St Francis Catholic Primary School Morley



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Weekly News

Headteacher's Welcome



This week we have celebrated national Story telling week with a live zoom session for our KS2 children. Year 4 even managed to find a little more time to write a

continuation to the adventure story too.

Our Year 6 children have had a brilliant time at Herd

farm on their residential and were the quietest group the activity centre said they have had! Well done children for your outstanding behaviour and for all the staff for volunteering their time to go. I hope you have made some amazing memories to last a lifetime children!





Neville (St Francis nurture dog) loved his visit this week and it was so lovely to see children reading to him, singing to him in hymn practise and working with him in their nurture sessions. He will be in school weekly to work with children

across school.

We have poster below for anyone interested in being Reading Champion for Leeds. If your child is in Years 3-6 and would like to be put forward, please send a letter of entry to Miss Grayston by 19th February 2024, detailing as much as possible about your passion for

Reading.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Gibbons

Leeds SLS are looking for your KS2 Reading Champion!

Leeds Reading Champion Award returns for 2024.

Leeds School Library Service would like to celebrate young reading champions in schools. Please tell us about a KS2 child in your school who is an advocate for reading for pleasure and whose enthusiasm inspires their peers to discover the joy of reading.

Each school is invited to enter ONE pupil into the competition. Our panel of judges, including author Tom Palmer, will then select a child to hold the title of the Leeds Reading Champion 2024.

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STEM lego work- shops Y1, Y2, Y5	5th Feb
Online Safety day	6th Feb
Youth summit: Cluster council @	7th Feb
KS2 SEND Pen- tathlon	8th Feb
Celebration assem- bly, 3pm all wel- come	9th Feb
End of Spring term 1	9th Feb, 3:30pm
School reopens—	19th

Spring 2 half term

Y5 Saxon & Viking

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Eys/KS1 Songs

with stories work-

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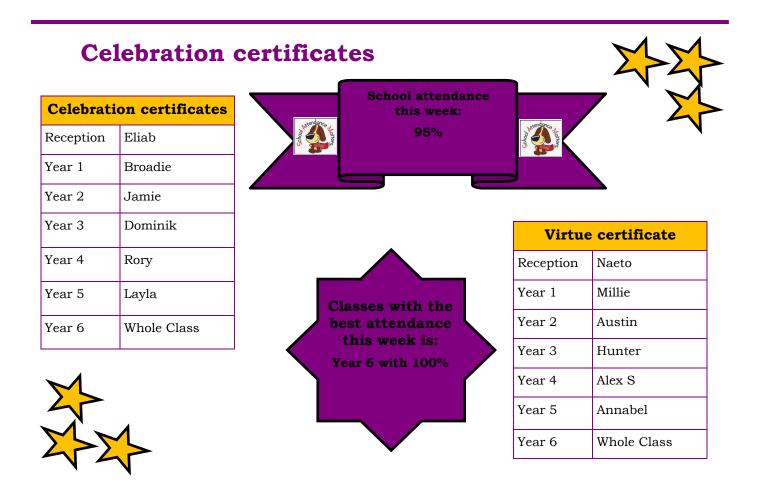
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PTA Update...

If you need a copy of the Jump inc consent letter, these can be found in the letter holder above the weekly dinner menu, in the main entrance.



Early Years

In Nursery, we have enjoyed exploring our weekly theme 'Antartica.' We painted mega blocks and used them to print onto our igloo! We used some of the skills we have learnt through our dough disco to roll the play dough into small balls to add to



the arctic animals.





In Reception we have explored shadows this week! We discussed that when an object blocks a source of light such as the sun it creates a shadow. We had fun creating our own shadow puppet shows! We also enjoyed making coconut snowballs as part of our weekly baking session!

Key Stage 1

This week in Year 1 we have started our next poetry unit based of free verse poems. We also had a brilliant Science lesson to identify the parts of a tree, where we brough real trees into the classroom!



This week in Year 2 we have been practicing role play in the RE for the miracle of how Jesus fed the 5000. We have been exploring how music can make us feel to link to our musical story. In PE, we have been practicing working in paired groups to communicate effective instructions to build trust with one another.

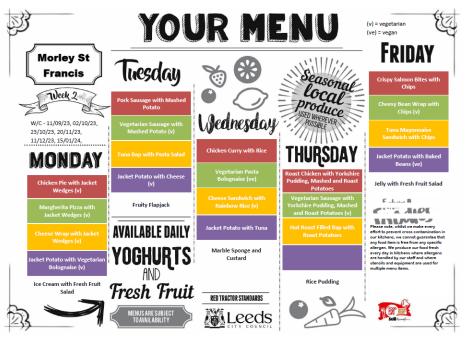
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Academic Calendar 2023-24

Inset day -	Friday 5th
School closed	January
Start of	Mon 8th Jan
Spring 1 half	2024
End of half	Friday 9th
term	February
Start of Spring 2 half term	Monday 19th February
End of term	Thursday 28th March
Start of Summer 1 half term	Monday 15th April
School closed - May bank holiday	Monday 6th May
End of half	Friday 24th
term	May
Start of	Monday 3rd
Summer 2	June

School dinner menu - Spring Term

Dinner menus are based on a 3-week cycle. Next week's menu (week 2) is listed below. If your child is in Nursery dinner costs $\pounds 2.20$ per day or if they are in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) dinners cost $\pounds 2.50$ per day.



Safeguarding

If you ever feel any child is at risk, please contact our Child Protection team:

Mrs Gibbons Headteacher / SENDCO

Miss Grayston Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Harrison HLTA / Learning mentor

> Mrs Walker Chair of Governors

Or ring Duty and Advice on: 0113376 0336

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read how Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law. After he brought peace and recovery to her, eve-



ryone crowds in on Jesus, wanting to be healed. Finally, Jesus goes off in the early morning to gather strength by praying to his Father. Difficulties, worries and sickness can sometimes be part of our lives. St Thomas More reminds us that, "Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. When we believe in Jesus and we pray and look carefully, we can often learn something about the world and ourselves, and about how Jesus is always there for us. Believing in Jesus and loving others changes how we see the world and brings healing. Enjoy a very special time with your children this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is HEALING.

Saturday evening Mass time: 6:30pm Sunday Mass times 9:30am & 11:15am Weekday mass times: Monday 9am, Tuesday - Friday 10am "God grants us his love, which gives us strength and heals us."