



Friday Bulletin

Friday 17th November 2023

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Message from Mr Dachtler



Dear Parents

As I write today's bulletin I can hear the children from Key Stage 1 and 2 in the school hall being thoroughly entertained by a travelling theatre company putting on a special performance of 'Cinderella'. Teachers are using this time to moderate and assess children's work and I am struck by the incredible amount of talent that we are blessed to have in school at this time, allowing children to flourish and grow, in line with our school value of ambition. The parable told in Matthew's Gospel this weekend encourages us to all to use our talents to build God's kingdom, rather than bury them away from others to see.

You will notice from the weekly year group summaries in the slides below that this week we have been supporting Anti Bullying Week across the school. Children have been encouraged to speak out about bullying and link in their understanding of our value of LOVE and Catholic Social Teaching.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend.

Mr Dachtler



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2023

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ABOUT
BULLYING

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Community
spotlight.



BOOK TALK - It is Anti-Bullying Week so our book choices today reflect themes of kindness, empathy and understanding.

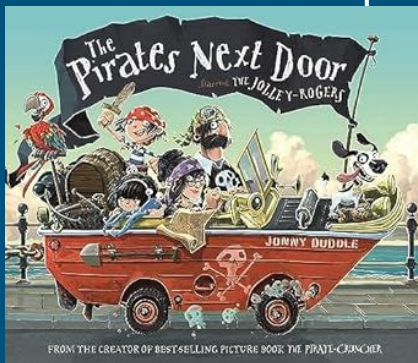


EYFS

The Pirates Next Door

By Jonny Duddle

A truly hilarious book about acceptance and difference. When the Jolley-Rogers move to Dull-On-Sea, Matilda is the only one who wants to get to know the new neighbours. Only she can look beyond their appearance. Meanwhile, everyone else is busy whispering and disapproving of their messy garden and scruffy clothes.



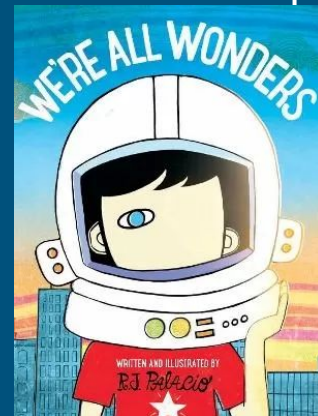
Key Stage 1

We're All Wonders

By P.J. Palacio

We're All Wonders shows readers what it's like to live in Auggie's world - a world in which he feels like any other kid, but he's not always seen that way.

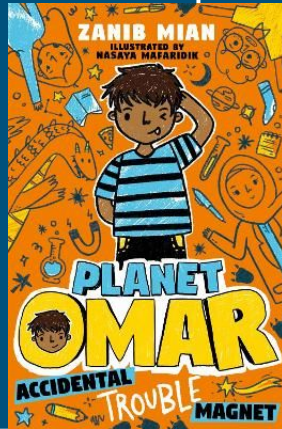
This book taps into every child's longing to belong, and to be seen for who they truly are. It's the perfect way to talk about empathy, difference and kindness with young children.



Lower Key Stage 2

Planet Omar: Accidental Trouble Magnet by Zanib Mian

Everyone will have great fun on planet Omar! Our hero's tales of everyday life with his family and at school will keep everyone amused. Omar is worried because the family have just moved house - will he make friends at school? He does of course, but Daniel the school bully seems to have it in for him. A school trip to the Science Museum sees the two of them lost in London, but Omar knows just what to do and in the process realises that maybe he'd got Daniel wrong.



Upper Key Stage 2

How to Fly with Broken Wings By Jane Elson

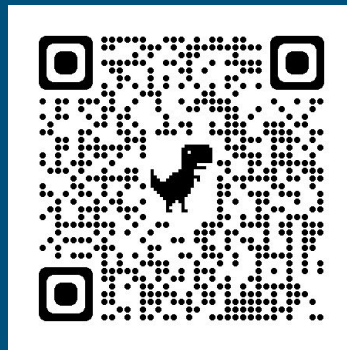
Twelve year old Willem has two important aims in life: to fly and to make two new friends his own age. But Finn and his gang of bullies are getting in the way, until one day Sasha Barton steps in to help. While the gangs on the Beckham Estate are rioting, and with the help of community worker Archie, Willem and Sasha form an unexpected friendship they discover they share the same dream...



