



Headlines

'Together we grow in God's love, learning to be the best we can be'
Week beginning 4th October

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Tuesday 5th

St Scholastica Class Mass 9:15am
(parents and carers of children in St Scholastica are welcome to attend—please wear a face covering)

Friday 8th

St Ninian Class Assembly 9:15am
(parents and carers of children in St Ninian are welcome to attend—please wear a face covering)

Letters Home

Teacher Meetings Autumn Term—Yr-Yr6
Merton Deanery—Whole School

This morning we were delighted to welcome back parents and carers to school for the first of what we hope will be a full year of class assemblies and 'in person' celebrations of pupils' learning and achievements.

As you can see from the article on page 2, Year 6 St.Aidan's class assembly was centred around the theme of Black History Month which begins today, 1st October.

What this article also makes clear is that for the pupils and indeed the community of SJF, the themes of equality and diversity do not sit solely within 'focus' weeks or months across the year, but are intrinsically woven into all areas of the curriculum and the daily life and interactions of each school day.

Pupils are actively encouraged to explore, express and celebrate their identity, their diversity and tackle the very real and present threats to equality that exist in our lives and our society.

The month of October also sees the beginning of the Month of the Holy Rosary and we look forward to yet another 'return' next week, as St. Scholastica lead Mass for parents and carers centred on this theme. It's good to have you all back !

Enjoy a wonderful weekend everyone.



Some of our Yr5 & Yr6 Chaplains were invited to represent St John Fisher school at the Diocesan Mass held at St George's Cathedral today. This Mass was in celebration of the new school year and was attended by all Catholic schools in the Diocese. It was a truly wonderful event.



Designated Safeguarding Leaders

Ms J Kenna

DSL

Mrs C Ellerker

Deputy DSL

Miss C Higgins

Deputy DSL



If you have any concerns about a child please contact:
school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk

PTFA Autumn Meeting **Monday 4th October at 8pm**

Please join us for our first virtual meeting of the Autumn Term!

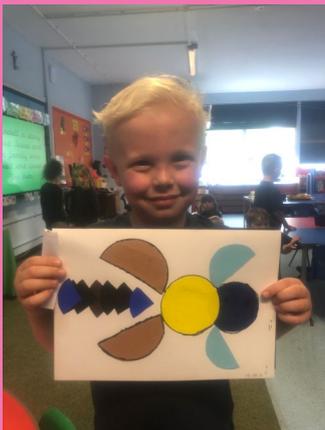
Use the following link to the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5364826685?pwd=Vk8wTDc3cEI0eGxBTk4UWV5NzZVZz09>

Meeting ID: **536 482 6685**

Passcode: **176011**

Yr1 have been learning about abstract art by using shapes and lines



Class assemblies are back and St Aidan led the first, with the hugely important topic of black history. We don't believe there should be a need for Black History Month - black history is a vital part of our history, all the time, but we use this opportunity to focus in, explore and celebrate the history of African and Caribbean culture in our community. We went back in history to find out how racism began and looked to the present and future to see the amazing work that black people in our British communities are doing to make the world a better place. Whilst many of us are lucky enough not to have faced racism personally, we understand that racism is very real, and that it is everyone's duty to challenge and put a stop to racial discrimination. Happy Black History Month. Black History Matters.

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DIG DEEPER, LOOK CLOSER, THINK BIGGER

Yr5—Walton Firs

Last week Yr5 went on a trip to Walton Firs.

When we arrived we had to look for certain landmarks all around the area. After that we did different activities—our favourite was caving and the Leap of Faith!

We slept in Spartan-like cabins with bunkbeds and in the evening we sat by the campfire and sang songs.

Richard M
Yr5

*Walton Firs was a **GREAT** experience and was an amazing way to spend time with the class.*

The activities were really exciting and helped us face our fears. All the activities were really fun!

We learnt how to be independent.

*Matilda M & Aubany P
Yr5*

When we did the Leap of faith we had to climb up the ladder and jump to try to catch the trapeze! It was SO high but SO good!

