



## **Newsletter**

### **31st March 2023**

Dear Parents and carers,

The story of Lazarus rising from the tomb is one of the most significant passages of the Gospel and Jesus' words to Martha describe a central tenet of the Catholic faith: "I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die".

What a fantastic term this has been with so many highlights. As we break up for the Easter holidays before Holy Week begins we have all enjoyed watching our Holy Week liturgies led by a different class each day. This has enabled the children to better understand the events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection and has been a really reflective and holy experience for everyone.

This morning we held our termly celebration assembly with so many of the children being recognised for their fantastic achievements this term. The Golden Pencil award was given to our outstanding writers and reading certificates and Disciple awards were also awarded. This term, we've introduced a new award – 'Sportsperson of the Term'. The winner of this award was described by our coaches as showing superb sportspersonship both in PE and whilst representing the school. Most recently she competed in the cross country event in which she came 1<sup>st</sup> out of 94 contestants. Well done Nettie you definitely embody our school's values.

This year our Easter colouring competition was funded by Woking Lions who judged all of the entries and donated the prizes. Thank you to everyone that took part and congratulations to the winners.

I would just like to say a few thank yous. Firstly thank for all you do to support the school in so many ways. In particular, thank you for your tremendous support this term with improving our school attendance. Our current attendance percentage for the year is running at 97% against a national average figure of 93.6%. This is phenomenal! Surrey inclusion Service visit us every term to do a register check and on their last visit they were very complimentary about our healthy attendance statistics. So please keep up the excellent work next term. Thank you also for your help in walking your children through Five Oaks close rather than driving up to school. I'd like to echo what Mr O'Donovan, our Chair of Governors said in the Governors' newsletter: *I would like to thank the majority of you, who make use of our agreed parking arrangements with The Surrey public house and Wickes. This not only makes Five Oaks Close a safer environment at the start and end of the day, but also prevents complaints from our neighbours!*

Thank you to Mrs Mahmood who came to tell us all about Eid El Fitr and Ramadan during Collective Worship on Friday. She and three of our children gave a really interesting presentation about this Muslim festival and how it is celebrated. Thank you to Kane and Jessica for sharing all about Easter is celebrated in Poland. They talked about all the wonderful Polish traditions and brought some of their wonderful painted Easter eggs in to show us.

Finally, we are saying goodbye (for a while) to Mrs Lewis who begins her maternity leave today. Thank you to her for all her wonderful teaching, her kindness and respect for all the children in her class and beyond. We look forward to hearing good news from her soon. We are welcoming Miss Wisdom to St Hugh's, who will cover Mrs Lewis's maternity leave. She is going to be a tremendous asset to the school and we are all looking forward to working with her.

I wish you all a very happy and restful Easter. It has been an enormous pleasure to serve once again this term as Head of School within such a lovely and supportive community.

God Bless!  
Mrs Grace





## Reception

It has been a busy week in Reception! The children have really enjoyed observing the progress of their plants. The runner beans and sunflowers in particular have really shot up this week! They have been learning about the different parts of plants and have enjoyed exploring a range of flowering plants to find the roots, stem, leaves and petals. They have also been inspired by Damien Hirst's, '*Cherry Blossoms*', collection to produce their own blossom art! Also, the children have really enjoyed watching the live feed from Woking's '*Peregrine Project*.' We were so excited to see 2 eggs in the nest this week! Do follow their progress at [the Woking Peregrine Project | Live Web Feed of the Woking Peregrines](#)