School Library Wishlist



Our children at St Teresa's love to read, and by buying a book from our wish list, you will help to continually improve the range of books we can offer in the school library. Each book will be labelled with the name of the family who donated it, so please remember to add your child's name and class to the gift message so we know who donated the books. Click on the link [here](#) or scan the QR code opposite to buy and donate a book. Please choose the St Teresa's delivery option when you check out.



Thank you in advance from everyone at St Teresa's.

Headlines of the week



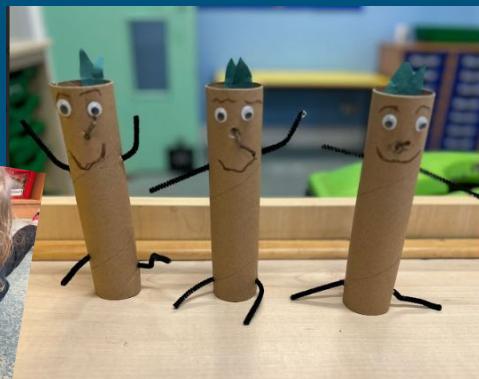
Nursery



"I'm Stickman, I'm Stickman, I'm Stickman; that's me."

Our focus book at the moment is 'Stickman'. Mini T's have been participating in lots of activities based around the story. Stickman was frozen in the ice and we had to use our tools to help set him free. We also drew stickman in different shapes and sizes in glitter. Not forgetting, creating our very own Stickman using kitchen rolls, pipe cleaners, googly eyes and twigs!

This week Nursery also made a special trip to the church. Canon Michael showed us the special ornaments in the church and taught us about baptism. We had lots of fun and even got to ring the church bells.



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Reception

5,4,3,2,1...Blast off!!

This week, we have read the story 'Whatever Next!' which tells us the magical story about Baby Bear's adventure to the moon. We have loved all the space activities including making rockets from junk modelling and practised our writing in moon dust. In maths, we have been using the part part whole method and in English, we have written a list for baby bear using the sounds we know. Perhaps you can practise your writing at home by making a list. We would love to see a Tapestry post.

We celebrated other faiths in RE and learnt about how Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah and the meaning of the Menorah.

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Year 1



We have had another great week in Year 1!

We have taken part in an **anti-bullying workshop** with Mrs Druce and then continued our learning about bullying in PSHE lessons.

We have learnt about **properties of materials** in Science and designed our own rockets, thinking about which materials have the most useful properties. We have also continued reading our story, '**A Way Back Home**' and created telephones to help our characters communicate.



1LH NED:

Christian is our NED Champion this week. He always comes to school with an excellent attitude to his learning and offered some wonderful insights in our RE lesson this week about how we God cares for us all. Well Done :)

1KH NED:

Sergio is our NED champion this week for trying his best to stay focused in every lesson. He has done especially well in improving his handwriting this week and writing some fabulous sentences in English.

Year 2



This week in **RE lessons** children have been looking at the importance of the Baptismal candle and sharing the light of God, reflecting the important message of last Sunday's gospel.

In **English** we have been working hard on improving some of our **fundamental writing principles** whilst writing a **recount** of our trip to Brooklands Museum.

In **science** we have started to explore the processes that **all living things** must have in order to be classified as this and looking at the living and non-living things in the world around us.

This week has also been **assessment week in Year 2** and children have spent time demonstrating their knowledge and understanding across a range of tests including **reading, maths, grammar and spelling**. As a treat therefore and as we move into the festive season, children enjoyed a **pantomime on Friday afternoon**, which was very well deserved.

Our wonderful **NED Champions** this week are: **Danilo in 2LM** and **Timothy in 2CM**.