The adventure course was really fun too because we had to do the obstacles—but we all got really muddy.

When we did the caving we had to wear helmets with torches on—the spaces were really tight!

We had a camp fire and sang lots of songs.

We all had an **amazing** time!

Pearl D & Frankie G
Yr5

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Pedestrians must **NOT** use the car park gates even if they are open. This is **only** to be used by vehicles.
- Please continue to use the one-way system which is in place in the mornings. Exit by the gate located by Mr Swain's house.
- Scooters and bikes must be 'parked' against the fence if leaving them at the front of the school—they should not be causing any obstruction.

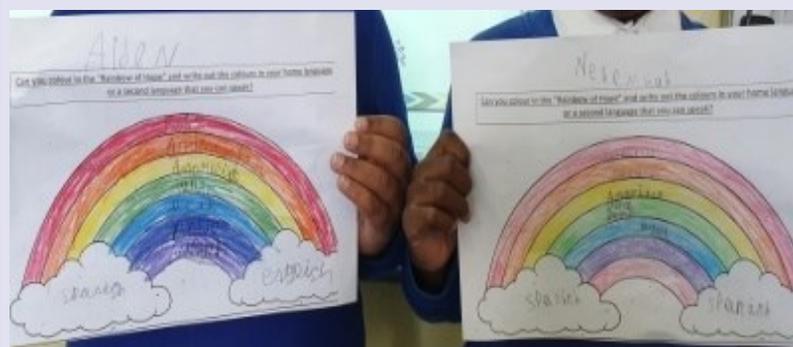
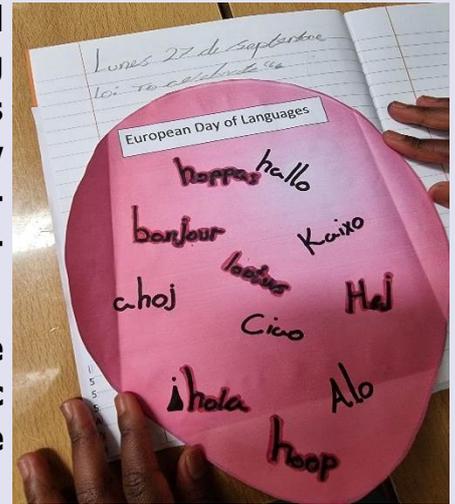
Meat Free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegan Mexican Roll with Potato Wedges 	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread 	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	AMERICA DAY  Beef Burger or Quorn Burger in a Bun Chips, Sweetcorn and Baked Beans Chocolate Cookie Fresh Fruit or Yogurt	Fishfinger/ Salmon Fishfingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
Jacket Potato with BBQ Baked Beans 	Tomato and Lentil Spaghetti 	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 		Red Pepper and Cheese Frittata with Chips
Coleslaw Sweetcorn & Peas	Peas Carrots	Broccoli Cauliflower		Peas Sweetcorn
Oaty Peach Crumble with Custard 	Fruity Shortbread 	Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt Station		Grapes, Cheese and Crackers
Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily				

European Day of Languages

The European Day of Languages is celebrated every year on the 26th of September. Following the success of the European Year of Languages in 2001, the European day of Languages is now in its twentieth year. The day is organised jointly by the European Union and the Council of Europe.

The purpose of the European Day of Language is to celebrate both the cultural and linguistic diversity within our school and to encourage and promote language learning at any age.

