



Newsletter **24th March 2023**

Dear Parents and carers,

One of Jesus' titles is "Light of the World" and it is only when we allow Him into our lives that we are able to fully see what it is that we are called to do and be. One of the key aspects of our mission at St Hugh's is to enable children to walk in this light. By supporting them in their spiritual development we help them to see the world for what it really is and to appreciate how to apply themselves to the opportunities and challenges it presents them with.

You will see exactly how our children have applied themselves to all the opportunities and challenges that have come their way this week in our newsletter. Some highlights this week have been: the Year 3 and 4 Cross Country, where our children excelled; the thrilling Year 4 Football Match at Brookwood School and Reconciliation for Y4, 5 and 6 with Father Rob and Father Nick.

I hope you enjoyed meeting with your children's class teachers at Parents Consultation Meetings this week and hearing all about how they are progressing in their learning. Thank you for all you are doing at home to support them. We are very lucky to have a parent body who engages so well with what we do in school and I know it is greatly appreciated by all our teaching staff. It certainly makes a difference to the children.

Enjoy this week's newsletter and have a great weekend everyone!

God Bless!

Mrs Grace



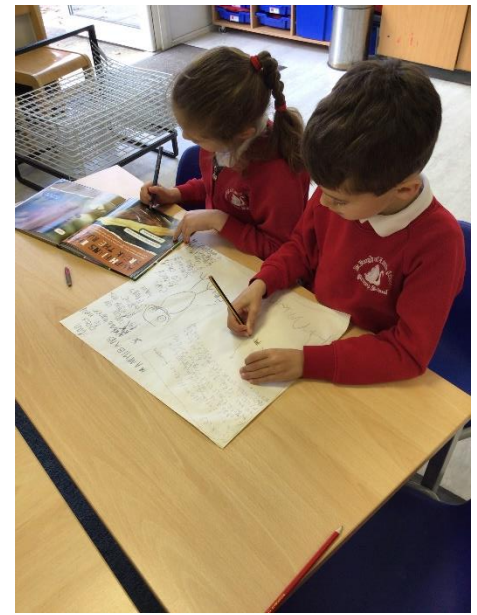
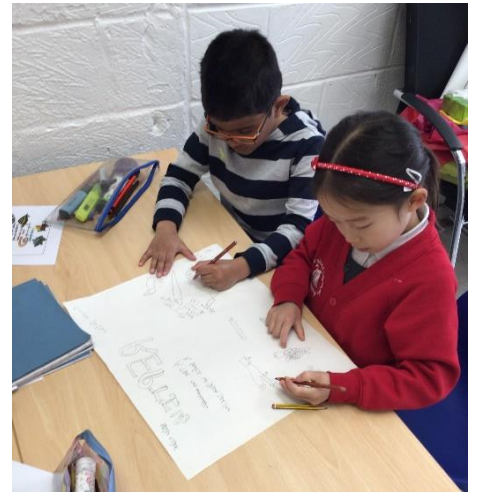
Reception

This week, Reception have been making the most of the milder spring weather by starting to plant a range of different plants. They will learn patience as they wait to see how their plants develop and they will take responsibility for nurturing their plants and ensuring they have enough water and sunlight to grow well. If all goes well, we will hopefully have sunflowers and marigolds as well as runner beans, potatoes and carrots ready to harvest in the summer! We really look forward to observing how these start to grow and change over the next few weeks!



Year 1

Throughout our Science lessons this term we have been recognising different types of animals. This week we continued identifying and naming a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals. In pairs the children were given one category to research and poster to show the variety of animals within that group. This week, we began retelling the story of Palm Sunday and Good Friday. While listening to the stories, the children created symbols associated with the gospel stories.



Year 2

This week in Science, Year 2 have been observing and describing how seeds and bulbs grow into mature plants. They had great fun using their hand lens to look closely at the inside of different fruits to find the seeds. They were able to record their results and using their observations and ideas they could suggest answers to questions.



