



Newsletter – Issue 10

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Important Dates and What's Happening

Thursday 17th November
KS2 poetry performance in school

Friday 18th November
Y1 and Y2 trip to Vue Cinema, Meadowhall.

Friday 18th November @2:30pm
Monday 21st November @ 5pm
Reading Comprehension Parent sessions

Wednesday 23rd November - Y5 Advent Retreat

Monday 28th November
Start of Advent -wear an item of purple day

Monday 28th November 2.30pm -
Blessing of the advent wreaths by Fr Martin

Tuesday 29th November
9.15am Y5 Advent liturgy

Monday 5th December
F2 Totley Hall Farm

Tuesday 6th December 9.15am - Y6 Advent liturgy

Wednesday 7th December - Y5 & Y6 Cafod Workshop

Friday 9th December - Y5 Ice Sheffield Show

Friday 9th December – Y6 Academy Theatre

Friday 9th December - 3.30-4.30pm - Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 13th December 9.15am Y4 Advent liturgy

Wednesday 14th December
Christmas Party Lunch and Save the Children
Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 15th December 9.30am Mass in school

Friday 16th December 9.15am Y3 Advent Liturgy

Friday 16th December 1.45pm Christingle

Last Week's Attendance

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	100%	2
Year 1	97.0	2
Year 2	96.7	4
Year 3	98.4	4
Year 4	100%	1
Year 5	97.5	2
Year 6	94.7	0
School Total	97.4	15

Well Done F2 ,and Year 4 fantastic
100% attendance, they will both receive
an extra playtime for the best
attendance this week!
Well done everybody!

*Please can we try and improve on
lates?*

100% Attendance & punctuality winners
Well done to our prize winners for last
week. Each child chose a small prize.....

F2	JESSIE
Year 1	POPPY
Year 2	ARCHIE
Year 3	GEORGIE-LEIGH
Year 4	ADWOA
Year 5	BEZAWET
Year 6	FREYA

Jesus said: "Love one another as I have loved you."

At St Thomas More our Mission is to love and to be loved. We believe that Love is:

Kindness, justice, acceptance, forgiveness and friendship; it is unconditional and inclusive, allowing each one of us to learn and to grow to become the wonderful person God created us to be.



MERIT

Friday 11th November

F2	Bethany Chandigere	For	Fantastic effort in our Judaism learning.
	Harry Broadbent	For	Showing interest and enthusiasm when learning about different ways of life.
Year 1	James Harrison	For	Dazzling us with your acting skills whilst learning about the story of Ganesh as part of Hinduism.
	Shaun Patindol	For	Recalling features about Krishna and Ganesh when learning about Hinduism. Keep it up Shaun! 😊
Year 2	Kirsten Sibanda	For	Her superb understanding of the story of Moses and how he led God's people to the Promised Land. Well done, Kirsten!
	Mayaziwe Mhlope	For	Her fantastic insight into Judaism and writing a beautiful Shabbat blessing. Wonderful work, well done, Maya!
Year 3	Eva Notice	For	Great suggestions for why the Sikh faith is so welcoming.
	Imogen Pawson	For	Lovely suggestions for how we welcome people, a key part of the Sikh faith.
Year 4	Petros Dereje	For	Fantastic effort in Other Faiths week – you had some brilliant ideas and questions to ask about Judaism.
	Chloe Watson	For	Her fantastic work on Remembrance Day – Chloe asked lots of lovely questions and shared some interesting stories with us.
Year 5	Roseann Kay	For	Showing understanding of Ramadan and using a diary entry to explain the important parts!
	Busi Sibanda	For	Showing understanding of Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitre by explaining the important parts along with the meaning!
Year 6	Abel Hagos	For	Your engagement during our Judaism learning. You made super contributions to discussions, and produced beautifully detailed work.
	Irah Mallari	For	An informative and well-presented Rosh Hoshanah poster, and for taking on the persona of a Jewish child during Yom Kippur.

Early Bird week!



Early bird week

Monday 21st November - Friday 25th November 2016

We are running this to promote good punctuality! We recognise that the majority of your children do arrive on time for school every single day, that is fantastic and we want to celebrate and acknowledge that! During this week, for every day, that your child arrives on time they will get a sticker. Any child with 5 stickers (ie arrives on time every day that week) will go into a prize draw for a £10 Meadowhall voucher. The class with the best punctuality for that week will also win a prize!

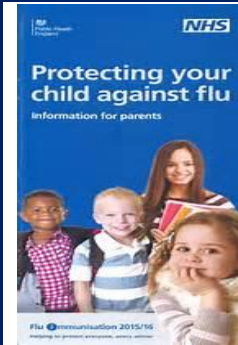
Come on kids, make sure you are in school on time, it makes a big difference to your learning!

Did you know.....

5 minutes late every day = 3.5 school days missed per academic year

10 minutes late every day = 7 school days missed per academic year

20 minutes late every day = 14 school days missed per academic year



We have been notified that the Flu Immunisations for Y1, Y2 and Y3 will take place on Monday 5th December at 1.30pm



Friday 18th November

We are supporting Children In Need this year by children and adults donating £1 and wearing a spotty item/accessory to school.

Such as spotty socks, headband, scarf, tie etc

Please note this will still be a normal school uniform day!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING

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Out of school achievements.



Lexia Superstars

REMINDER Y3 TO Y6 CLASSIC POETRY PERFORMANCE

Thursday 17th November at 1.30pm
in school.

