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June Newsletter

'And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it, You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Matthew 22:37-39

Dear parents and Carers,

As we draw near to the end of the summer term, it seems that school is getting busier and busier. In the final few weeks, our thoughts will begin to turn to our Year 6 leaver's who are readying themselves to conclude their journey with us at St Bernadette's and begin their next chapter in pastures new.

We will also be saying goodbye and farewell to Mrs Lord as she begins her well-earned retirement. She has worked for over twenty years as a teaching assistant and is a very much loved and valued member of our team. I'm sure that she will have touched the lives of your children in one way or another as well as many more children who she will have helped over her long career. We will miss Mrs Lord very much and wish to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all that she has done in service of our school community.

We will also be extending a very warm welcome to our new families and siblings who will be joining us in Apple class next September. I would ask that you keep these children and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Section 48 Inspection

We were inspected on the 28th and 29th of June by three inspectors on behalf of the Bishop. This inspection is one of the first carried out after the implementation of the new Catholic Schools Inspection Framework. The framework has been revised and updated and is now more rigorous than previous inspections and therefore the grades are harder to attain.

I feel immensely proud of our Catholic school community and all that we have achieved together. We have a wonderful relationship with Father David and our school and parish relationship is thriving. I am privileged to lead a very experienced team of dedicated teachers and teaching assistants and am especially thankful to all of them for their very hard work leading up to this inspection. Especially Mrs Bramhall as our leader for RE.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who completed the parent survey element of the inspection. As ever these were overwhelmingly positive, we thank you for your support. The inspection report has yet to be received. When it is release it will be shared directly with our families.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our children. You were amazing in your behaviour and attitudes - as always! You were able to talk about what it means to be a pupil at St Bernadette's and how we all strive to be courageous stewards of Creation.

Faith Enrichment Day!



We celebrated our first 'Faith Enrichment day'. Our focus was to reflect on what it means to be stewards of Creation. With support from Our Lady's Catholic College school chaplain and some OLCC students we began our enrichment day by reflecting on what an amazing God we have and wondered at his creation. Through singing 'So will I' we made a promise to try our best to look after our common home. We spent time outdoors weeding and planting, we went litter picking, we used unrecyclable materials to create art, we

reflected on scripture and made worship stones and Romero crosses. We wrote prayers and Willow class received prayer Leader training. We ended our day in celebration. We shared our work and gave thanks for our world and shared prayers of hope for a healthier, more peaceful planet.



Trips

Blackpool Zoo – Apple class



Apple class had a wonderful trip to Blackpool Zoo, where they have been deepening their knowledge of the world around them. This half term has been all about exploring the world around them – they even had a bug laboratory in their classroom!



Brockholes – Elm Class

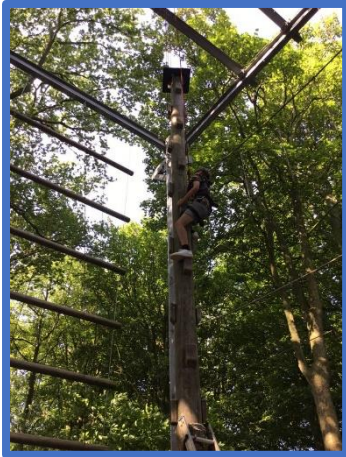
Year Two enjoyed a day at Brockhole - on Windermere investigating habitats. The children had fun discovering the amazing wildlife in ponds. They learnt about the life cycles, adaptations and habitat preferences of these creatures and used keys/identification charts to work out what they were. They even followed a Beatrix Potter trail!



PGL Winnmarleigh Residential – Sycamore



Year Six had a great time on their residential this year. Their trip was jam packed with adventurous activities which the children had chosen beforehand. I am reliably informed that the food was 'AMAZING'! Each day began with a full English breakfast, cereals and toast! The children enjoyed glorious weather and a wide range of activities. Thank you to Mrs Bramhall, Mrs Round, Mrs Wood and Mrs Chadwick – your dedications makes these trips possible.