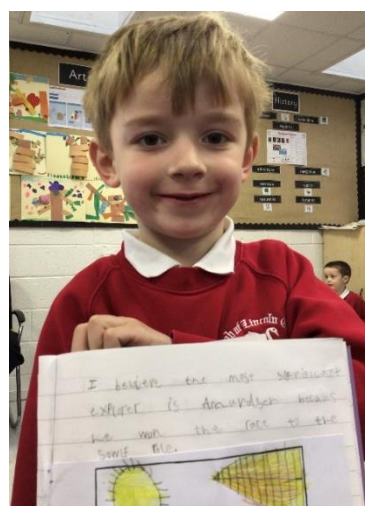
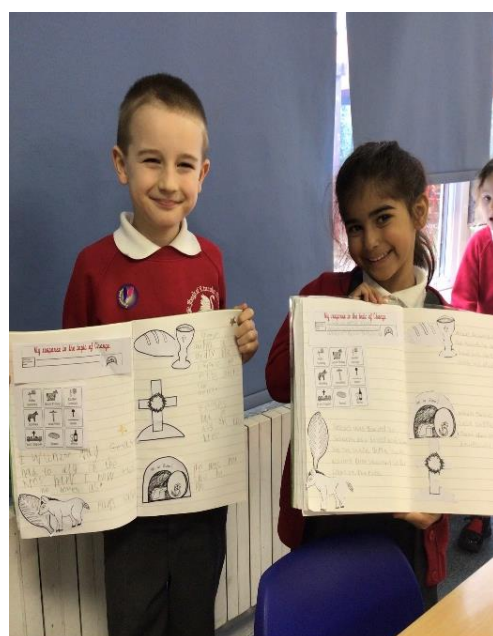
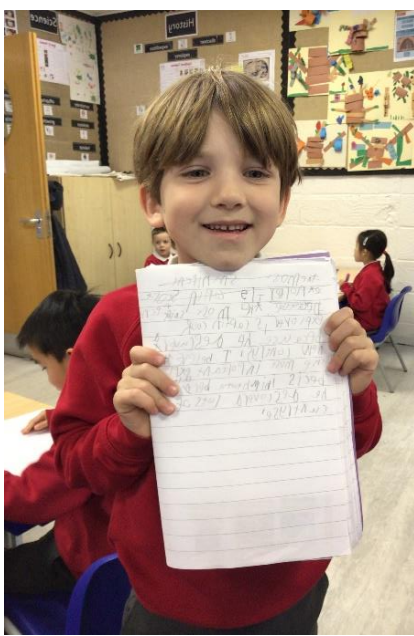


## Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been assessing our History knowledge by using our key vocabulary to explain our favourite explorer. The children chose their most significant explorer and gave reasons why. Then they created a commemorative flag for their favourite explorer.

The children can now retell the story of Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. To support the children's understanding of the Easter Story we created Easter gardens.

Finally, here are some photos of our finished Science posters.





## Year 2

This half term the children in year 2 have been very busy having fun in their Design and Technology lessons. They have been designing and creating a functional Ferris wheel and selecting a suitable linkage system to produce the desired motions. They had to select appropriate materials based on their properties and select materials according to their characteristics. As well as these key skills the children had to follow a design brief, evaluate their different designs and test and adapt their design.





### Year 3

In RE as part of our learning in Lent Year 3 spend time making reflective foil prayers. We gave thanks to God for what we had and each created prayers for people or places that we wanted to pray for. As part of our Egyptian art topic we used the ancient technique of making papyrus paper and made our own paper. We will be painting our Egyptian inspired designs on to our paper and making scrolls.





