part in World Book Day... The teachers also decided to do something a little bit different for World Book day. They filmed themselves as animal MeMojis and talked about their favourite books when they were little. Mr Robinson distorted their voices and put the videos together.

Here is a link to the video: <https://youtu.be/NHEpKzWRYRc>

The challenge was for the children and parents to work out which 'Masked Reader' was which teacher. The answers in numerical order are as follows:

- 1-Mrs Hunt. 2-Mrs Casson. 3-Mr Robinson. 4-Mrs Eddison. 5-Mrs Whipp. 6-Mr Joyce-O'Keeffe. 7-Mrs Edwards.
- 8-Mrs Horsefield. 9-Mr McGrath. 10-Mrs Withington. 11-Mrs Sharrock. 12-Miss Roberts. 13-Mrs Cartmell.
- 14-Mrs Harrison. 15-Mrs Kelly. 16-Mrs Leyden.

