

St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

Live the Gospel and when necessary use words

Bernadette's Blog







Thank you to everyone who donated food to our Harvest Collection. We had a fantastic response, as always! Yesterday, we sent home 28 bags to the elderly members of our community, kindly packed by the Mini Vinnies. The Walking With Charity in Wallsend shared with us all the great work that this group does with the less fortunate members of our community.

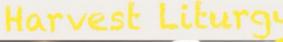
























Creative Prayer

Each class has put an example of their Creative Prayer on display in the school foyer. There are some fabulous examples of ways of praying which our imaginative staff have come up with. Why not stay and have a look



at them when you next pop into the office?



Bishop's Cup

On Wednesday our football team took part in the first round of the Bishop's Cup football competition.

They were amazing in matches against Sacred Heart, St. Lawrence's and St. Wilfrid's winning 2:1, 2:1 and 5:0!

Everyone played really well but a special mention must go to Aaron who scored 4 in one game and Harry M who put in a goal from the half way line.

Thanks to Daisy and Grace from STM for helping refereeing!





Massive thanks to our PTA for all their hard work with arrangements for our discos. You always go the extra mile for our children and it is appreciated!

October Half Term Holiday Club



We are again lucky to have Premier running a holiday club at our school. There have been some slight changes to the offer this time around and a new option for a longer day in response to requests from some of our parents. Please see flyer below for full details and take advantage of the 15% discount if you book before Monday. Don't forget, you can book as many or as few days as you like and any relatives with children at other schools are welcome to come along. We need to get as many children to take part in order to keep the club financially viable for Premier.



Plastic Bottles Needed Please

Do you have any empty plastic pop bottles with a flower shaped base ready to dispose of?

If so Year 5 would love to receive them for their next art project.

Please send them along to the Year 5 classroom.

Thank you!



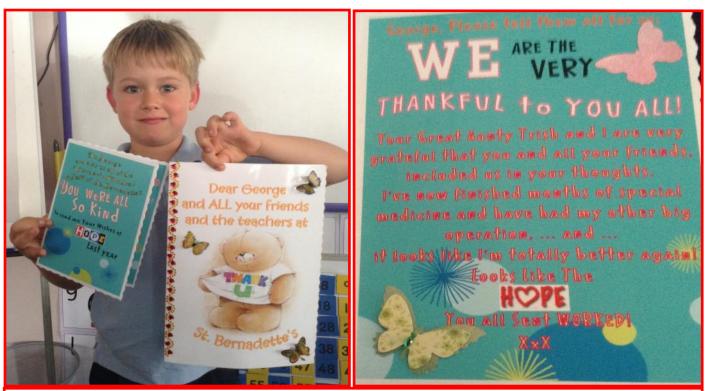
Don't forget! Monday, 5th November is a Training Day for staff. School closed.

Autumn Days



Here are Layla, Maggie and Joe and Jayden out for a walk enjoying these lovely Autumn days...

Hope Springs Eternal...



George was thrilled to receive this very special message this week. It's great to see that our message of "Hope" from our 2017 Advent Gospel Value Hope Bracelets continues to work wonders.

Last week, we had a set of keys handed into the office.

Please call in if they are yours.

Time for Liturgy

Our Reception Class were joined by their Year 6 Buddies this morning for their Class Liturgy. The Year 6 children did a very good job modelling prayer, behaviour and helping with singing. These friendships have proved a great success!















Mini-Vinnies in Action



The Poppy Appeal

Our Mini-Vinnies have been selling items and taking donations for the annual poppy appeal. Rachel, Lewis, Alice and Jamie will still be on duty every morning at playtime in the school library-until stock is gone.

20p is the suggested donation for a poppy.

Other items include pencils, rulers, wristbands etc sell for 50p or £1.

The Mini-Vinnies are also running a foodbank collection point. Look out for a message from your class teacher when it is your class' turn!

Family Portrait Night

On Tuesday 6th November we have Graham Rose (Photographer) coming into school to take studio session family portrait photographs.

The sessions will last 10 minutes and you can bring along as many or as few family members as you like. It's a great opportunity to have some studio style photos taken to maybe share with relatives at Christmas.

The session is free and photos will be sold as they are with school

photographs, via a proof ordering system. If you would like to book a slot they will be running from 3.40pm, at 10 minute

intervals, until the last session at 5.50pm. You can book by either phoning 200 7363 or calling into the school office, we only have 14 and they are filling up fast!

sessions on offer so please book quickly if you want to secure a place.





