

St. Francis' School Newsletter

14th July 2021



Value of the month – Appreciation

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, the end of a long and difficult year with Covid is in sight – keep calm and carry on as they say! The children are a delight in school and doing so well, if a little tired....not long to go before the holidays!

Football

Sadly, the Euro cup didn't come home to England! Well done to Italy and congratulations to all those families and staff who were supporting Italy. At our assembly this week we discussed our value of the month 'Appreciation' and how we can still appreciate many things even in defeat - all the positive messages around our amazing football teams and their members – perseverance, resilience, teamwork, determination, courage etc. We also discussed this in relation to Sir Richard Branson's Unity spaceship flight that took place on the same day as the football, as it was a little overshadowed by football, but still an amazing achievement. We talked about how long it took him until he was 70 years old to achieve his dream of reaching space and 17 years of designing the Unity craft. That was a positive outcome and also showed great determination and perseverance!

First Holy Communion

Many congratulations to all our Year 4 and Year 3 children who have been making their First Holy Communion in the last few weeks, we understand that there may be a few more to go, we hope you have a wonderful day too. It was lovely to celebrate such a special moment with them. We thank Father Stephen for coming in to celebrate the Liturgy. The children had a lovely treat afterwards with communion cakes and drinks. Thank you to Mrs Couch for making the beautifully decorated and very tasty cakes!

Sports Days

The sports days went very well and the children had lots of fun. You can see some photos of the event below. Well done to the House winners:

KS1: Red House Thomas Moore

KS2: Blue House – John Fisher

Let us hope that next year we can move back to 'old normal' and have you all back in again to watch.

Water 21 In-School Pupil Challenge Winners

Reception with their dedicated dancing won the challenge with 58% for KS1

Year 5 with their radical rounders won the challenge with 35% for KS2

They will be having their 'reward' of a water fight on the last day of school (Wednesday).

Maple Treasure Day

Maple's Treasure day was a great success and the children loved sharing their 'special treasures' in classes. Thank you for all your donations to our Water21project!

Staff New Baby News

Many congratulations on the O'Neil family welcoming their baby girl Iris to the world.

Best wishes,
Mrs Wheeler & Staff

Calendar Dates

Wednesday 14 th July	Sweet sale part 2 for years 2, 5 & 6
Friday 16 th July	Y2 Trip to Godstone Farm Y6 Disco – Due to Covid restrictions, this will now be run by the Staff.
Tuesday 20 th July	Y6 Leavers Mass 2pm Y6 leavers Mass at 2pm in Sacred Heart (Hopefully, covid restrictions will be lifted and we can have Parents at the Mass as normal. We will have to wait and see!) Mrs Fawcett's Retirement Mass 5:30pm Sacred Heart: Details to follow
Wednesday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Assembly (Hopefully, covid restrictions will be lifted and we can have Parents at the Assembly as normal. We will have to wait and see!) School Closes 1pm Treetops will run a 1pm to 4pm Session on this day. Please book on line.



SPORTS DAY

