



Weekly Newsletter
St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Week ending 15th November 2024



Dear All

We started our week with some of the Year 5 and 6 children leading an assembly to honour those who have given their lives in war. The children were hugely respectful and completed a two minute silence - even our youngest children who were in attendance were able to join in.

The children looked great in their odd socks on Tuesday as part of Anti-Bullying week. The KS2 children were part of an online assembly and the KS1 and Reception pupils had their own assembly in the hall so we could frame the message for the varying age groups.

The Sports Crew went off for training on Wednesday and we are looking forward to the part they will play in developing lunchtime activities alongside our new 'zones'. The children have now been introduced to the new arrangements for the playground at lunchtimes and are looking forward to trying out new experiences.

The Year 2 children took part in a Great Fire of London workshop yesterday to immerse themselves in the details of this historic event. They really enjoyed learning about how the fire spread and understanding what changes had to be made moving forward to avoid such a disaster occurring again.

Thank you to everyone who donated coloured items for the PTA's raffle. The Christmas Fair is fast approaching and I know there are still some volunteers needed to help on stalls, if you can spare any time at all please get in contact with them - they would be really grateful.

Change is a part of life. Sometimes this is welcome: trees bear fruit, children grow to adults. Other changes can be daunting. This week collective worship focuses on the unchanging nature of God's word, which is the reason for our hope.

'Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away.'

(Mark 13:31)

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rainbow

The Week That Was

Year R:

This week, Reception have been learning about the journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem. We read the story "Mary's donkey" and talked about the things Mary and Joseph might have seen on their long journey. We then used our bricks and outside equipment to make a giant map of their journey, with the stable at the end! In maths we have been learning about 1 more and 1 less. We used the story of the gingerbread man to help us practise adding 1 more. We counted how many there were each time a new character joined the chase for the gingerbread man. We have also been reading the story "Little Acorns" and learning all about autumn. We decorated autumn trees using our finger prints, made autumn creatures out of bread and practised our drawing and Fred talk by drawing and labelling the characters and settings from the story.

Year 1:

Year 1 have had a wonderful week. We have been learning about the birth of Jesus in RE. The children have also begun rehearsing their nativity songs. They have all been partaking beautifully. We had our very first DT lesson this week. The children have begun constructing windmills. They showed brilliant listening and made lovely progress. We have been continuing learning about traditional tales in English. This week we did some guided writing and had to innovate the story. The character Little Red Riding Hood has become Little Blue Blob! They have all worked very hard, well done Year 1!

Year 2:

In RE we focused on the advent message, explored the Annunciation of Jesus, and compared it with the Annunciation of John the Baptist, discussing the roles of angels, messengers, and the meaning behind these important moments in the Christian story. During our History lesson this week our exploration of Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot led to an engaging debate on whether Fawkes was a hero or villain, helping students understand differing perspectives and the complexities of historical events. A highlight of our week was the interactive Great Fire of London workshop, where students investigated how the fire spread and the impact it had on London in 1666, gaining hands-on insights into this significant event. A great way to introduce our next focus in upcoming History lessons.

Finally, in English, students took on the challenge of reimagining the classic story of the Gingerbread Man. Each student created their own version with unique characters and plot twists, bringing their creativity and storytelling skills to life.

Year 3:

Year 3 enjoyed the virtual assembly about Anti-Bullying week on Tuesday, engaged in class discussions and problem-solving social scenarios. We had so much fun celebrating Odd Socks Day, designing our own pair and showcasing it in our groups. In Geography, we are learning about climate zones and weather in different regions, using both globes and atlases to explore the world map. In RE, we have been researching different patron saints based on the Litany of Saints, explaining how each of them were a good example of following Jesus.

Year 4:

Year Four started their advent topic in RE this week, that time of year is approaching and we're all very excited! In Science, they have been learning about electricity and were interested to find that something can be both battery operated whilst also needing to be plugged into the mains to charge. They are really enjoying learning all about the Ancient Egyptians, and why they were such a successful civilisation. In DT they have made their plans for their textiles project and are looking forward to getting sewing!

