



Newsletter – Year 6 special 9 July 2021

Dear parents and carers,

We've decided to hand over the editorial rights for this newsletter to our brilliant Year 6 children. We wanted to give them the opportunity to tell you all about the things they've most enjoyed about being a part of our St Hugh family as well as the things they've been doing to prepare them for the next stage of their journey. We're immensely proud of them and know that they'll go on to be great ambassadors for our school!

Over to you year 6.....

Hello parents, teachers, families and friends...

Welcome to our 'Newsletter Takeover'.

We are Year 6, and in this newsletter we are going to tell you about our most memorable moments at St Hugh's—all the way from Year R to Year 6. We will also be telling you about our transition to secondary school and how we are using 'ABridge' to help us.

Part 1—Celebration



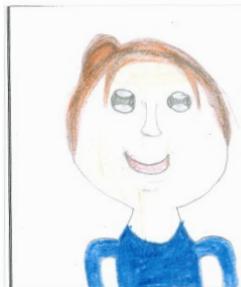
Heavenly Father,
We thank you for our education and all the opportunities/achievements you have given us. Throughout our time in this school we have been gifted with love, strength and independence to flourish through. We are grateful for all the memories that we have made and are thankful for our family, friends and teachers that have helped us in these challenging times. We appreciate the courage and resilience to grow as people but as role models of God. May you help us by challenging ourselves to help us learn to persevere and never give up. Support us in opening a new chapter in our lives and comfort us in any worries that we have or to come.



Year R

Year R was an amazing year; we all made so many new friends. Our favourite memories include going to Chessington and a day at pizza express. We remember painting Christmas cards and decorations, going on the trikes and playing in the sandpit.

"I feel like we were all really nervous and scared on our first day. Some of us made new friends on the first day!" ES



TEACHER FEATURE -

Mrs Barker is an amazing teacher, she has a lovely singing voice and every Friday she let us listen to her play a song on her guitar. She is one of my favourite teachers. Thank you Mrs Barker, for being a great teacher.



When we were in year R, we went to pizza express.



TEACHER FEATURE -

Mrs Samuels, was our class's first ever primary school teacher. She gave us great inspiration to start our learning journey. Mrs Samuels taught us so many new things and to be no one but the best versions of ourselves.

"St Hugh of Lincoln,
Pray for us."

Year 1

Year 1 was a time of change: our classroom was very different and we had to sit at tables for the first time.

We remember particularly the weather chart: every day we had to go outside, find out the weather and record it. We also have fond memories of the trip to Guildford museum and the toy exhibition. Lots of us still have the Spider plants we planted in Year 1.

Mrs Merchant was a lovely teacher who always encouraged us to be the best in everything we did.

"I remember once measuring the circumference of an oak tree, we were trying to work out how old it was." AD



In year 1, we had a teddy bear picnic. We got to bring our teddy and have lots of fun.



TEACHER FEATURE -

She is highly-skilled with baking and loved to be adventurous. She is known to be thoughtful and considerate. When Mrs Merchant was at the school, she was head of fairtrade. Wherever she went, she made everyone smile. We miss her lots and can't wait to see her soon.

"St Bernadette, Pray for us."

Year 2

We remember lots of amazing topics from our time in Year 2. Florence Nightingale and the Great Fire of London were just some of the topics we remember fondly. We remember our visit to Wisley, and the amazing glass building with water features and butterflies. Whilst there we also built dens, something lots of us had never done before. We also remember painting amazing mini-beasts when back at the school.

Year 2 was also the time we learnt to play recorders!

We remember when Mrs Rose would always end the day with a story; she was really good at doing different voices. We also remember the months of the year song to the tune of the Macarena.



TEACHER FEATURE -



Mrs Rose was a teacher who showed us that you don't have to do everything right to be seen by God. Mrs Rose was caring and considerate and she taught us that no matter what life throws at you, you should face it head on.

"St Francis, Pray for us."

Year 3

We have many wonderful memories from Year 3 including the amazing trip to Butser farm. Year 3 was a time of dressing up and special memories include Egyptian Day, Roman Day and even bulding our own Iron Giants!

