



St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

In faith and love, we learn and grow



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Dear parents and carers,

One of the highlights of my week has been having the children back in the hall singing together. I can't tell you how uplifting it is to hear the sound of children singing again and boy are they great at it! It's not until you hear their voices carry through the school that you realise just how much you have missed it.

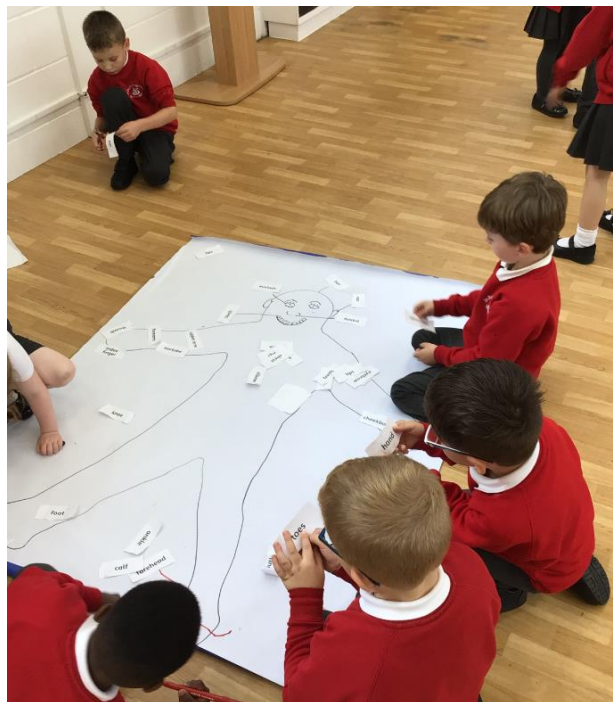
It was great to have Fr Gerard in school on Thursday to celebrate our start of school Mass. Year 4-6 were able to join him in the hall while the other children watched it live in their classrooms. Thank you Fr for leading such a wonderful celebration.



The children have been doing some great learning this week. Here's an insight into what they've been doing:

Year 1 science

Year 1 have been learning to identify, name, draw and label the basic parts of the human body. They all worked in teams to create and label a body map. The children already knew lots of body parts including their knuckles, forehead and calves! Well done Year 1.



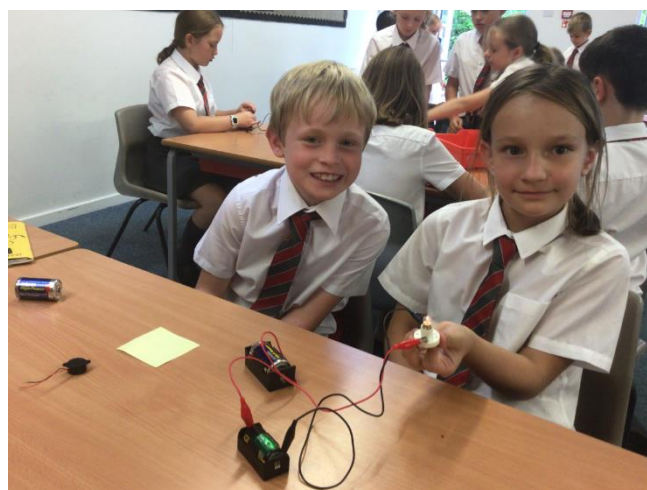
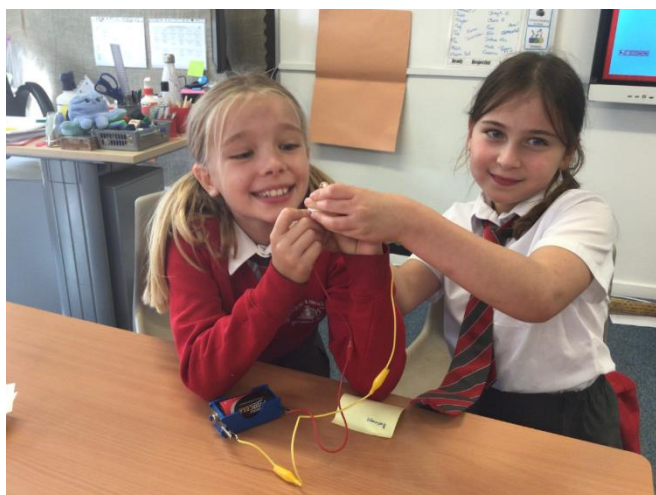
Year 4 art, science and RE

Year 4 wanted to share lots of learning with you this week.