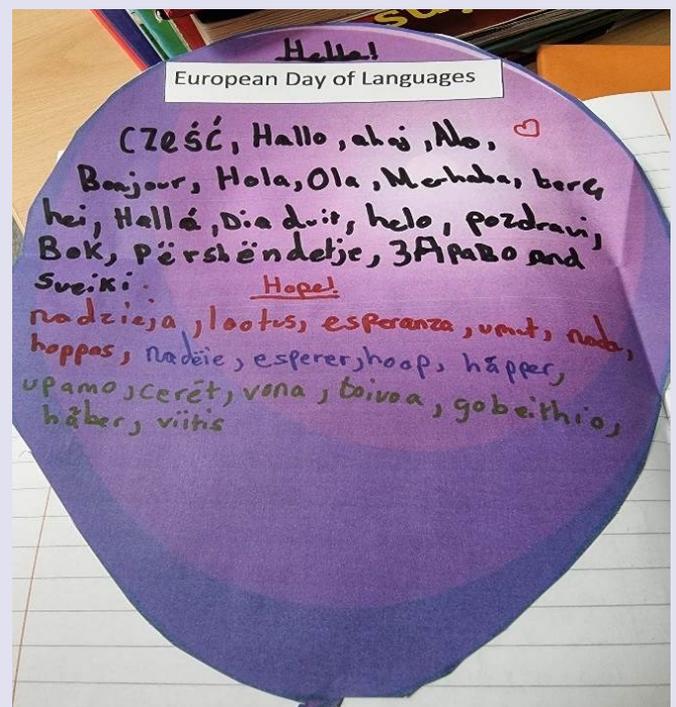
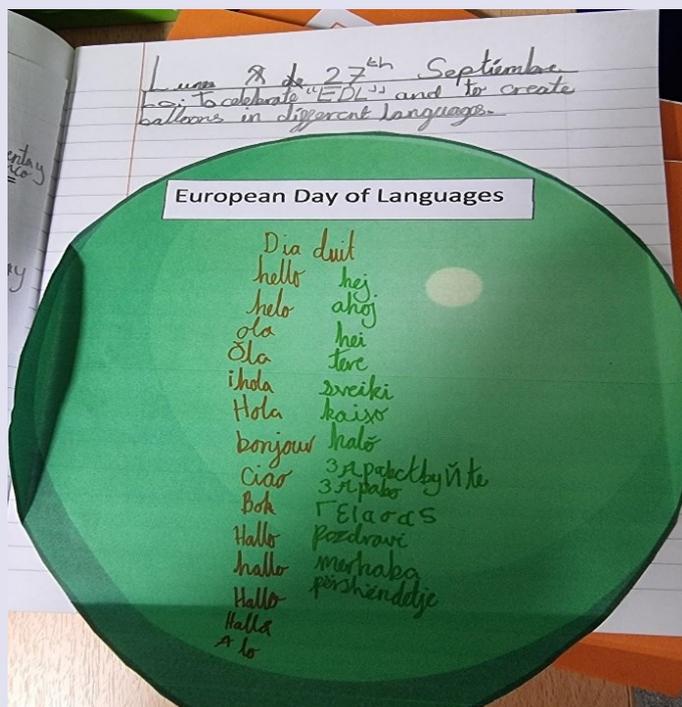
Our pupils have celebrated this special day during this week!



The children were also encouraged to promote intercultural understanding and to talk about where some of their families come from and to identify the range of languages spoken and learnt within our community; we pleasantly

found out that we have many other nationalities from outside Europe too!

It was a pleasure to see so many children talking about their home languages and how proud they felt to come from different parts of the world and to share their culture with everyone in their classrooms. Last year our children decorated rainbows as "a sign of hope" during



BUILD BETTER LEARNING



**These pupils have been
active listeners**

St Scholastica – Soliana D

St Aidan – Alma M

St Ninian – Matilda M

St Teresa – Kunashe M

St James – Isaac B

St Osmund – Ariadne V

St Hugh – Tilly F

St Nicholas – Danny G

St Francis – Kirill Z

St Ignatius – Alannah K

St Susanna – Sofia C

St Helena – Tao L-D

St Elizabeth – Isla N

St Rose – Matthew M

Nursery – Mollie F

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 3rd October 2021



People were bringing little children to be with Jesus. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was annoyed and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Then he put his arms round the children and gave them his blessing.

Adapted from Mark 10:2-16
The 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel
in Church – all are warmly invited.

"Let's try to be open to God's word,
and open to the Lord's surprises
when he speaks to us."

Pope Francis



This week's overall winner
of Ms Kenna's BIG PENCIL.....

Cristina P