In Year 3 we welcomed Jerry, Dino and Alyssa, but had to say goodbye to Tione, George and Elliot. We look forward to seeing at least one of them at SJB.

Our most memorable moment in Year 3 was the time we learnt 'Count on me' and we still sing it at the top of our voices at every opportunity. It is like a class anthem to us!



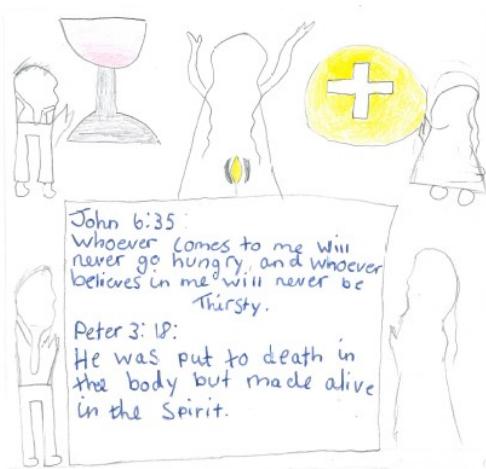
TEACHER FEATURE - Mrs Edwards

Mrs Edwards is someone who is understanding, compassionate and kind-hearted; she is one of my favourite teachers and will always be there for you. We admire all the things she has done for us and she is a great asset to St Hugh, we will miss you truly.



TEACHER FEATURE -

Mrs Pickard was a great and thoughtful teacher who encouraged us to try our best in all we do. She would support us if we were sad or had any worries. Mrs Pickard was a considerate, encouraging, loyal teacher.



"St Joan of Arc, Pray for us."

Year 4

Year 4 was a wonderful year at St Hugh of Lincoln. Amongst many exciting things we most remember Roman Day, visiting the Buddhist Temple and a wonderful trip to Fishbourne Palace. Year 4 was also very exciting because most of us earnt our pen license in Year 4 too!

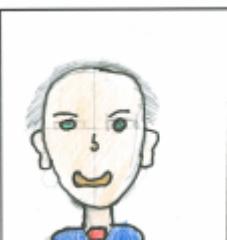


TEACHER FEATURE -

Mrs Hillier taught us in year 4 and she used to make some funny jokes and I can remember one day when we used to play p.e in the afternoon and then we would go home happy. I also remember the time when we played rounders I got one point.

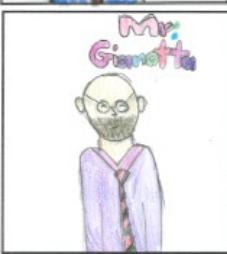
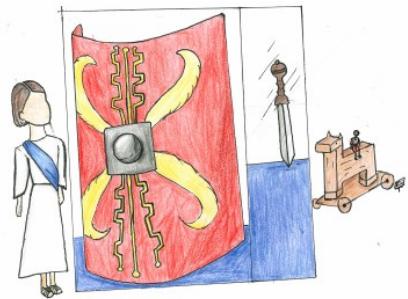
We were also first introduced to the Percy Jackson books, the beginning of a 3 year long passion for his writing!

We all remember Mr Gianotta teaching us how to use the Ukuleles!



TEACHER FEATURE - Mr Whitfield

He was knowledgeable in everything that he taught especially the Roman Empire. We fondly remember doing a Roman day. Our favorite school trip was to Roman Fishbourne Palace.



Mr. Gianotta

Mr. Gianotta taught us in year 4. He was a loving, helpfull, caring and very kind type of person. He was very funny and talked about his kids all the time. He has a really cool personality and he was very enjoyable. He was a school teacher and loved to teach, he was a very happy, good teacher for us, too.

"St Patrick,
Pray for us."

Year 5

We all remember Year 5 for so many reasons.