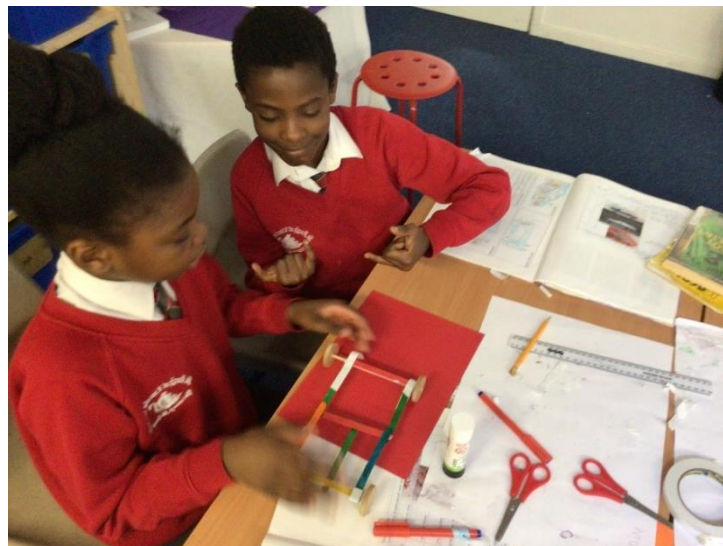
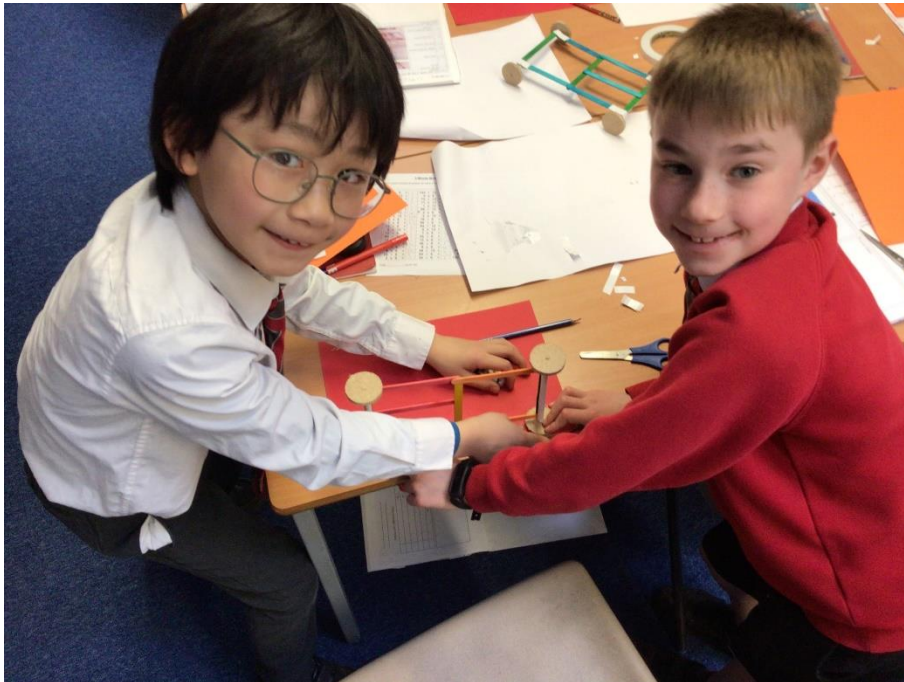
Year 3



On Thursday morning, Year 3 celebrated a lovely and holy class Mass with the help of Father Rob. We really enjoyed seeing so many parents in school with us for this very special event. The children sang beautifully and read with clarity. They also taught us all about St. Toribio Alfonso de Mogrovejo, whose feast we celebrated. He was a bishop and defender of the rights of the native Indians in Peru. Thank you to all the Year 3 children, to Father Rob and to our year 6 servers.