A huge well done to you both! :-)

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Year 3

After showing off our odd socks for **Anti-bullying Week** on Monday, later in the week the two classes gathered together for a workshop lead by Mrs Druce. Everyone learnt so much and had great fun at the same time.

In RE, our **other faiths curriculum** saw us exploring the importance of the synagogue to those of the Jewish faith. We were fascinated by the Torah Scrolls and their central role in the life of the synagogue.

Finally, we were delighted to welcome parents to our **Maths Workshop** this week where the children enjoyed share our CPA approach to understanding maths.



★ NED Champions ★ **3EW- Saoirse**

Saoirse has been a amazing mathematician this week. She has persevered in tackling the reasoning and problems skills of addition and subtractions.

3M - Aaiden

Aaiden's attention to detail and recall of key facts during our RE lesson on Judiasm were fantastic. He showed his respect for others by taking an interest in, and thinking carefully about, their faith.

Year 4



The children in Year 4 learnt a great deal this week from attending an anti bullying workshop run by Mrs Druce.

We have also been following the same theme of bullying within our English lessons, based on the poem 'And Still I Rise' by Maya Angelou.

In RE, the children put a liturgy together summarising their knowledge from the topic of being 'Chosen.' They have also been making comparisons between the Catholic faith and Judaism, looking for similarities and differences.

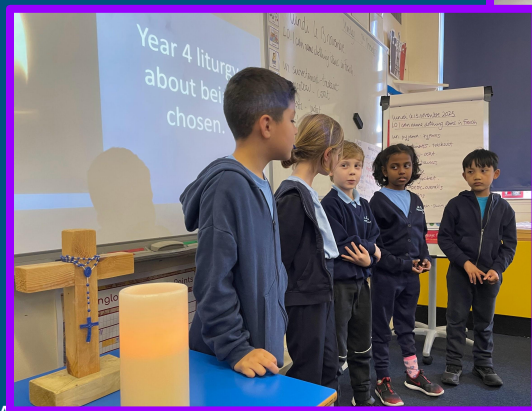
We have continued our topic of multiplication and division in maths and it was lovely to see so many of our parents and carers attending our Maths workshop last week, where we shared our approach to teaching multiplication and its importance within all topics of maths.



Well done to our NED champions in Year 4

In 4D Lucian is our NED champion this week for some exceptionally well considered answers in class, as well as showing great diligence and effort in completing any task asked of him. Well done Lucian!

In 4P Jaidenne has produced fantastic writing in English this week, copying the style used by Maya Angelou in her poem 'And still I Rise'. She used rhyming similes and metaphors to describe triumph over adversity.



Year 5



We had an action-packed week, starting with a fantastic anti-bullying workshop on Monday led by Mrs Druce, for which the theme was making a noise about bullying! Then, on Thursday, twelve children were lucky enough to visit the Ursuline High School in Wimbledon for the semi-final of the Covent Garden Challenge, a business competition in which the children needed to come up with a product as well as its target audience, unique selling point, advertising and more! We also continued our work on fractions in Maths and covered relative clauses and dashes for parentheses in English. Well done, everyone!



NED

5G - Hallie has been on top form this week and provided lots of great answers across a wide range of subjects. I was also very impressed with her amazing effort in writing tasks in both English and RE. Well done, Hallie, and keep it up!

5C - Janiah is our 5C NED champion! She has shown determination and resilience when writing sentences with relative clauses. Janiah has been focusing on her handwriting since the start of the year and it is a joy to see her progress. Keep it up!

Year 6

This week, students engaged in a compelling hot seating challenge, posing thought-provoking questions to the apostle Andrew. Their inquiries delved into the depths of his relationship with God, fostering empathy for his emotional journey.

THIS WEEK'S NED CHAMPIONS!