Please send your voluntary contribution
of £2.50 into school, to help towards
the cost of the performance.

Thank you for your support



REMINDER

Please Don't forget to call in and check the lost
property. We have a very large collection of lost
property including, coats, hats, etc. in the entrance
hall.

Please call into school to check if any of these items
belong to your child by Friday 18th November. Any
items left after this date will then be taken to the
local charity shop.

Thank you.

REMINDER - F2 Trip to Totley Hall Farm

Monday 5th December



I give permission for my child

To attend the Trip to Totley Hall Farm on Monday 5th December. I enclose a voluntary contribution of £12 towards the entry & travel cost ☐

I understand unless enough contributions are received, the trip may be unable to go ahead.

I would like to order the following packed

lunch: Ham Sandwich ☐ cheese Sandwich ☐

Tuna Sandwich ☐ I will provide a packed lunch from home ☐

Parent/Carer: _____

Date: _____

If any parents are CRB or DBS checked and would like to help on the trip please see Miss Campbell

REMINDER

Reading Comprehension Sessions for Parents/Carers

We are holding two parent comprehension sessions on Friday 18th November at 2:30pm and Monday 21st November at 5pm.

The workshop will give you an insight into the way we teach our children to comprehend effectively, therefore giving you more scope to support them in using these strategies at home, particularly with their guided reading homework. Please fill out the slip below indicating which date you would like to attend and return to Mrs Round ASAP.

I/we would like to attend the parent comprehension session on:

Friday 18th November at 2.30pm ☐

Monday 21st November at 5pm ☐

Parent of _____ class _____

Y6 Trip - To Jack & the Beanstalk Pantomime - Friday 9th December

Y6 have been invited to attend the morning pantomime performance of 'Jack & the Beanstalk; at the Academy Theatre in Birdwell. This is a great opportunity, and it is a time to not only enjoy a traditional Christmas treat but to celebrate the success of their autumn term! We have been able to secure our tickets at a discounted price due to our early booking.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10 which will go towards the cost of the trip. This is voluntary, but unfortunately unless enough contributions are received, the trip will not be able to go ahead.

Please complete the slip below and return it to school along with your contribution by Tuesday 22nd November.

I give permission for my child: _____

To attend the pantomime at the Academy Theatre, Birdwell on the morning of Friday 9th December.

I enclose a voluntary contribution of £10.00. ☐

Signed _____

Date _____

Y5 - Year of Mercy Closing Mass at the Cathedral



On Friday, 11 November, Y5 was invited to the closing mass for the Year of Mercy at the Cathedral with Bishop Ralph. There were over 330 children and adults from Catholic schools in our Diocese! Y5 sketched and then painted their very own pictures of St. Thomas More to bring up in the procession with the Bishop to represent our school. Our whole school also made words and pictures based upon our mission statement using our fingerprints, which

was carried up to the altar during the offertory. Every school even wrote and said a bidding prayer too. It was an amazing experience and we really enjoyed it!

OTHER FAITHS' WEEK

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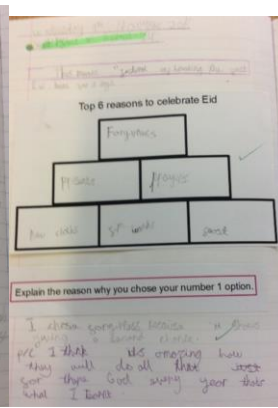
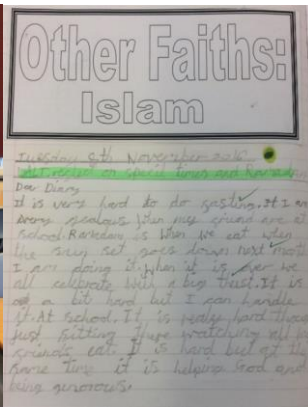


Judaism

In class 6 we have been learning about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rosh Hashanah celebrates a new year and the creation of the world. Yom Kippur is the Day of Atonement. When we were learning about Rosh Hashanah we created a poster, we learnt about: Their prayers, their meals, the Synagogue, a Shofar and the Torah. When we were learning about Yom Kippur, we wrote a diary entry imagining that we were a Jewish child. We have learnt a lot, thank you Mrs Hepkin.

By Ella and Sarah





Y5 OTHER FAITHS' WEEK

This week, Y5 have been learning about Islam. We learnt about the special times of Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr. By the end of the week, the children were able to write a diary entry explaining these special times as well as describing the top 6 reasons why Eid is celebrated. They were also able to justify their reasons in a challenge that was given to all children. Some children even went above and

beyond by creating posters and powerpoints at home about these special times! Very well done to everyone!!



Y2 OTHER FAITHS' WEEK



Year 2 learnt about Judaism. We learnt about the holy day of Shabbat.

PicCOLLAGE



Y4 Other Faiths' Week

Y4 have been learning all about Judaism. We have been thinking about Jewish traditions, celebrations, different foods, ceremonies and prayers. We have even tried writing our own names in Hebrew and thinking about how we could write a prayer for Jewish people, according to what they believe.

F2 OTHER FAITHS' WEEK



This week in our other faith learning we have been finding out about Hanukkah. We have talked about the story of the oil in the lamp and found out why Hanukkah is a celebration. We made Menorah handprints, and the Star of David in different ways. We also wrote some Happy Hanukkah cards.

Y1 Other Faith Week WALA: The Hindu God Ganesh

Y1 OTHER FAITHS' WEEK



Y3 OTHER FAITHS' WEEK