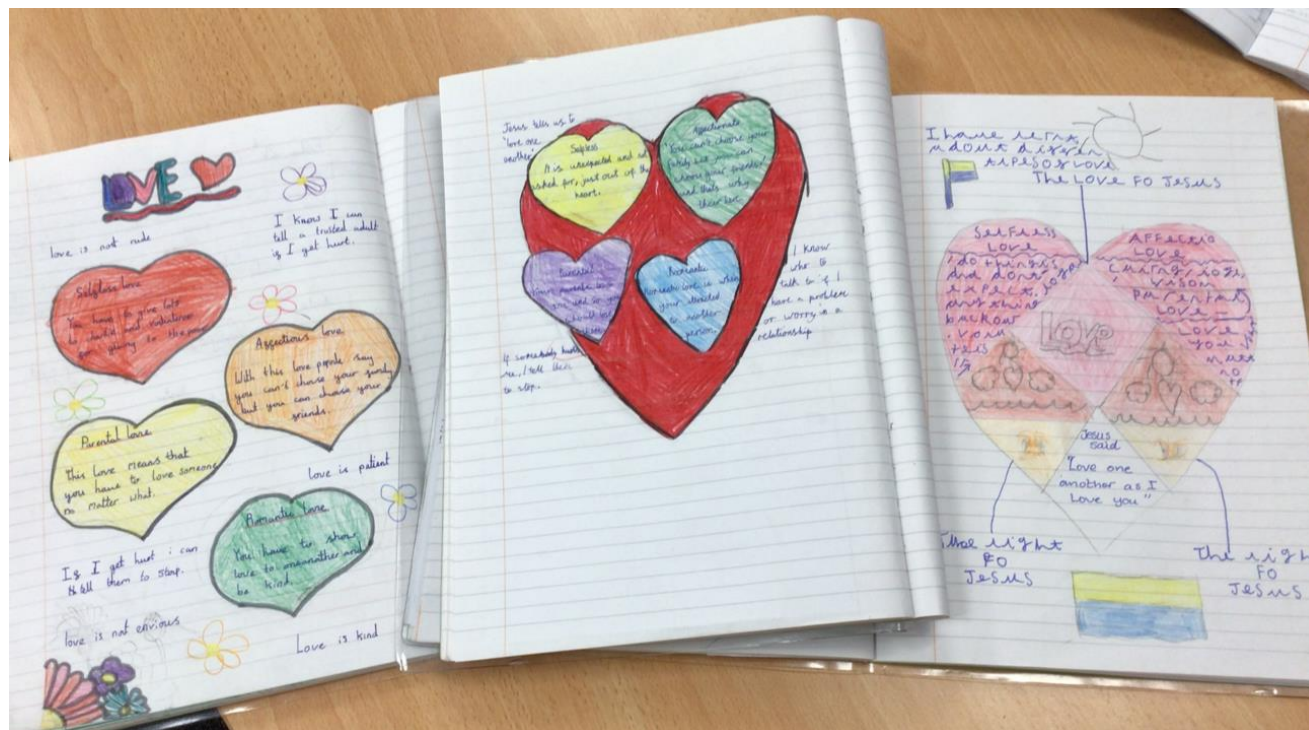
Year 4

The year 4 children have been working hard in Design Technology this week as they have had to fix onto their chassis the axels, wheels and car bodies. They have enjoyed seeing the cars take shape, with many of them adding some creative designs to their panels. The process of creating the car body has been challenging, with many of them following the steps closely to achieve a brilliant outcome. They are looking forward to testing their cars with a slingshot mechanism next week to see which one travels the furthest in the final lesson next week. Great work year 4!



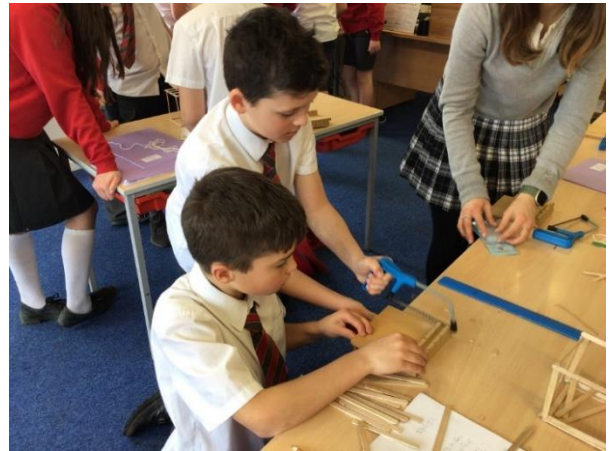
Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about the different types of love as part of their Journey in Love lesson. How wonderful that they thought about Jesus' main teaching of love one another.



Year 6

This week, we have started the construction of our miniature playgrounds! We have learnt to saw wood and use the cool melt glue guns!



Sports News

Well done to our fantastic children who competed in this week's sporting events!

Year 3 and 4 Cross Country

We attended a really well organised and exciting cross country event at Hoebridge school this week. Our children competed admirably against many other schools. In total, 155 children attended and showed what champions they are achieving excellent placings in both the boys' and girls' races.



Year 4 Football

The Year 4 team demonstrated fantastic teamwork and skillful play to secure second place position in a series of competitive matches at Brookwood School this week. They were excellent representatives of our school played with courage and conviction. Well done team!



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 \(eliteswimming.co.uk\)](http://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>

Dancebites

The Dancebites troupe put on a spectacular show this morning during assembly and afterschool for the parents. This was a fantastic success thanks to Sam from the Dancebites team.

If booking the Dancebites club please follow the link previously sent on the flyer.



Miss Bye – Running the London Marathon

Miss Bye will be running the London Marathon this year in aid of Children with Cancer Uk.

Miss bye will be holding a cake sale on Friday 31st March at 1pm to raise money for her chosen charity.

Developing Language and Communication Workshop

Tuesday 28th March at 2. 30 pm

Good language and communication skills are essential to develop your child's learning.

On Tuesday 28th March at 2. 30 pm, we are running a workshop on how to develop your child's language and understanding. We will look at questions you could ask when hearing your child read and how to encourage and extend your child's vocabulary. All welcome and refreshments are provided. Please ask Mrs Pickard for more information.

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/n4qxLOiS>

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

March

Friday 31st March – End of Spring Term MUFTI day in support of our Lenten charity– The Catholic Children's Society. Early finish 1.00pm

April

17th April – Return to School

25th April – Friends Meeting at the School

May

8th May – Bank holiday – School closed - King's Coronation

9th-12th May – SATS Week

15th May Year 6 Swimming lessons

22nd May Year 5 Swimming lessons

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 as soon as possible the same day.