Visitors

Year 1 Outdoor Adventures



Year 1 spent the morning with Greg Sykes learning to make dens for shelter and bonfires for cooking and keeping warm. The children investigated the outdoor area and found many mini beasts to observe. They had fantastic weather and were very good at problem solving.



The Fire service came in to visit Elm and Sycamore classes to explain fire safety and road safety. These are crucial talks for the children but especially for Year 6 as they move on to secondary school. They will be required to become even more independent and be aware of their own safety when travelling to and from their schools.



End of Year Reports

You will receive your child's end of year report on Thursday 13th July. This report informs you of how your child is doing in relation to age related expectations in **all** areas of study. If you're your child has undertaken end of key stage tests or phonics screening, a report will also be included to let you know what standards they have achieved. Please contact your child's class teacher via the class email, should you wish to discuss the report further.

Staffing for the 23/23 academic year

I can now share with you the arrangements for staffing at our school from September. All children will have a transition visit to their new classes on Monday 10th July.

Class	Staff
Apple class	Mrs A Bramhall Mrs A Hegarty Mrs Bolton (Thursday PM)
Oak Class	Miss Maymon Mrs Stewart
Elm Class	Mrs Buchan Mrs Pilkington Mrs Bergus Miss Taylor
Beech Class	Mrs White Mrs Bolton
Eucalyptus class	Mrs Lewis Mrs Wood Mrs Lambert Miss White (am)
Willow Class	Miss Burke Mrs Hodgson
Sycamore Class	Mrs Round Mr Karim Mrs Chadwick (am)

NEWS in PE



Athletics at OLCC!

Our Year 3 children returned triumphant after taking part in an athletics competition at Our Lady's Catholic College. It was a difficult afternoon competing in the heat but all the children performed exceptionally and gave it their all. They won every single track event and many of the field events. They finished in first place. Well done to all the children involved!

Hockey in Year 4

Eucalyptus class took part in an Inter house Quicksticks Hockey Competition hosted by Mrs Lewis and Mr Karim. The children first participated in some basic skills involving holding a hockey stick correctly, passing and shooting. Once this was completed, the children were put into their House Teams. The competition was super exciting and full of great skills and lots of determination. After each House had competed against each other in a mini league, the Red House (St Margret) were crowned the Champions. Well done Year 4!



KS1 Multi-Sports Club

Thank you to Mr Karim, Mrs Bramhall and Mrs Pilkington for running a brilliant sports club for KS1 this half term. The Tri golf looked great, the gymnasts showed agility and strength and the rugby was certainly energetic and we saw some wonderful ball handling skills!



Netball Tournament



A group of children from Y5 and Y6 took part in a netball tournament at Moorside Primary School. They played against some of the local schools and played some excellent netball. The games were all very close and although they didn't make it through to the final stages of the competition, should be really proud of their performance.



heat and sunshine, we were praying that the rain stayed away. How lucky we were that it did. The children had a wonderful time competing and

What a brilliant day we had for sports day this year! After all the



cheering on their fellow team members. Thank you to Mr Karim and Mrs Wood for all of their organising of the afternoon. Thank you to The FOSB for their snack stall, medals and ice pops for the children. Thank you to all of you, friends and families for coming along to share in our Sports Day. It was such a memorable event for all involved. The Chair of the FOSB Miss Taylor would like to say thank you for supporting the raffles which raised in excess of £130. Well done and thank you.

Congratulations to the yellow team – St Cecilia House - on a hard fought win!

Dates for your diary

Date	Function
Monday 10 th July	Transition afternoon all classes.
Tuesday 11 th July	Year 6 Production @ 2pm & 6:30pm
Friday 14 th July	Summer Fayre after school
Monday 17 th July	Leaver's Service @ 6:30pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Final Assembly @2pm
Thursday 20 th July	School closes @ 2pm

God bless,
Mrs Shoulder