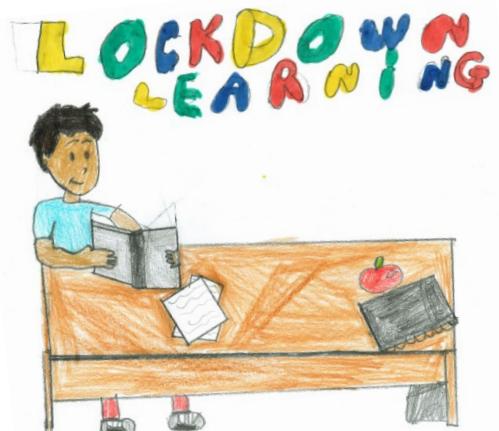
Highlights of the Year included an amazing visit to the Royal Grammar school in Guildford. Among other things we learnt about computing, musical instruments and catapult making. We also saw their chained library, one of only a few left in the country.

Other highlights included a very messy science investigation about the digestive system, the book 'Roof Toppers', and our first experience of learning from home!



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TEACHER FEATURE -

Mrs Grace is a very kind and caring teacher. She is always helping others. We are exceptionally lucky to have her. She is one of my favourite teachers.

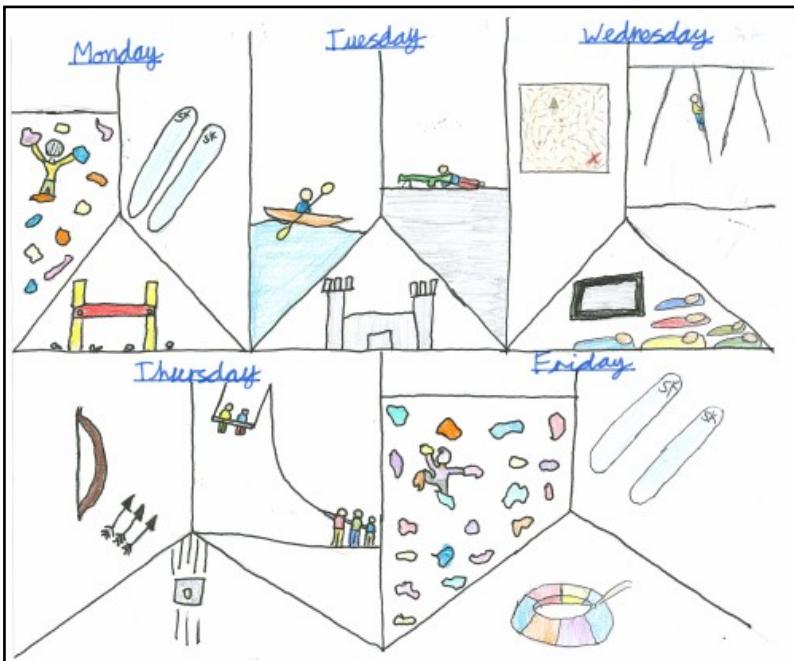
"St Rafael, Pray for us."

Year 6

Year 6 isn't over yet... we still have so many memories to make. In Year Six we were delighted to add Aidan and Isla to our class but sadly said goodbye to Laura and Jessica.

However, highlights so far have included Bikeability, our residential, our advent reflection and sports day.

We have particularly enjoyed the art work we have created during our time in Year 6. We particularly enjoyed reading Goodnight Mr Tom, many of us were in tears at the end when... we won't spoil it for future years.



TEACHER FEATURE - MR BOTT - Mr Bott is a very funny, humorous teacher and goes off topic often. He loves talking about facts he knows and is obsessed with brains. He makes jokes that sometimes we can't understand but makes school as fun as possible. Thank you Mr Bott for an amazing last year.



"St Maximilian Kolbe, Pray for us."



TEACHER FEATURE - MR GEORGE

During his period at St Hugh, he made our school life more enjoyable; he created a friendly environment to learn in. Every morning, Mr George would hold an assembly with the whole school. When he was here, he would visit classes, checking on how everyone was doing.



TEACHER FEATURE -

During this time, Mrs Harper, our great Head Teacher, joined our school and when she did, she brought so much fun with the world book day potato idea and the Sports Day teacher race idea. Mrs Harper is an awesome Head Teacher and she made our experience at St Hugh that much more special.

Dear Lord,

Thankyou for looking after us all throughout our time at St Hugh's. Thankyou for not letting us forget the memories we've had through the time here. We have all loved the seven years at St Hugh. Help now we make new friends and love one another. Please cry and make our transition to our new school smooth.

