



Newsletter – Issue 24

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Important Dates and What's Happening



13th – 17th March-British Science Week in school

Tuesday 14th March – From 1.40pm
F2 Science Afternoon Parents/Grandparents welcome

Friday 17th March at 9.15am
Showcase Assembly for British Science Week

Friday 17th March after lunch
Bike Smoothie workshop for Y4/5/6



Monday 20th March - Friday 31st March
The Big Pedal Competition 2017!

Tuesday 21st March - Y5 Lenten Retreat Day

Tuesday 21st March 9.30am - Y1, Y2 and Y3
Mass at St Thomas More Church.

Wednesday 22nd March - Y5 Cathedral Trip

Thursday 23rd March – 9.30am
Y4, Y5, and Y6 attending Mass in Church

3rd April at 3pm - Flute Performance

4th/5th April - Y4 Residential Trip to Kingswood

Thursday 6th April 9.30am - Mass in school

Thursday 6th April - RNLI workshops for KS2 classes

Thursday 6th April 2.30pm
Music Hub Singing concert for F2 – Y3 classes

Monday 10th April 9.15am
Y4 Lenten Liturgy Palm Sunday

Tuesday 11th April 9.15am
Y3 Lenten Liturgy The Last Supper

Wednesday 12th April 9.15am
Y5 Lenten Liturgy - Garden of Gethsemane

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Thursday 13th April 2.30pm
Y6 Lenten Liturgy – Crucifixion

Easter Holidays from Friday 14th April
Return to school on the 24th April

12th/14th June - Y6 Residential Trip to Mount

Last Week's Attendance

Class	Percentage Attendance	Lates
F2	93.9	0
Year 1	98.7	0
Year 2	97.3	2
Year 3	96.0	0
Year 4	99.0	3
Year 5	99.3	0
Year 6	99.7	1
School Total	97.7	6

Well Done Y6 fantastic attendance. They will receive an extra playtime for the best attendance this week!

A great improvement in lates – thank you!

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

F2	DARCEY
Year 1	SHAUN
Year 2	SOPHIA
Year 3	EMMANUEL
Year 4	KAMAL
Year 5	NIAMH
Year 6	BRADLEY

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 10th March

F2	Susanna	for	Fantastic fair-trade hunting around Asda. Looking really carefully for the logo. Well done.
	James	for	Listening carefully during our Sikhism learning, and talking about what a Sikh wears, and why!
Year 1	Macy	for	Your enthusiasm and knowledge when learning about the journey of a Fair Trade banana. Superstar! ☺
	Guedaliah	for	Dazzling us when talking about the story of Moses and the person who is an inspirational leader to you. Well done! ☺
Year 2	Yuxiang	for	A fantastic Fairtrade poster.
	Raphael	for	A fantastic Fairtrade poster.
Year 3	Daisy	for	Doing a fantastic mind map about fair trade. Super ideas and presentation. Well done.
	Aiden	for	Showing great researching and note taking skills during our Other Faiths learning about the Synagogue.
Year 4	Petros	for	Engaging in our lesson about Rama and Sita in our learning of Hinduism this week.
	George	for	Reflecting on our Fair Trade helps others around the world and asking really good questions.
Year 5	Declan	for	Producing a detailed, informative and reflective brochure about Passover for our study on Judaism.
	Winta	for	Demonstrating wonderful negotiation skills and empathy regarding the sale of bananas to all the people involved.
Year 6	Daniel	for	Your careful consideration of the impact Fairtrade has on the production of tea. You were able to recognise the impact on the farmers.
	Katie	for	Your in-depth Sikhism poster, recognising that they believe that all religions lead to the same God.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING

Lexia Superstars



Out of school achievements



Samantha
Our 500 Words short
story winner - Well
Done!

Ryan
100% Attendance certificate



The children from F2 through to Y3 have been receiving singing lessons from the Music Hub this half term. A concert will be held in school on April 6th at 2:30pm which the parents and carers from these classes are invited to attend.



Flute Performance

Our Y4 children, along with 2 Y5s and a Y6 child will be doing a flute performance on Monday 3rd April at 3pm in school. They will be showcasing their flute work so far.

Families are very welcome to join us for this performance.

The Big Pedal Competition 2017!



As in past years, our school will be participating in the national 2 week competition to complete a VIRTUAL race by bike and scooter using our journeys to school. The competition begins on **Monday 20th March and runs through Friday 31st March**. The children will have a whole school assembly run by Sustrans on Monday to kick off the competition and explain it to them (and hopefully motivate them to take part) Our goal is to get as many children **AND** parents to bike or scoot to school during these 2 weeks. Every day, your child will tell their teacher if they biked or scooted to school (they will even be asked if their parents did too). Then these numbers will be inputted daily onto the Big Pedal website to see how far we have travelled across the nation! There are national prizes for the schools that travel the furthest distance. Our best 5 days will determine our position in the challenge. For more information, please go to:

www.bigpedal.org.uk

Attention Y5:

Y5 are fortunate to have the Hallam Youth Ministry again this year to provide us with a Lenten Retreat Day!! This day will take place on Tuesday, 21st March. This is an all-day workshop in school where the children will be reflecting and focussing on Lenten activities. The day will kick off with a whole school assembly led by the InReality Team. At the end of the day, the Y5's will be putting on an assembly/liturgy for the whole school in order to see what they have been learning about during the day.

The Friends Association have kindly offered to fund part of the day, which is wonderful news, and means we only need to ask parents to make a voluntary contribution of £3.50 for each child.

Please could you send your voluntary contribution in a named envelope marked "Y5 Lenten Retreat Day" by Tuesday 21st March. Thank you for your support. A huge thanks to the Friends for their contribution!

REMINDER

Y5 will be visiting St. Marie's Cathedral on Wednesday, 22nd March.

We will be leaving school after 9am register and arriving back around 1:30 pm. Children will need to bring a packed lunch on the day, and all children need to wear their school uniform.

The trip to the Cathedral is free however they do ask for donations, so if you are able to donate a pound or two, we will be presenting it to them during the visit. Thank you for your support!

A HUGE thank you to the Friends Association who are paying for the coach!

I give permission for _____ to attend the Y5 Cathedral visit on Wednesday 22nd March.

Signed Parent/Carer _____ Date _____

Please contact the school office if your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like to order them a packed lunch.

