



St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

Live the Gospel and when necessary use words



Bernadette's Blog

Recycling Assemblies

On Tuesday, Key Stage 1 and 2 learnt all about the importance of recycling from Rebecca and Will from Groundworks. They took a pledge to

"Wash, Squash and Recycle"

We hope you will see this in action at home as we try to save the planet for future generations.



Our Junior Leadership Team meet Dot



On Tuesday afternoon, our JLT met up with our fantastic cook, Dot to discuss ideas they had which might make school dinners even better!

Dot had prepared a giant pizza for the children to choose like/dislike/change various aspects of the whole school lunch experience.

We look forward to seeing some of their ideas in action over the coming weeks.



Lego League Success!

Friday's competition at Langdale was an interesting day for our Lego Team. They had presentations to do before an audience of teachers, fellow competitors, experts, professionals and judges. That was before the four rounds of robot heats!

We were delighted to hear that our Lego League team's robot was named as "Best designed robot" in the competition.

Congratulations to Mr Keys and his team for all their hard work and effort!



Road Safety

Our Year 3 and Year 3/4 children were out and about with the Road Safety Team learning important life skills about crossing roads and car parks safely.

The team were very happy with the children and praised their good behaviour.

Lovely to hear!

School Meal News

On Thursday, Dot Vader and her team had lots of fun with their special Outer Space themed lunch. Some children dressed up specially too. They looked great!



7000 Books

Our Reading Challenge Update

Here are some of the lucky winners of Monday's special "Wonderful Readers" lunch. This time they were joined by Mrs Walker and Mr Milner.



Our target continues to get closer! By last Friday, we had read a total of

2,174 books.

Congratulations to Y1/2 and Y3/4 who are leading our league table right now.



Our Library was inundated with children when it opened for business at lunchtime on Monday. Here are the first eager borrowers from Year 2.

Our new librarians are being kept very busy.



Our visit from the Fire Service

Year 2 children enjoyed a visit from the fire service this week. They learnt all about what to do if they discovered a fire at home.

Year 5 had a visit too.



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UKS2 meet Richard Moore

Upper Key Stage 2 children travelled to St. Aidan's school on Thursday morning, to listen to inspirational speaker, Richard Moore.

Blinded at the age of ten by the gunshot of a soldier in Northern Ireland, Richard shows an incredible ability to forgive and live a life without bitterness or recrimination, serving others. Richard is the founder of the Children in Crossfire Charity.



Quicksticks Hockey Equipment

Our new equipment has arrived following our Hockey Taster session last week. Year 1 were very *quick* to get stuck in!



SERVICE

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value SERVICE. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT SERVICE TOGETHER...

Jesus was called the 'servant king'; his mission was to **serve** God and to **serve** all those people he met, through his teaching, his example and the way he led his life.

Who are the unsung heroes who **serve** us?

- at school
- at home
- in our clubs

How do you **serve** others?

- at school
- at home
- in your clubs

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"There is more happiness in giving than receiving"

The words of Jesus recorded in Acts 20.35 - The Good News Bible



READ TOGETHER...

Queen Esther serves her people

When King Xerxes, the ruler of the mighty land of Persia, was looking for a wife, Mordecai immediately thought of his cousin, the wise and beautiful Esther. Mordecai's family was Jewish, but he warned Esther not to tell anyone about this as he knew that there were powerful people in the land who hated Jews. Mordecai took Esther to the palace gates to be presented to the king, and, sure enough, as soon as King Xerxes saw Esther he fell in love with her, and the humble Jewish girl became a queen.

Mordecai often sat by the palace gates hoping to hear snippets of news about his cousin. For some time, all seemed well. But Haman, a wicked and powerful man in the court of King Xerxes, became angry with Mordecai because he would not bow down and honour him. Haman hatched a cunning plan. He began to tell the King bad things about the Jews living in his land and eventually he persuaded Xerxes that all the Jews should be killed. Queen Esther was beside herself with grief. She loved her people very much but felt powerless to help them.