Year 5:

In Year Five this week, RE learning looked at the story of young David and how God chose him based on his internal qualities such as a kind heart, rather than his external appearance. The children completed some excellent learning based around this. Well done. In English, the children completed a guided write based on persuading a school to improve their lunch provision. Lots of amazing sentence stems were used, thank you for your support with this through amazing homework contributions. In Science, the children completed an experiment on dissolving solids in liquids and in DT, they carried out a taste testing activity to compare two different bolognese sauces. What a busy practical week including Sports Crew training as well as a Year Five football match. Well done to all involved.

Year 6:

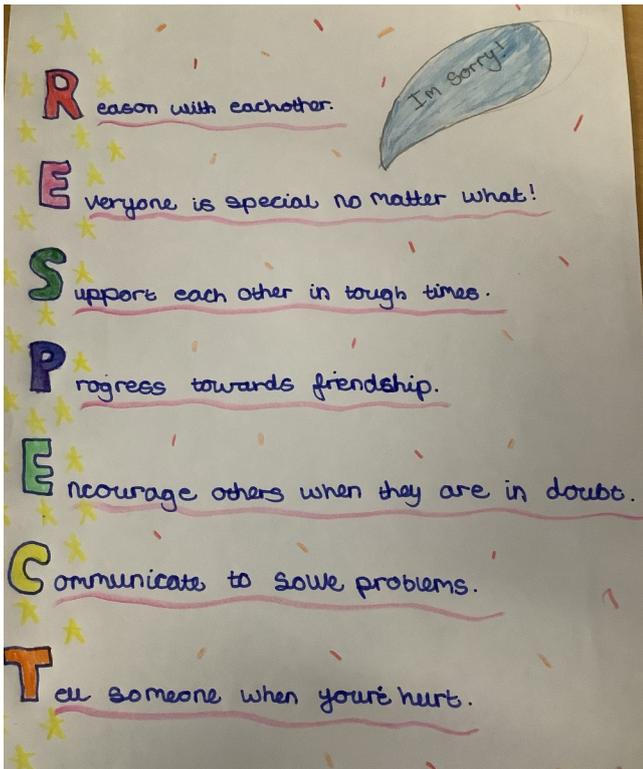
This week Year 6 have been working on our communication skills. Our RHE topic is all about how to communicate respectfully. Odd Socks Day on Tuesday had a similar theme so we have spent lots of time discussing the different ways we can disagree with each other in a kind and respectful way. In RE we have been learning about Miriam and her role in the salvation history of God's people. Miriam teaches us to be grateful and to use the gifts and talents God has given us to the benefit of others.