## Year 4

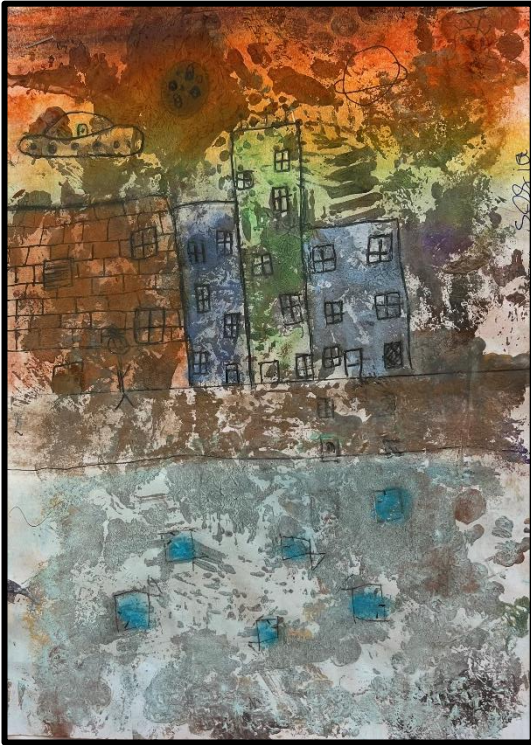
The year 4 children have now finished their slingshot cars as part of their DT learning this term. They placed the body onto their chassis and fixed it with double sided tape. Many had managed to create aerodynamic body design, which led to them reducing overall air resistance when they were sling-shotted across the classroom with an elastic band. This was the penultimate part of the lesson, when they could test their cars and aim to achieve the maximum distance. To make it fair the band was stretched equal distance each time. The children were surprised at how far the cars could travel and saw first-hand how the shape of the body affected resistance and overall distance. The final part of the lesson allowed them to evaluate their cars against the design brief. The body needed to create minimal resistance, allow two people to comfortably sit and be aesthetically pleasing. Many found they had met their brief. Well done year 4!





## Year 5

In Year 5 this term, we have been looking at retrofuturistic art. The class used print to create a space themed background. They created a collagraph print using different materials: bubblewrap, dried lentils, tissue paper and pipe cleaners. This week, the pupils draw their drawings on top of the backgrounds using a variety of techniques and then evaluated their work.





## Year 6

In RE, we looked at the raising of Lazarus. We did a conscience ally to decide whether we thought Jesus did the right thing in waiting or not.



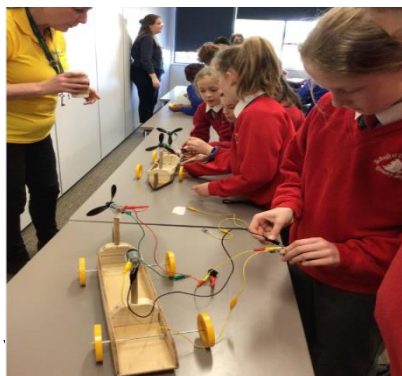


## The Science Fair

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March some children from St Hugh of Lincoln School got the opportunity to take some of their exemplary science projects to the Xavier Science Fair Grand Final held at the Royal Holloway University in Egham. This was a chance for many schools within the trust to bring projects from the recent fairs within their schools to share with others. The quality of the work produced by children from across the schools were of extremely high quality and ranged on various topics.

At the beginning of the day, the children all assembled in the lecture theatre to learn from Professor Veronique Boisvert about her work on the Atlas detector located in CERN. As well as being very informative, the children learnt about how fulfilling a career in science could be. The children then went on to explore some of the exhibits run by scientists who volunteered their time to inspire the next generation of scientists. Exhibitors from industry showed the children many things including how to create a superconductor using dry ice, take seismic readings from beneath the ground, design a railway track and assemble electronic circuits to power a fan to move a vehicle.

The final session in the lecture theatre was to present awards to children across the schools in recognition of their projects. We were very proud of the effort that every child made to produce work for our science fair, all of which contributed to it being such a successful event. The children who attended the grand final behaved in an exemplary manner, and through their projects and conduct were a credit to St Hugh of Lincoln School.





## **A few reminders**

On our return to school the children may wear our school summer uniform. Please see the school website for details. Please remember we do not allow children to wear earrings for safety reasons and please ensure that hair is tied back off the face and hair accessories are minimal, soft and in school colours.

There has been a growing trend in placing 'attachments' on book bags and messenger bags many of which have been lost or broken causing upset to children. These are not part of our school uniform so please encourage your children to leave these safely at home.

Please ensure that your child has the resources they need to be able to succeed in lessons. They need to have a simple clear pencil case including the following:

Pencil x2

Handwriting pen ks2 x2

Purple biro for editing

Glue stick

Small selection of colouring pencils

Pencil sharpener

Rubber

Ruler

We are able to assist with the supply of these items if financial assistance is required. Please let Mrs Barker our home school link worker know.