King Xerxes noticed how terribly sad his queen had become, and begged her to tell him why she was so upset. Esther said she would explain if he and Haman would come to a feast that she prepared the following evening. When the grand banquet was over King Xerxes asked once again. "My dear Esther, you promised to tell me the reason for your sorrow." Esther summoned all her courage in what might be her last act of **service**. She told the King about Haman's plan to kill all of the Jews, which would include herself. King Xerxes was furious at the prospect of losing his beloved and beautiful Esther and ordered Haman to be arrested.

And so it was that Esther's name will be forever be remembered for her willingness to risk everything in the **service** of her people.

Bible story based on Book of Esther



HALL OF FAME

JK Rowling OBE

Joanne K Rowling is best known for writing the series of fictional novels about Harry Potter, stories which captured the imagination of children across the world. She was awarded the OBE for her "**services** to children's literature".

JK Rowling wanted to use some of the money she had earned from her books to help orphaned children in Eastern Europe, she founded The Lumos Foundation and funded work to transform the lives of disadvantaged children living in huge, poorly funded orphanages. With her help beautiful, well equipped homes have been established, run by foster parents who love and care for young children.



FASCINATING FACTS

OBE Award

The OBE, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, is an honour and medal awarded to people who have **served** their country or local community, often as volunteers.

- the first honours were awarded by George V in 1917 to people who had **served** their country in World War 1 but were not soldiers
- over 800 OBEs are now given each year
- OBEs are awarded for **service** such as:
 - o helping disabled children and their families
 - o working on nature conservation projects
 - o bringing relief to carers of very sick relatives
 - o protecting and caring for our country's important buildings
 - o providing animal welfare



Photos

Please!

If your child demonstrates an act of Service, you would like to share with us... It could be of them willingly helping for no reward, putting others before themselves etc. We would love to add them to our new display in the school hall.

Please email a photograph of them to me at christine.mcconville@ntlp.org.uk

We can't wait to see how they put this value into action!

Thank you!

Meet the Governor

As you know our new mission value for this half term is SERVICE.

Nowhere do we see this mission in action more than with our brilliant team of school governors! They give up their time willingly and accept the huge responsibility of helping to run our school smoothly. Each week we hope to help you get to know each of them better. We have asked this set of ten questions to each of them.

Name: *Kath Mullen*

Position: *Chairperson*

Served on Governing Body since: *2015*



1) What was your favourite toy as a child?

A knitted doll made by my Auntie Sally called Betsy Ann. I still have her! I had lots of bought toys, but Betsy Ann was special.

2) Can you play any musical instruments?

I play guitar and piano (a little!) and love the chance to play any form of percussion instrument.

3) If you were a crayon what colour would you be and why?

Lilac- I just really like the colour. It is neither a hot colour nor cold-I think it is calm and peaceful.

4) Choose a movie title for the story of your life.

"The Incredible Journey"

5) Name a talent that you have.

Singing. I'm no Whitney Houston, but I love to sing.

6) If you could have one superpower, what would you choose?

Flying.

7) Who is your all time hero?

My grandfather, Abin Brennan. He was a miner and died at the age of 57 when I was a young child. I remember him vividly. He was very wise and devoted his life to his family.

8) When are you happiest?

Enjoying happy times with family and friends.

9) If you ruled the world, what would you change on day one?

Where to start? There is so much in our world that needs to change. I would like to see an end to poverty and all it causes. There is enough to go around, but some people in the world have much more than they need while others have nothing,

10) What characteristic do you most admire in others?

Standing up for what is right.

Sports/Achievements Page



Here is George with the badge and certificate he received for passing his Stage One Swimming Award!

That's not all...George also passed his Gymnastics trial and is now a member of Benfield's CNGA Beginner Men's Artistic Squad.

Fantastic effort, George!
Congratulations!



Matthew has been busy doing his homework bird feeders after KS1's visit from the RSPB lady last week. He is ready for next weekend's Big Garden Bird Watch! Hope you get lots of feathered friends visiting, Matthew!



Icy cold weather didn't stop Harry, Jake and Finley getting up early on Saturday morning to volunteer at the Rising Sun 5K Park Run. They were there to help the 305 runners complete their regular run.

They met Mrs Walton while they were there.

