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Prayer for the Week

God of infinite mercy,
grant that we who know your
compassion
may rejoice in your forgiveness
and gladly forgive others
for the sake of Jesus Christ our
Saviour
who is alive with you and the Holy
Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
Amen

HALF TERM: We have reached half term safely. It has been a tough term for everyone and I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and words of gratitude. The staff have been working incredibly hard and they all deserve and welcome our praise.

The children also need to be commended for their bravery and resilience. Whether at home or in school they have had many challenges to overcome, yet they have persevered with their learning and shown us just how determined they are.

Well done to you all. I want to wish you all a peaceful week free from **REMOTE LEARNING**.

A reminder that half term is an opportunity to relax and recharge. ClassDojo and Google Classroom will be put to bed for the week! No lessons will be uploaded or tasks set. There will be no notifications. Teachers will not have access to their emails over the week so any queries will need to be kept until Monday 22nd when we return.

Take the opportunity to get out for your daily walks away from tablets and screens.



MARDI GRAS: Today we had a lovely Mardi Gras Celebration. Children at home and in school learned about the tradition of Mardi Gras. We made masks and hats and cooked pancakes. The staff were also lucky enough to get sweet doughnuts which is a Polish Tradition.

Mardi Gras is to recognise Shrove Tuesday which falls in half term. This is traditionally a day when all the sweet things are eaten in preparation for the fasting during Lent.

The children dressed in the traditional **colours of green, gold and/or purple**, and other bright colours. We learned the Jerusalem dance. Children at home showed off their creations during their afternoon Google Meet and the whole class danced together.

We made a float, in the tradition of Mardi Gras and processed around the school.

Did you know that we do not say the Alleluia during Lent as Lent is a solemn time and the Alleluia is a song of praise so we said a prayer and put the Alleluia in a box ready to be taken out again after Easter.

We then had a group dance which was lots of fun. I hope you all had as much fun at home as we have had in school. It was so wonderful to have a chance to celebrate and have a good time. It has certainly brightened up our day. Please see the website – Our Faith / Catholic Life / Mardi Gras for more photos and videos.



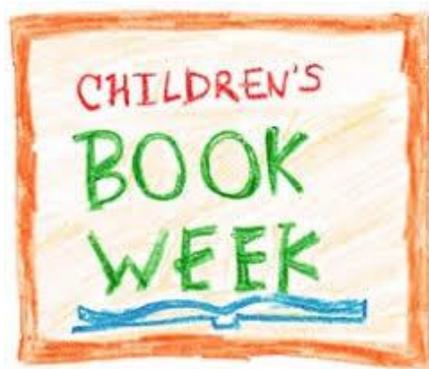
VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE: Today you will have received information about our virtual pilgrimage. This is something that all the Catholic Schools in Ealing are taking part in. I would like to thank Don Tito Pereira, the headteacher at St Anselms Catholic School in Southall for creating the pilgrimage for us all to share. It is an opportunity to focus on our faith together as a family. The pilgrimage can be done over the six weeks of half term and can form part of your daily walk.

Any money collected can be brought into school by the children after Easter and will be donated to the Catholic Children's society.

Please click on the attached link to join in the pilgrimage.

<https://forms.gle/Qq6Z8VSc9tQsfXMa7>

Happy Pilgrimage.



BOOK WEEK 2021: During the week beginning 1st March, we will be celebrating how much we love reading in our school. This year's theme is 'Share A Story'. We have a variety of activities planned including: sharing stories, no pens day, competitions and so much more! We encourage you to read with your child every day. Please feel free to send us photos or videos of you reading together at home.

Don't forget that it's World Book Day on Thursday 4th March so get thinking about a creative costume - pupils can wear these for their registration on Google Meet. Also, try and take a photo of your child reading in an usual place for our Extreme Reading Competition (remember to be safe!) Full details of our activities will be sent out on ClassDojo/Google Classroom. Thank you.

Mrs Young and Miss Paul

CAR PARK: This week there was an accident in the car park where two cars belonging to parents from within the school had a crash. There are children walking through the car park at this time so I have asked Mr Keily, the headteacher from Cardinal Wiseman to close the barrier. Please do not drive into the car park at any time even if the barrier is up as this is a significant health and safety concern. No one wants a child to be hit by a car.

YEAR 3 HOLY COMMUNION: We are nearly there! The Holy Communion classes will begin either the week beginning 1st March or the week beginning 8th March. I will send you confirmation of dates and expectations after half term.

DATES

HALF TERM: Monday 15th to Friday 19th February

May God keep you safe from harm today and always!

Miss K. Coll / Headteacher