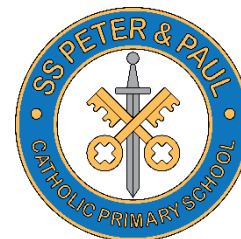


SS Peter and Paul Newsletter



Term 4 27th March 2024

Year 5 Stations of the Cross



On the last day of the term, Year 5 shared the events of Good Friday through a reflective and poignant service of Stations of the Cross, guiding the rest of the school through Jesus' journey from the time he was condemned to death to the point where he was crucified and laid in a tomb. They staged each station of Jesus' last hours through tableaux and reflective prayer and beautiful song. The children reminded us about the way we should live and how we should follow Jesus' teachings and make our world a safe and peaceful place. All children worked incredibly hard to learn their lines and hymns and took the job of sharing this significant story very seriously. They were a credit to our school and community. Thank you to Miss Polglase and Year 5 for showing Jesus' journey in



such a moving way. We would also like to thank Miss Meadows who kindly played the piano for the children.

Thank You!



The children have enjoyed taking part in the Big Lent Walk, walking laps of the KS2 playground come rain or shine, to raise money for CAFOD's Lent Appeal. We have raised an incredible **£1,060!** Thank you for all your support. The children particularly enjoyed walking with different year groups and encouraging each other along. The money raised will now be used by CAFOD to help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra



On 21st of March KS2 had the opportunity to experience the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra (BSO) live, at the recently refurbished Bristol Beacon. The children were tasked with learning a Makaton dance, body percussion and a Slavonic dance to be able to participate in the live performance. In addition, KS1 learnt the Makaton dance and performed it on the Friday morning with the rest of the school. During the event, the children were exposed to the different 'musical instrument families' that were part of the orchestra (Percussion, String, Woodwind and Brass) and were taught about the history of famous musical pieces like the Nutcracker and the theme tune to BBC's Strictly Come Dancing. The leader of the event taught the children about the process of composing music of many different genres and encouraged the children to explore music in any way they could. The children and adults had a very entertaining afternoon finishing on a high with the orchestra playing Abba's Dancing Queen and the entire audience dancing to the music. The children were very excited as

they left the venue having had a wonderful afternoon. The majority of the children had not heard an orchestra playing live before so we are very grateful to the BSO and Bristol Beacon for providing this opportunity. Thank you to all parents and staff who supported the trip and a big thank you to Miss Bryant-Henry for organising the event.



Antarctica

To celebrate British Science Week, Simon Heyes, one of our parents, came into talk to KS2 about Antarctica. He has recently returned from an exciting adventure to the southern polar region and shared all he had experienced with the children. We learnt fascinating facts about the geography of the region, about krill and phytoplankton's vital role in our ecosystems, as well as seeing videos to identify different penguins and sea lions. Mr Heyes kindly came into Year 6 afterwards to share more about protecting Antarctica, the job he does, and the importance of ecotourism. Thank you to Simon for his time and enthusiasm. The children were very enthusiastic about the talk the facts they recalled:

"We were being Citizen Scientists by spotting polar animals from videos" – Olivia

"Emperor penguins can grow to the size of a Year 6 pupil!" – Elijah


"I learnt that 90% of icebergs were under the water so it's important to not get too close to them." - Sofia



PTFA

Thank you to all those who attended the PTFA meeting on Wednesday 20th March. The PTFA had a very successful year last year holding many events for the community and raising lots of money. Many thanks to Luana Gaddeo who explained what the PTFA achieved last year, which included funding the update KS2 Adventure Playground and running the second hand uniform sales. The plans for this year and next were also discussed. This year a number of smaller projects would be funded, with a larger project being funded the following year.

The Summer Fair will be held on Friday 21st June. Further details will follow shortly but please talk to your class rep about how you can help. The Summer Fair is one of the children's favourite events and is a great social event as well as a major source of fundraising. The more help we have, the easier it is to organise.

 **easyfundraising** To help raise money for school with minimum effort you can sign up to Easyfundraising which enables retailers to donate money to school every time you shop online with no additional cost to yourself. You can use the link below to sign up, there are over 4,300 retailers signed up to donate. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/> Please make sure you select SS Peter and Paul Bristol, as there are several schools with the same name.

Drama 4 All

Four classes, Foundation Stage, KS1 and Year 3, had an exciting drama workshop with Drama4All. During the sessions the children went to the Wild West. The Drama4ALL workshops are 30- minute sessions focusing on confidence and social skills for children. The children enjoyed it.

Year 1 said, "Visiting the Wild West was a lot of fun."



Easter in a Box

On Friday 22nd, Years 5 and 6 went to Woodlands Church to take part in the 'Easter in a Box.' The children were guided around the Church, learning about the events of Holy Week and Jesus' resurrection on Easter



Sunday. At each point, they re-enacted the story and took part in a short reflection in which the children were generously given a variety of props to remind them of Jesus' journey. One of the Year 5's explained how it really brought Holy Week to life for them and allowed them to empathise with the different people that were involved.

History in Year 5

During the week beginning, Monday 11th, Year 5 had a fun-filled history week. On Tuesday, they had a visit from Michael Gorely, from English Heritage. He shared the primary sources of censuses and maps around Aberdeen Road during the Victorian period.



On Wednesday, the children had a visit from Ellie Manly who works at the George Muller museum. She shared stories about George Muller's life and work, and brought many artefacts that the children were allowed to handle.

On Friday, Michael took the children for a walk around Cotham and the surrounding area. The children learnt about the key features of Victorian buildings and using photographs from the time they had to identify whether these were still present or not. They spotted some original gas lights, a Victorian post-box and visited the house where George Muller lived. The children enjoyed the walk despite the heavy rain.



Tortoise Visit



EYFS and Year 1 had an opportunity to meet two pet tortoises, named Shelly and Pebbles. The visitors proved very popular with the children and teachers who found them fascinating. We are very grateful that the children had the opportunity to see the tortoises and ask lots of questions about how to look after them and what

they liked to do. Thank you to Jacadi for coming into school to show us them and for answering all of our questions!



PE

Term 5 will bring a new timetable of afterschool sports clubs, ending term 4's cycle. The clubs for term 5 are:

Year 2: Thursday - Multi-skills- ends at 4pm

Year 3: Monday - Summer Sports - ends at 4.15pm

Year 4: Tuesday – Dance - ends at 4.15pm

Year 5: Tuesday – Summer Sports - ends at 4.15pm

Year 6: Friday – Archery - ends at 4.15pm

Please check your emails/texts as you will have had a message notifying you of your child's place. If you haven't had a message, your child has not on the register for this term.



Bristol United Hospitals Mixed Hockey Club will return for one last session on Friday on 19th April to coach Year 3 and Year 4 in their PE lessons and for one final club session for Year 5 and Year 6. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions and we are all very grateful of the volunteer students for providing the children with this opportunity.

Finally, Simon Porter from Cotham Park Tennis Club will be returning on Wednesdays for free weekly Tennis sessions.

Term Dates

2023/2024

Term 5 Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May 2024

Term 6 Monday 3rd June to Tuesday 23rd July 2024

There are no further Inset Days this year

Term Dates 2024/2025

Term 1 Monday 2nd September to Friday 25th October 2024

Term 2 Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December 2024

Term 3 Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February 2025

Term 4 Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April 2025

Term 5 Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May 2025

Term 6 Monday 2nd June to Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Inset days for 2022/2023 will be set after the Easter holidays

Easter

We wish you a peaceful and happy Easter break and hope that you return safely to school on Monday 15th April, rested and ready for term 5.



Lord,

Help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, every day.

Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrifice.

Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice in our salvation.

Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world.