CHOOSE

RESPECT

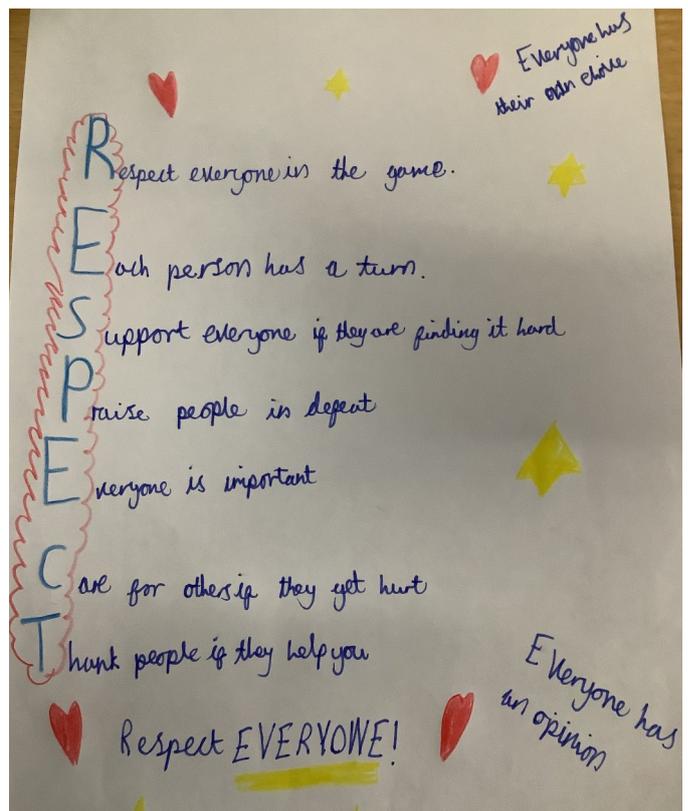


#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK



This week we took part in Anti-bullying week and the theme this year was choosing **respect**.

On Tuesday, we celebrated odd socks day by wearing our mis matched socks and Key Stage 2 took part in a live lesson, that taught us all about the theme of the week and how we should treat others fairly. Everyone then made their own poems all about showing respect to others. KS1 and EYFS took part in an assembly where we learnt how we can show respect to others and why this is important. We thought about how it feels when we are not treated fairly, or when we feel left out. We read a book all about an odd sock looking for his matching pair and talked about how important it is to look after each other.



St Cuthbert's—Reverse Advent Calendar

As we approach advent we have been discussing with the children about ways we can give back during this season.

Throughout December we will be completing a reverse advent calendar where children can bring in one item to add to their class collection box.

All donations to go to local food banks and charities.



Fair Dojo Winners:

F faith

A appreciate and articulate

I independence and initiative

R respect and resilience

Congratulations to this week's winners:

In EYFS, **Maria F.** has been articulate in her RE learning and retelling the story of creation so beautifully

This week's dojo winner in year 1 is **Jack**, Jack has been extra resilient this week and shown lovely respect to his handwriting. Well done, Jack!

Grace is our year 2 winner for showing initiative by helping with classroom jobs.

Teddy in year 3 for giving 100% in all subjects this week, showing good learning postures and sharing his ideas respectfully in the class.

For being consistently ready for her learning, for being respectful and showing kindness inside and outside the classroom, **Carmen** received the Dojo in year 4.

In year 5, **Taylor** is always working hard and responding to suggestions to improve her learning. A great display of respect for her learning.

Lilly N in year 6 has been showing our fair value of resilience in all lessons. She works so hard and never gives up even when she finds the work tricky. Keep up the good work!

Get To Know The Team!

Mrs Rainbow

Hobbies:
Reading and
Shopping

Favourite
Hot Drink:
Mocha

Favourite
Place Visited:
Hawaii

Favourite
Colour: Purple



Favourite
Food:
Seafood

Favourite
Season:
Summer

Pets: Mr
Rainbow has
lots of fish

Book Mrs Rainbow is
reading: The Anxious
Generation by Jonathan
Haidt



Diary Dates

19th November	Year 6—Junior Citizen
21st November	Christmas Jumper Day
22nd November	St Cecilia Feast Day Children in St Cecilia's house to wear mufti with their blue house t-shirt; all other children in usual uniform. Children in Year 3 will have PE so please can Year 3 St Cecilia children wear their PE kit with the blue house T-shirt
24th November	Christmas Fayre
28th November	year 5/6 girls football tournament
2nd December	Xavier Feast Day—School Closed
3rd December	Exposition of the blessed sacrament (children only)
5th and 6th	Reconciliation for years 4, 5 and 6
9th December	Fire Safety talks for Years 2 and 5
20th December	School finishes at 1.15pm—NO after school club

Nativity dates

11th December 2pm Key Stage 1

13th December 2pm Key Stage EYFS

19th December 7pm KS2 Advent Reflection
at our Lady of the Assumption

Wrap Around Care Bookings:

As many of you will be aware, Miss Constable will soon be heading off on her maternity leave. Whilst Miss Constable is away, Miss Elmer will be taking over the bookings for both breakfast and after school club, alongside the payments.

Please continue to send all booking requests to the same email (wraparoundcare@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk) and Miss Elmer will respond to you as soon as she can.