Amen

Mrs Kelly has been with us since Year R to Year 6 and has helped us along the way. Mrs Kelly has always been kind and patient.

She has always supported us throughout the years and she has been an amazing T.A.

We will really miss you Mrs Kelly.



Part 2—Transition



Don't worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks for what you have. And because you belong to Christ Jesus, God's peace will stand guard over all your thoughts and feelings. His peace can do this far better than our human minds.

Based on Philippians 4.



In our last few weeks in Year 6 we have been using a special prayer programme from the Diocese called Abridge. The idea of Abridge is to reflect on our time at St Hugh's and think about our transition to secondary school.

In the first lesson we talked about Visio Divina. Visio divina is a form of Divine Seeing in which we prayerfully invite God to speak to our hearts as we look at an image. As we looked at the image we thought about some different questions and wrote our thoughts in our books. We all agreed that the picture showed Jesus in the role of the bridge, carrying across the divide. We disagreed on the direction the people were travelling. Some thought it was from the darkness into light, a metaphor for Jesus' love revealing the light. Others thought the people were going from the light into the dark, a metaphor for Jesus being there to care for us as we enter the unknown.

In the second lesson we learned about lectio divina (Divine reading). At first, we reflected on our transition by answering questions like "What are we looking forward to?" and 'What worries us?'. We then moved onto looking at Philippians 4. First we had to read the scripture carefully and thoroughly, out loud and then several times in our head. Once we had done that we could use a word or a few phrases...my favourite was 'God's peace will stand guard over your thoughts and feelings.' After that we had to respond by drawing a picture or writing our thoughts.

These are all the things we did so far. We have 7 more Abridge sessions to do. We are doing this to reflect on our time at St Hugh's and to think about how we can move on to our next school. We do this to think about our emotions and connect with God.