PTA News



The next PTA meeting will be on

Tuesday, 6th November 2018 All welcome!









NEXT-STEP COUNSELLING SERVICES

"Taking the first steps to positive change

Counselling in schools

INFORMATION LEAFLET

What is Counselling?

The opportunity to talk about things that are of concern, to a child or young person, in confidence, with a qualified counsellor. What is spoken about will depend on the individual, but common themes are stress, relationships, change, loss and distressing, traumatic events.

What does a counsellor do?

Counsellôrs are trained to listen without judging and to help people sort out their thoughts and feelings about whatever is concerning them and help them work through their issues.

Who are the Counsellors?

They are professionally qualified and experienced counsellors who have experience working with children and young people.

Why have a Counsellor in school?

A school based service brings counselling to children and young people in a place that is familiar, safe and secure. If children and young people are able to receive emotional support from a qualified professional they will have greater opportunity to fulfil their potential.

How long will counselling last?

Counselling may be for a few sessions, or longer term. It is reviewed regularly between counsellor and child or young person.

Where and when does it take place?

Usually, a small, private room is made available in your child's school during the day. Sessions last up to forty five minutes (depending on the circumstances), and appointment times can be varied so that time is not lost from any one subject.

Is it confidential?

A key feature of our service is that information discussed in the counselling session is treated confidentially. Counselling is a time when it's O.K. to talk about concerns without fear of them being discussed elsewhere. This includes not discussing the work with parents, unless the child or young person requests or gives consent for this. This can be hard for parents to accept at times, but ensuring the confidentiality of the work is crucial for establishing trust so that the children and young people feel confident to speak openly and freely about what is concerning them. However, if a pupil appears to be at risk of significant harm it may be appropriate to seek help from other agencies to keep them safe. The counsellor would aim to discuss this first with the pupil concerned.

All counsellors receive supervision of their work with young people, to ensure the quality of their practice and this is confidential.

What if I don't want my child to receive counselling?

If a child or young person requests counselling and is able to understand what is involved in the process, then they have the right to access counselling.

We would prefer that we have your support for the work, and we are always happy to talk with you about any concerns that you may have about the idea of counselling.

What if s/he refuses to have Counselling?

The decision about whether or not to take up the offer of counselling is entirely voluntary for children and young people just as it would be for an adult.

Can I support the Counselling work?

Yes, and we welcome this. Our experience shows that the most helpful thing a parent can do is to show an acceptance of counselling as a normal and useful activity, and to show an interest if their son/daughter wishes to talk about it, but not to press them if they don't. We acknowledge that this isn't an easy task, and it is quite natural for parents to feel anxious about what may be being said in the sessions. It is always our hope that talking with a counsellor will lead to greater openness with parents and families, you will need to allow a little time for this to happen.

If my child wants to see a Counsellor does that mean I am failing as a parent?

Absolutely not! We all experience occasions when it feels hard to speak to those closest to us about things which are bothering us. Often this can be because we don't want to worry those we love best, or because we want help thinking things through with someone else outside of the family. The Counsellor will not be judging you or your child, but looking to help them find their way through whatever is troubling them.

How are referrals made to the Counselling Service?

Referrals may be made either your child's head of year, SENCO manager or teacher, the request may come from you, or your child who can self-refer.

Why I'm I being asked to complete a survey?

This is purely for statistical purposes, no personal data will ever be shared. You are more than welcome to op't out of this too. "It really helped me to talk more to my family, and be less angry"

Pupil Aged 8

General Data Protection Regulations

All information about counselling work undertaken by our staff is kept securely by the Counselling Service in line with current General Data Profection Regulations. No personal data is ever shared and not sessions end personal data is destroyed, we keep our notes in line with the BACP guidelines only with no personal data kept. If there is any cause for complaint, you are welcome to speak the Counsellior or the Business Manager who will aim to resolve any issues of concern.