## **Friends' Cream Tea Picnic 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

On 28th April 2023, there will be a Coronation Cream Tea Picnic organised by the friends. You will be able to pre-order your cream tea and either, weather depending, have a picnic in the school grounds, or take away your box on the 28th. Pre-order will be available soon on classlist. Funds are being raised for the wet pour flooring of the KS2 sport equipment area.

## **Swimming Lessons for Year 5 and 6**

The national Curriculum states that:

All schools must provide swimming instruction either in key stage 1 or key stage 2. In particular, pupils should be taught to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres. In line with this, we are delighted to be able to offer swimming instruction at school for years 5 and 6 during the summer term. There will be a charge for this however, the children will benefit from a whole week of swimming lessons in focussed groups on our site. All children will get this fantastic opportunity when they are in year 5 and Year 6. It will be made possible by having a temporary pool installed on site for a two week period. [Pools to Schools \(eliteswimming.co.uk\)](https://eliteswimming.co.uk) More details to follow!

## **Planet Soccer Link for bookings**

Planet Soccer will be running a multisport camp during the Easter holidays. Please see the links below. Easter holidays - <https://bookwhen.com/planetsoccercamps94>

Please follow the link below to book onto Planet Soccer's afterschool Football or Multisport clubs for next term. Afterschool Clubs - <https://bookwhen.com/planetsoccerclubs19>  
If booking the Dancebites club please follow the link previously sent on the flyer.



## **For Home Learning Phonics/Early Reading Read Write Inc. - Virtual Classroom films**

Please see below the links for each phonics group to complete at home. Please set aside 10 minutes to watch the film with your child at least three times a week. Please find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop or tablet. Please praise your child as he/she joins in with the lesson.

Reception- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/m95FE9sk/WjZMN0QzF> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/9pa9nuFT/rVLI7k2L>

Reception Ditty Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/NIHPQHMu/HlfSagie>

Reception Red Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/NxxnmbuP/AW6830Gw>

Pink Group-<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/GadRAzAV/n4qxL0iS>

Yellow Group-

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/YgldI5x6/GyL9ZkPp> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Xe1iNxRd/zVZTz9Vf>

Blue

Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/XNn0pR1x/756HvDno> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/QLlONY8f/mIVWmRan>

Grey

Group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/0PbmM3Zj/V6UtF8TT> and <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Nnf0uNQu/0u1a3fh9>



## Dates for your Diary

### April

**17<sup>th</sup> April – Return to School**

**25<sup>th</sup> April – Friends Meeting at the School**

**30<sup>th</sup> April - Induction Mass at St Hugh of Lincoln Church for Head of School**

### May

**8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank holiday – School closed - King's Coronation**

**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> May – SATS Week**

**15<sup>th</sup> May Year 6 Swimming lessons**

**22<sup>nd</sup> May Year 5 Swimming lessons**

**Bank holiday: Monday 1st May 2023**

**Half term: Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June 2023**

**INSET day: Wednesday 7th June 2023**

**Last day of school: Friday 21st July 2023 (half day)**

**Reception Learn and Share sessions:** Please arrive at 2.45 via the main entrance (by the office) where you can collect your child from their YR classroom to share their learning with you in the school hall. The session will finish by 3.15. The next session will be on Friday 26th May 2023

## Class Masses and Liturgies

We are delighted to announce that Class Masses are well underway this term. They will be celebrated by either Fr Rob or Fr Nick and parents of the children in the class are invited to attend. Here are the dates:

Y2 Liturgy Thurs 27th Apr @9.00am in hall

Y1 Liturgy Thurs 25th May @9.00am in hall

YR Liturgy Thurs 22nd June @9.00am in hall

## Safeguarding contact reminder

We seek to provide a safe and happy environment for all children. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard, and report to Mrs Grace, Mrs Pickard or Mr Davies or [dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk) as soon as possible the same day.