The Opportunities We Are Excited About

Together we persevere through tough times

Regaining our strength

Always and for ever

Never giving up

Standing together

I in our transition

To an

Inspiring place

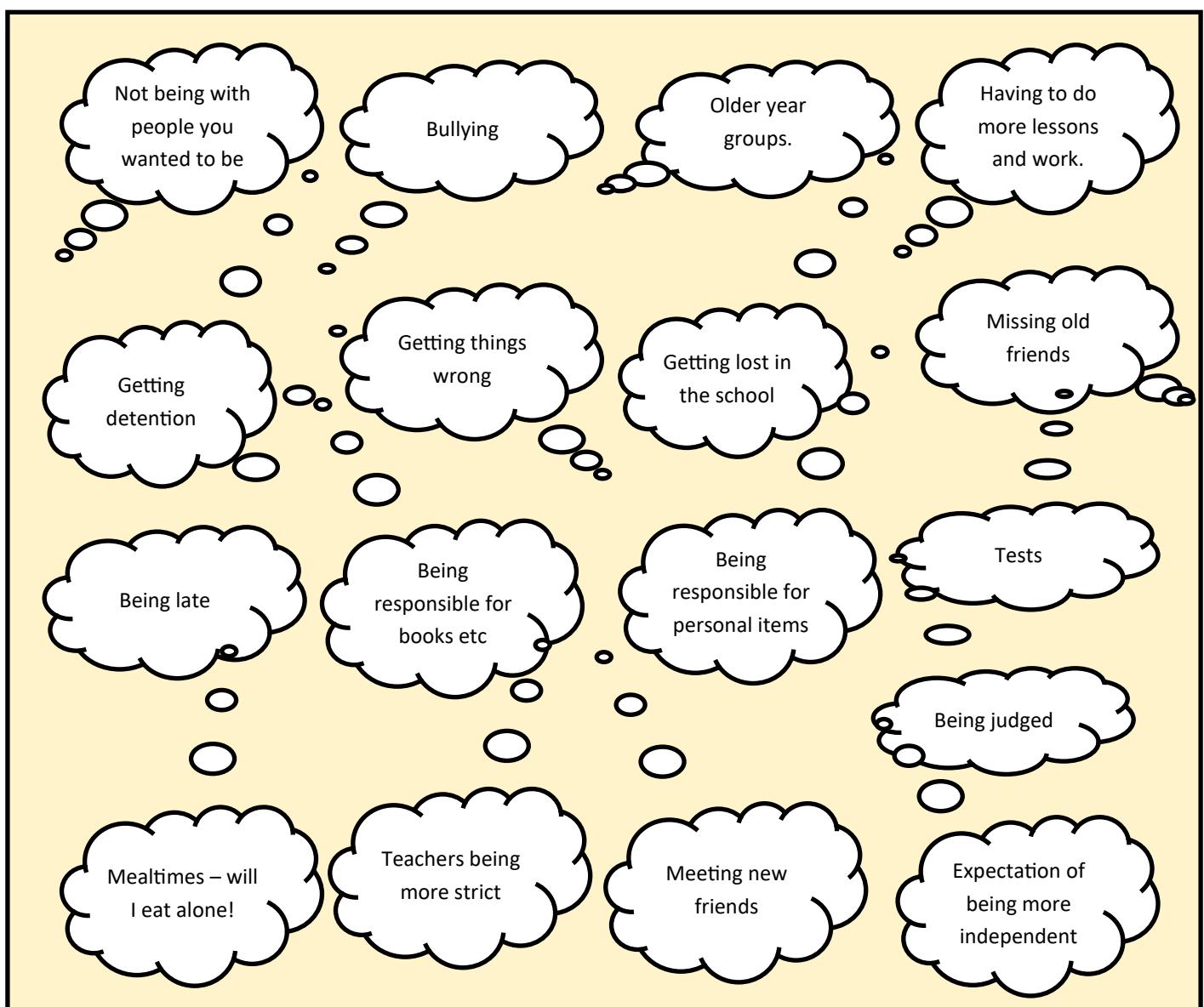
Our

New School

Different clubs	Choosing my own food	More boys in the class	Making new friends	Using the facilities like the climbing wall
School trips	Food-tech lessons	Big science experiments	Trying new things	Different teachers for each
Excitement of the unknown	Meeting family or friends already	Re-uniting with old friends	Being more independent	Having lockers

Our Worries and Fears

We regularly discuss our worries and fears, and how we could overcome them. We have included some information on them below.



Dear God,

Thankyou for your support throughout our time at St Hugh's. Please help us and guide us through our journey at SJB. Thankyou for all the fun and laughter we had at St Hugh's. Please help us to make new friends and not get lost. Please encourage us to try new things and do our best work possible. Please help us all to be the best versions of our self.

Amen.

Visit from Ms Bates, Head of Year 7 at SJB

On 17th June Ms Bates, our new head of year for those of us going to SJB, came to visit us at St Hugh of Lincoln. She told us that she was a science teacher. She also shared with us what a normal day at SJB would be like.

We were given really helpful information booklets; inside were worries Year 7's often had and the reasons why we didn't need to worry.

There was also an example timetable for a normal school day. We were all very grateful to her for giving up her time and can't wait to see her at the SJB gates in September!

My Visit to My New School

On Tuesday 29th June 2021 I went to visit the park which is going to be my new secondary school. I was a bit nervous and I did not really talk at the beginning but in the end it was fun.

I think the Park School will be amazing for me because I really enjoyed it on the transition days. (ILW)

St. John the Baptist School



'Our mission is to be a Catholic School where every individual is highly valued and where care and concern for others is central to our work.'

All our students are expected to achieve their full potential and become equipped for adult life.
At SJB everything we do is guided by Gospel Values.'



Entering primary school was very tough,

As we ventured through the years some of us thought we had enough.

Now we are in year 6 and it's hard to say goodbye, I hope we can make many more memories, and wish everyone good luck and an amazing time,

On the 7th of September we'll be heading out the door after tying our shoe lace so many challenges ahead of us that we are going to face.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend — it's coming home!

Isla



Rebecca
Christina
Grace

Eli

Evalyn

Yami

Alyssa

Birdy

Aidan

Chiara

Alice

Molly

Misya

Elsie

Sophia

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Amelia

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GEO

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PS. A little birdy has asked us to let you know that the St Hugh Olympics weekly winner this week were Bethlehem! Keep up the good work!