



The Lantern 23rd June

St Bede's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

Our Vision

Keep Moving Forward

whilst remembering to

Shine like a lantern, in the presence of the Lord.

Our Values

- communication;
- curiosity;
- collaboration; and, in addition we value

love, trust, peace, friendship, hope, honesty, sincerity

humility

and, laughter.

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Introduction



It has been hot in school, but that will come as no surprise to anyone. The children and staff have coped admirably. I am sure many if not most, have enjoyed the relatively high temperatures we have seen in June, but from time-to-time, it can make life in school a little uncomfortable. As a laughing Y4 child said to me this week, 'It is hard to learn when it so hot'. I am told we have a lovely weekend of weather ahead of us, which I do hope you enjoy.

Assessment Week



Given the heat, the children had to work doubly hard to show all they could do in this week's assessments in Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5. I have yet to see all the results as papers are still being marked in some instances, but thus far I am particularly pleased with:

- **reading in Y5, where the % of children meeting and exceeding national expectations is high;**
- **the number of children who are exceeding national expectations in reading, over half;**
- **reading in Y3, which is impressive in both sets.**

My congratulations to the children and their teachers - and of course those of you who work so hard to support your children with their reading at home. I will always say that a parent reading at home with their child five times a week is worth an extra term in school over the course of their time in primary school. I was perhaps particularly pleased to see children outside of top sets exceeding national expectations - this happened in Y3 (Miss Carey), Y4 (Mr Newman) and Y5 (Miss Green) - this sets a great example to any child who is not yet in Top Set, but aims to get there - it can be done!

Miss Maguire



I have had a number of parents contact me to say they will miss seeing Miss Maguire in Reception next year. Miss Maguire is an excellent teacher and next year she will be leading in school on science, design technology and computing. This is an **enormous** opportunity for her, which is why I have placed her in Y4 - half-way up the school - where she will be to shape what is happening above and below her vantage point. I am looking forward to seeing her enthuse the children with the excitement these subjects can bring to young minds!

Our Football Team (boys)

The children played a lively 'Cup' encounter last evening. The boys were knocked out of the tournament 0-2, but Claire, Zaine and Riley's mum, writes:

[St Bede's] were definitely the better team. They played so well. They are winners in my eyes for taking part; representing the school well; and, doing their personal best (PB).

The team are currently second in their league and many of us will be routing for them against Nightingale next week. Sports Day precedes the encounter and as such will be a great warm up session! Praying they are not too tired, but what will be will be. As long as they enjoy it and develop and grow, there is always something to take away from any experience in life...



Man of the Match



Let's Celebrate



Lantern Certificates – youngest to oldest

Oliver, Samantha, Lyla, Darryn, Saanvika, Inioluwa and Jaida.

Headteacher Award

Adrian C

Race for the House Championship

St George - 3118

St Patrick – 3072

St Andrew - 2959

St David – 2679

Birthdays this Week

Favour (7), Elliot (4), Luke (4), Patrick (9), Rose (9), Joshua (9), Patrick-Razvan (5), Jianna (6), Mya-Renee (7), Gabriel (8), Fardad (6), Gabrielle (8), Riley (11), Zaine (11), Tharani (8), Oluchi (4) and Erin (7).





Mrs Mackie's 'Weekly Reflection'

This Sunday, the Gospel tells us how the Lord encouraged us to be courageous, urging us to spread the message of the Good News. He asked not to fret about doing it, saying that we would be rewarded in the Kingdom of God.

Across the school, the children this week have been spreading the Good News in many different ways...

Tijo in Reception wrote, 'God is my hero' and then wanted to tell everyone about it!

In Year 1, the children wrote why they thought God was great!

Olamide wrote, 'God blesses us. God saved us. God gave us the Holy Messiah'; and, in Year 2, Leo said that we need to shout the Good News from the mountain tops, which I am sure Jesus would have loved!

In Year 4, the children found out about someone thinking about the importance of forgiveness, following St Paul's words, 'Forgive one another, just as the Lord has forgiven you'.

In 1981, a man called Mehmet tried to assassinate the Pope, John Paul II. After he recovered, the Holy Father visited Mehmet in prison. During that meeting, Pope John Paul II said he had forgiven him and asked the authorities to pardon him - which they did.

Year 4 wrote speeches as if they were Mehmet, imagining his reaction to the Pope's actions. This is Bozhidara's:

'I thought my life was over, for I had done something terrible in almost assassinating a man; but then the darkness had become light. He sat me down ' 'Oh my child', were his words...' He had found kindness in his heart, like Jesus, to forgive me and eventually convinced me to forgive myself'.

God of life, help us to treat all people around the world with respect and love. May we share your hope and love with others. Amen.

God bless

Mrs Mackie



Other news round-up...



Mark Butcher, Chair of Governors

A parent mentioned to Mark this week that a parent in 1S (we don't have the name) had been trying, or was wanting, to contact him. This can always be done via the School Office - you can email, saying in the header that is a message for him (we won't then open it but simply forward); or you can pop a note or letter in a sealed envelope into the Office team, who will again forward it to him without reading it. He will then want to call you, so please state your numbers and the best time to contact you. Mark always enjoys chatting to parents, whether it be a grumble or compliment.

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and finally...



I must give some thanks this week. Firstly to two parents, Peter (Olivia's daddy) and Audra (Vejas's mum), who were both very kind to me. In addition, I would like to thank Sheye, who asked to help Mrs Knight take some of the photos for this week's Lantern; he did a great job. We also owe a huge debt of gratitude to Christine and Darragh, who have joined for the last two weeks as work experience students; Christine was a pupil here with us and I so wish Darragh had been too such lovely young adults of whom their parents can be proud. I want to congratulate Lorena and Gracelyn who came to see me Monday to tell me the quote I posted in last week's Lantern about modern families came from Madam Doubtfire; there will be prizes for them. The book was written by Anne Fine and the legendary Robin William played the role in the movie, which was retitled Mrs Doubtfire. You can see him deliver the lines to camera below. When my marriage broke down in 2019, I often thought about these words and they helped me enormously in coping with the fact that I was not going to be living with my children – the message still helps me...

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday...

[Mrs Doubtfire](#)

