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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School



Acting out a scene from
The Village Plague in
Eyam



Year 2 printing
flags for their
new display in
the corridor
outside their
classroom



Year 5 are about learning about Play Scripts. We have been researching and acting out scenes from 'The Village Plague in Eyam' and the children now realise the relevance of the nursery rhyme 'Ring a ring a roses'.



On Monday Year 3 had an experience day for their writing based on 'The Wolves in the Walls' they learnt to write a suspense story. The children danced to scary music and named foods on the theme e.g. petrified popcorn.



Headteachers special mention to: Pupils dealing with changes in positive ways



Catholic Virtues – Prudence

In the last newsletter, I explained that in school we are going to be doing some work learning about the Catholic virtues. To keep you informed, I will be writing to explore each virtue and hopefully give you an idea of what this will look like in school and what the focus of our learning will be.

Our first virtue is the Cardinal Virtue of prudence. A cardinal virtue is human in nature - something we are responsible for growing and developing as human beings. Prudence is about knowing the right (and morally good) thing to do in a situation and then acting. It's about considering a situation carefully and then making a decision rooted in goodness. It isn't simply about having the knowledge needed to make a choice, but the moral judgement of choosing right over wrong.

We know that we shouldn't drop litter. We know that it's illegal. We know that we can get a fine if we do it. But prudence is about *understanding* that it's wrong, *understanding* the impact that it can have and the reasons why we shouldn't and then making the right judgement not to. Acting based on what's right, rather than what we might get into trouble for!

We might sometimes think of prudent people as being boring, overly-cautious or lacking in confidence; quite the opposite is true. Often, it takes courage to make the right choice, especially when that choice goes against what others are telling us is right.

For an example of prudence, we might look to Nobel Peace Prize winner Kailash Satyarthi. He is an Indian activist and founder of several charities, who act to protect children from slavery and forced labour. His decisions and actions are rooted in what is right – rather than what is easy. He and his foundation have liberated nearly 100,000 children from child labour, slavery and human trafficking, calling for the right of all children to have a safe education. He has often put his own life at risk to save others. We could hardly call him boring!

School Matters!



Children who are late miss the start of their learning, their chance to choose their lunch with their peers, it takes up staff time to escort late pupils to class and it also disrupts the learning of others when children arrive late and have to have the lesson explained again.

If you are having issues with attendance please contact Mrs Landry who is available to support you.

Illness & Absence



To ensure the safety of our pupils it is essential that parents phone and leave a message on our answer service by 9.15am **every day** they are absent. Many of our children walk to school so we need to account for them if they don't arrive. If you haven't left a message and we don't know where they are, please expect a phone call and possibly a house visit if there is no response. If your child has been poorly the day before, we still need a daily phone call ...we cannot just assume they are at home.

SAFEPARK

Please note, cars who park across our layby/on kerbs/ zigzag lines may receive an automatic fine, Cornwall Council Officers spot check schools and take pictures which can result in an automatic fine through the post. Please do not park across our layby or on the zig zag lines.

This is to ensure the safety of children outside of school.



Spring Bank Holiday	31 May 2021
Summer Half Term	31 May-4 June 2021
Inset Day	7 June 2021
Last day of Summer Term	23 July 2021