The new topic in art is Texture, Pattern and Printing and the children started this week by experimenting with charcoal to see if they could express emotion, changing the textures they created.



In Science, year 4 have started to learn all about electricity and they had great fun learning how to build simple circuits, making buzzers and light bulbs work.



And finally in RE, the new year 4 topic is People so the children created their own family trees because in this topic they will learn about Jesus' ancestry and the family of God in scripture.

You've really been busy learning this week year 4. Keep up the great work!



Year 6 Faith in Action Awards

Year 6 received some exciting news this week when we told them about an exciting new scheme they are all going to participate in called the, "Faith in Action Awards." The scheme is run by the Catholic Youth Ministry Federation of England and Wales and is comprised of 4 levels: the pin, bronze, silver and gold. Our year 6 class are going to work towards their pin this year by undertaking a collaborative project to create an outward expression of their faith by designing and bringing to life a new faith garden that will serve the whole school community.

You may remember that I put a request in the newsletter before the summer break asking if anyone knew a garden designer who might be willing to volunteer with year 6 on the project. A fantastic designer called Angela Wilson got in touch and offered to work with our year 6 children and we were lucky enough to welcome her into school to meet the children on Wednesday. She spent some time talking to the children about their ideas and vision for the faith garden and got them to vote on a theme. The theme of a "creation garden" was the clear winner and the children are going to work with Angela to design a special space telling the creation story. Before she went, she set the children some work to measure out the site and triangulate the trees to produce a plan for her to work with.

We'll keep you updated as the project moves along. Our year 6 team will be trying to fundraise, find sponsorship and organise volunteer working groups as their design is realised, so if you know of any sources of help please let us know. Needless to say the children's ideas are much bigger than the current budget we have available to us!



School Crossing Patrol

We haven't had any luck trying to find a temporary school crossing patrol person yet. If you know of anyone who may be interested in covering Mr Di Stefano until Christmas please get in touch with the office. Meanwhile, we have had lots of parents contacting the office to say they are worried about children crossing the road outside the Surrey pub rather than walking up the road closer to Wickes where there is a safer crossing place and a refuge island. Please cross safely.

October bank holiday

Our sports coaches have confirmed that they are able to run a multi-sports camp on the additional bank holiday on 22nd October. As soon as we have the link for bookings we will send it out.

INSET day 8th October

A quick reminder of the INSET day coming up on 8th October. Mr Trussler, one of our sports coaches, is getting married that day (congratulations!) and so unfortunately Planet Soccer won't be able to run a sports camp. I hope that doesn't cause you any problems. All of the INSET and term dates for the year are on the school website. Here's a link in case you find it helpful.

<https://www.sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk/key-dates/>

Parking – please don't park on Five Oaks Close

Please help us foster good relationships with our neighbours on Five Oaks Close by not parking on any part of Five Oaks Close during drop off or pick up. Parking is available in the Surrey pub or down the side of Wickes which both businesses kindly let us use.

Open mornings for parents joining reception class in September 2022

We are holding tours of the school every Tuesday and Thursday at 9.30am for parents interested in applying for a space in reception class in September 2022. Please spread the word to any friends or families who you know who might be interested. Anything you can do to spread that word about our wonderful school would be greatly appreciated!

Meet the teacher meetings

I hope you found the meetings with the teachers useful. Many apologies for the technical issues yesterday afternoon; there was an issue with the third party internet provider and we lost all of our communications. A few parents have contacted the office to ask how to access the recordings. These should be available on the Teams classroom in the files area by the end of Monday.

Autumn Fair this Saturday

I'm sure you'll all join me in a prayer for good weather for our autumn fair on Saturday! Please do come and join us from 12pm as it is a really important fundraiser for us and the church. I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved in planning, organising and manning stalls and in particular to Anne Rushton and Ingrid Stevens who probably deserve one of our "above and beyond" postcards for their efforts! Hope to see you all there.

God bless,
Mrs Harper