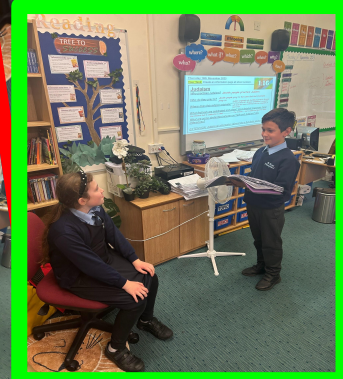
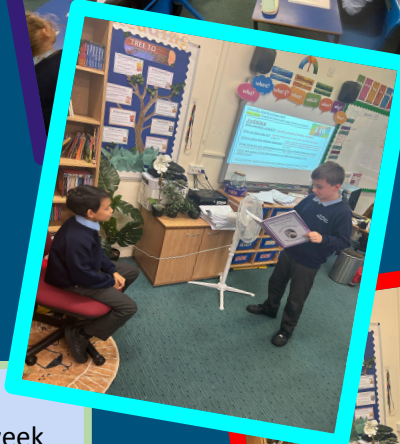
Aiden in 6W

Aiden has been brilliant this week! His responses in RE have been thoughtful and in depth - demonstrating strong knowledge of his faith. As well as this, Aiden's presentation within his book's has improved massively - well done Aiden!

Ashton in 6F

Ashton is the NED champion this week for his dedicated efforts in staying focused and doing his work to the best of his ability. Keep it up, Ashton!

#winning



Noticeboard



Reminders

EYFS/KS1 Stay and Pray sessions every Monday - see the next slide.

Please use the following link if you would like to sign up as a Library Helper

<https://forms.gle/wXUw5zrU7dq6xAuS8>

Polite reminder - The playground toilets are for use by children **only**, if you are in need please go to the front office where there is an adult toilet.

Upcoming key dates

- 24 Nov - Fost film night

Useful links

- [Contacting the school](#)
- [Term times](#)
- [Reporting absence](#)
- [School menu](#) (New for Autumn Term)
- [Religious Education Plan](#)



EY/KS1 Stay and Pray Sessions

This will be a chance for us to share with you more about the faith life of our school and how we plan to help parents 'unpack' the Gospel each week in our brand new weekly 'Stay and Pray' sessions Every Monday 8.50am - 9.20am.

Where? [Tiny T's Nursery room](#)

(Please use the Nursery side entrance after drop off)

Coffee, Biscuits and a time
to meet and reflect!



St Teresa's

**Library helpers/volunteers
needed.**

Scan the QR code below if you are
interested in helping in the library
after school.

Thank you :)



FOST

Autumn 2023
event schedule...



**Tuesday
10th
October**

**Cake and
uniform sale**

in the
ground
3pm



**Friday
3rd
November**

Spooky Disco
in the school hall
EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15
KS2 5:30-7:15



Scan the QR code or
[click here for tickets](#)



**Friday
24th
November
Film Night**

in the school hall

Click the year
groups for tickets
below

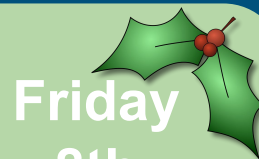
[EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15](#)

[KS2 5:30 - 7:15](#)



**Friday
1st
December**

**Whole School
bottle tombola
'Mufti Day'**



**Friday
8th
December**

**Christmas
Family Fair**
after school in
the hall



FOST

Autumn 2023 event schedule...



What?	Where?	When?	How?
<p>Thank you parents and carers for your cake donations and for supporting our uniform and cake sale on Tuesday where a wonderful £415.50 was raised!</p>			
 Spooky Disco	 School Hall  	 EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15 KS2 5:30-7:15	 Click on this link to start purchasing your tickets now and join us for a spooky boogie.
 Film Night	 School Hall	EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15 KS2 5:30-7:15	Click here for EYFS/KS1 tickets Click here for KS2 tickets
Mufti Day	In school 	All day	Children wear their own clothes to school and bring an <u>unopened</u> bottle of pop/other (alcohol permitted) or a £1. 
Christmas Family Fair 	School Hall	After school	Look out for further information and join us to enjoy numerous Christmas themed stalls at the Family Fair , see Father Christmas and enjoy the festivities.