If you use childcare vouchers to pay for your wrap around care, please ensure Miss Elmer has the details of any payments you make so that your child's Scopay account can be fully updated.

Football Match Schedule

Please see below information on boys league games which have been scheduled for the season (apart from one game).

Further girls matches are confirmed for 30th January and 27th February and we hope to have all fixture dates in place by next newsletter.



**YEAR 5 BOYS
FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**
2024 / 2-25

LEAGUE MATCHES

St Charles	VS	St Cuthbert's
13th November 2024 - depart 2.45pm		
Holy Family	VS	St Cuthbert's
29th January 2025 - depart 2.45pm		
St Cuthbert's	VS	Stepgates
26th February 2025 - 3.30pm kick off		
St Cuthbert's	VS	Ongar Place
19th March 2025 - 3.30pm kick off		



2024/2025
**FOOTBALL
MATCHES**
YEAR 6 BOYS

St Cuthbert's	VS	St Jude's
Wednesday 13th November, kick off 3.30pm		
St Cuthbert's	VS	Thorpe CofE
Thursday 23rd January, kick off 3.30pm		
St Cuthbert's	VS	Lyne & Longcross
Thursday 27th February, kick off 3.30pm		
Pyrcroft Grange	VS	St Cuthbert's
tbc		

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME 2025

16th June 2025 to 4th July 2025



At Xavier Teach SouthEast, we are proud to offer an internship programme which provides those interested in teaching with the ideal opportunity to explore life in the classroom.

NON-FUNDED AND FUNDED PROGRAMMES

- **Funded internship** for **secondary chemistry, computing, languages, maths and physics undergraduates** (£425pw)
- Non-funded internship for non-undergraduates and **all other secondary subjects and primary** teaching.
- **Aim:** to help undergraduates in all subjects, as well as those considering a career change, to explore how rewarding a career in teaching can be.

As part of the programme, you will:

- Get involved in all aspects of school life
- Receive bespoke training
- Work closely with a Mentor to observe and teach lessons
- Meet regularly with fellow Interns, ECTs and SCITT trainees
- Be given an opportunity to accelerate your interview process for our SCITT



"The internship was a brilliant hands-on experience that gave me a wealth of knowledge about life as a primary school teacher. The programme gave me the best opportunity to gain first-hand experience teaching, observing and helping to plan lessons."

Intern 2023



INTERESTED?

Scan the QR code for the application form or visit www.teachsoutheast.co.uk

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PTA

Autumn/Winter Events Timetable

Christmas Fair

- Sunday 24th November
- 12.30-3pm
- Christmas starts here
- at our annual
- fun fest!

Windsor Panto

- Wednesday 4th December 7pm
- More info coming soon!

Race Night

- Friday 31st January
- Book a babysitter
- & come join us for some
- fizz & fun!

Dis-Glow

- Friday 28th February
- Glow crazy at
- our neon night!

MAGs Day

- Friday 28th March
- Come into school to
- celebrate all our
- wonderful women!

- For more information
- on our fundraising
- events please see the
- PTA page on the
- school website!

ST CUTHBERT'S SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024

**24TH
NOV**

**ST CUTHBERT'S
SCHOOL HALL
12.30-3PM**

FOOD, DRINKS, GAMES, CRAFTS, RAFFLE, BOTTLE TOMBOLA, SWEETS,
CAKES, SEE THE BIG MAN HIMSELF & MORE!!

ADULT VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED FOR EACH STALL SO PLEASE CONTACT
YOUR CLASS REP IF YOU CAN HELP US!

MON 23RD - TUE 24TH DECEMBER



MANORCROFT PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

STANDARD DAY 10:00-16:00
EXTENDED DAY 8:15-18:00

LOTS OF ACTIVITIES TO ENJOY

MEET SANTA - GAMES - CHRISTMAS
MUSIC - CHRISTMAS CRAFTS - CHRISTMAS
FOOD TASTING - & MUCH MORE



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