She volunteers too.

What great examples you are for our Mission Value of Service!

Well done, all!



Mr Keys had a lovely surprise this week, when Niamh P and Millie S arranged for him to receive his very own Blue Peter badge.

Due to his rather advanced age-it had to be a cloth badge!

We love to hear all about your achievements! If you want to be on this page, take a photo and please send it to:

christine.mcconville@ntlp.org.uk

Our after school clubs got off to a great start this week.

There are still a few spaces available. If you are interested, please enquire at the office.



Attendance Matters

Lateness has a negative impact. We all have the odd day when we are late, but if your child is late often, it can affect their learning in a big way.



When your child arrives late at school, he/she misses the teacher's instructions and the start of their learning. Your child may feel anxious OR embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late and find it harder to settle into the school day.

School starts at 8.50 am, your child is classed as late if they arrive after 9 am.

10 minutes late each day adds up to 6 days lost learning each year

Please help your child to get the most from their school day and make sure they are in school for 8.50 am.



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Donations
£830.15
raised so far

Wow! We couldn't believe our eyes when we saw our new total. Thank you so much for all your support, a special mention to Andrea, James, Susanne, James and Jessica, who have raised over £500 between them—we are really grateful.

Remember if you are booking holidays online and do it through easy fundraising you can raise big donations for school at no extra cost to yourself.

All money raised through easy fundraising will be spent directly on the children. So far we have bought 2 samba goals for the KS1 yard, a whole lot of new Lego and given early years £100 for baking items.



High Borrans : Current Year 4s and 5s

Is proving to be very popular this year, if your child is interested in going, and you haven't yet completed the booking form, could you please let us know by the end of next week—Friday 27th January.

ParentMail



We are now into our second term using parentmail pay and it seems to be going really well.

We hope you all find it useful.

Did you know if you have a few items to pay for, you can add them all to your basket, then checkout to pay in one transaction.

Also, when paying for breakfast club, you can top up by any amount you wish, you don't need to pay lots of £3 instalments. If you are having any trouble using parentmail pay please contact the school office, who will be happy to

Best Class Attendance for Autumn Term 2016





Just kidz

Yesterday all of upper KS2 went to visit Richard Moore to find out about his inspirational life. He lived in Northern Ireland during the troubles. When he was only 10 he got shot in his eye by a member of the British army and is now unfortunately blind. The man that shot him was called Charles and Richard was brave enough to go and visit him. Richard now runs a charity called Children in crossfire to help children that are struggling in countries torn apart by war.

Quick poll

What's your favourite colour out of these options?

⇒ Purple?

⇒ Blue?

⇒ Pink?

⇒ Green?

⇒ Yellow?

Here's some sums to keep your brains going through the weekend

1. $4 \times 7 =$

2. $6 \times 6 =$

3. $9 \times 4 =$

4. $96 - 72 =$

5. $65 + 23 =$

6. $6 \times 8 =$

7. $97 - 22 =$

8. $12 + 34 =$

9. $12 \times 11 =$

10. $89 + 46 =$

Mass: Sunday 11.15 am
Fr John McElhone— 0191 2623820

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Star of the Week

Nursery am	Jessica
Nursery pm	Rosie
Reception (DM)	Olly
Reception (AR)	Mollie
Year 1	Ellie
Year 1/2	Joe A
Year 2	Alfie
Year 3	Joe
Year 3/4	Lola
Year 4	India
Year 5	Max
Year 5/6	Rebecca
Year 6	Sonny

Sacrament of Reconciliation



Congratulations to our Y4 children who celebrated their Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Aidan's on Wednesday evening. You made Mrs Fallon, Miss Dempsey, Mr Milner, Miss Smith and Fr. John proud.

Dates for your Diary

23rd January Road Safety Team in Y3 and Y3/4
Y6 @ Safety Works

27th January Digital Leaders' Training course

For more dates check out our website at

www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk



Holy Toast Winner

Our new value for this half term
is

SERVICE.

E is for **E**njoying giving help



Attendance of the
week

Y1, Y3/4, Y6

100%

Congratulations!

Our Mission Value