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Types of issues young people bring to counselling

Abuse

Domestic Violence Emotional Neglect Physical Racial Rape Sexual Violence/Assault

Health

Abortion
Autism
Asperger's
Disability
Drugs/Alcohol
Eating Disorder
Gambling
HIV/Aids
Illness
Pregnancy
Sex Transmitted Diseases

Racial/Cultural

Discrimination Identity Pressures from cultural expectations Travelling families

Relationships/Other

Boy/Girlfriend (same sex or heterosexual) Inappropriate sexual behaviour Isolation/Ioneliness Peer relationships



Personal/Self

Anxiety/Stress
Anger
Criminal Activity
Depression
Gender Identity
Identity
Inhibition Emotional Development
Obsessive compulsive
Personal Organisation
Self- Esteem
Self Harm
Suicidal
Sexual Issues
Transitions
Trauma
Traumatic event

Relationships/Family

Adoption
Bereavement
Behaviour at home
Difficult family issues
Looked after children
Parent (s)
Parental needs/expectations
Siblings
Split/Separation issues
Steo family

School

Attendance difficulties
Behaviour/Disaffection
Experience of school/levels of stress
Phobic
Relationships
Transitions
Bullying
Vocational concerns

Messages from the School Office Trips

Quite a few LKS2 parents have still to pay for their child's visit to Woodhorn, last week. Please pay via parent mail. You just need to shop for the item and put it in your basket to enable you to pay. Thank you.

Breakfast Club

Parents and Carers MUST BOOK A PLACE ONLINE FOR BREAKFAST CLUB.

The booking page does not close until 8pm on Friday evenings for the next week. Numbers are growing and places are limited. Don't miss out! You may now book on all the way to Christmas. Miss Coates has been busy again!!!!



Please remember children requiring breakfast must be in by 8.15am please.

Pupil Absence

If you do not inform us via ParentMail or the telephone absence line that your child will not be in school, you will receive a text message asking you to call the school office.



Many thanks!

First Communion Preparations

We have had a beautiful First Communion dress donated to school. We would love to pass it onto to a child in our First Communion group this year.

It is a Pierce Fionda II dress aged 9

Please ask at the school office if you would like to see it.

If your child has a dress that they have grown out of-we shall try recycle it for you. It's such a shame these fabulous dresses don't get more wear.

Y4 and Y5 Residential Trips

Y4 & Y5 parents

If you would like your child to attend the residential visits to Berwick and London please complete the google form you were sent via parentmail on Wednesday 24th October by 5th November.

Sports and Achievements

Grant, Ethan, Charlie, Tom, Gracie and Alfie all trained with the Newcastle Falcons Rugby Team on Sunday and even made it on to BT sport TV on Sunday, being the guard of honour as the players came out onto the pitch. How thrilling!!





Alice did a fantastic job as bridesmaid for her cousin, Emma.

Emma also attended our school.

You both looked fabulous Congratulations!



Matthew achieved both his level 4 and level 5 swimming certificate on Friday.

> That's an amazing effort. Well done. Matthew!

We love to hear all about your achievements! If you want to be on this page, take a photo and please send it to: stbernadettes.primary@northtyneside.gov.uk



Message from Julia Bradwell NT's Participation, Advocacy and Engagement Development Officer Corporate Strategy

"Hannah attended the Primary School Council Event last Wednesday. She was absolutely fantastic and did your school proud." Congratulations, Hannah!



Ava had a fab holiday and received three certificates for all the events she took part in. Well done, Aval



Joshua was named star player of the week by his team. He was awarded this medal. Congratulations!



Oliver was named "Man of the Match" for his team at the weekend. Well done. Ollie!





Some of our Mini Vinnies sending a cheque to help educate a child in India for a full year.

Jessica and Logan were delighted when Phil named them Most skilful players in his Star Strike session, this week.





Mass: Sunday 11.30am

Fr John McElhone - 0191 2623820

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Star of the Week

Dates for your Diary

26th October Break up for half term holiday

5th November Training Day (School Closed)

6th November Back to school!

Family Portrait Night

7th November Y3/4 (Mr Milner) Family Liturgy

8th November Library Bus Visit

12th-16th Nov Anti-Bullying Week

22nd November Operation Christmas Child Box Collection

24th November PTA Christmas Fayre

For more dates check out our website at

www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk

	Kuni
Nursery	Jack
Reception (AW)	Marlena
Reception (SK)	Imogen
Year 1	Mya A
Year 1/2	Lakeisha
Year 2	Jake
Year 3	Leo
Year 3/4	Roma
Year 4	Ryan B
Year 5	Yvie C
Year 5/6	Lewis S
Year 6	Luca





