

# St Teresa's Catholic Academy

## SPRING TERM 2020

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This week we have continued to focus on the importance of being kind to others. Our words and actions can have such an affect on others; both positive and negative however if we behave in the way Jesus taught us we can make a real difference to people's lives. "So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;" (Colossians 3:12)

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7th February	School Association Bingo Night
12th February	Open Day for current parents
14th February	Half term starts, 3.15pm (After School Club, 6pm)
24th February	School commences, 8.55am
25th February	Year 5 swimming starts
25th February	School Association selling pancakes after school

#### Parking Reminder

Disappointingly, we have to once again remind parents to park considerately. We have had several complaints over the past week from members of the public who have been inconvenienced, and in some cases verbally abused by parents dropping their children at school. This is totally unacceptable. Please ensure you park with consideration.

#### Open Day

Booking is now closed for open day on 12th February, more details to follow next week.

#### Chorister for a Day

On Saturday I went to Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford. They taught me how to sing 'Swing Low, Sweet Chariot' in the school. After that we did some craft work and had tea in the Harry Potter dining hall; it was amazing! Then we put on our special robes and sang with the choristers in the cathedral at Evensong. It was a great day.

By Alex Dean



#### Children's Mental Health Week

On Thursday 6th February the whole school took part in 'Inside Out' Day. This is an initiative to help raise awareness of Children's Mental Health, helping children understand that how important it is to always be kind to friends as it is not always obvious how they are feeling on the inside.



#### Golden Book

Well done to the following children on being nominated to go into Mrs Peter's Golden Book:

Ciara S (Dickens) was nominated because she wrote a beautiful book, a dedication to God all about her faith and what it means to her. Ciara showed she is a modern day disciple – being proud to share God's words and the depth of her faith with others.

Emma S (Seuss) was nominated for writing amazing story books. She had included beautiful illustrations and even bound the books for a professional finish! Emma's enthusiasm inspired others in her class to write their own stories.

#### St Crispin Beat Boxers

On Wednesday, Year 6 went to St Crispin's to see the beat boxers. They could do a variety of sounds and it amazed us all. Children in our school went up on the stage and did a beat box battle against children from other schools, it was so much fun! Even class teachers went up to beat box!

Dinis C and Austin R



## Promoting the Catholic Faith in Action

On Thursday six of us went to Corpus Christi Church to show the Holt School Year 7 girls around the Church and tell them about our faith and why we love it. We showed them what the difference is between the Catholic and Baptist church, we showed them the significance of the stained glass windows and the stations of the cross. We also told them about the statues of Mary and why we venerate her. Lots of the girls were asking questions and they seemed interested and liked what they saw.

Ben J, Ciara S, Ollie S, Raphael H, Alex M, Monika C



## Half Term Library Events

Please see attached flyer outlining events taking place at local libraries during the half term break.

## **Head Boy & Girl Celebrations**

Congratulation to the following:

Alexandra D - for 2 amazing awards in gymnastics, a 6<sup>th</sup> place ribbon and a third place medal.

James C - who got a distinction in grade one tap dance

Yasmina and Emily - who got a merit on their LAMDA exam

Charlotte D - who passed her ballet exam

Jimmy K - the best little ninja in karate

Henry D - who was promoted to the middle team

Austin E - who was promoted to a sixer

Sienna - who passed her swimming exam

Grace Dunnachie - who passed her swimming exam

Well done to all of these great children above



Over the past few weeks we have been working closely with the other four schools in our MAT. As I have mentioned before, our Head Team of Katie, Jean-Seb, Thomas and Teigan are in the process of designing a new outdoor Prayer Area. In order to gain some ideas myself and Mrs Cook took them to visit our MAT schools and we had a wonderful time with them! As always they were fantastic Ambassadors of our school and spoke confidently to the Headteachers about their project – they really did us proud! Since our visits they have been busy creating a design (which I am not allowed to see!) and next Friday they will be 'pitching' their ideas to Canon Simon, Mrs Eden, Mrs Boucher and Mrs Howick. Watch this space to find out how they get on!

Last Wednesday we invited teachers from our MAT to join us for some training on Improving writing skills led by Bob Cox, an independent educational consultant. I'm pleased to say over 50 teachers joined us which was a great example of our collaborative working. Today I am attending a MAT Trust Day where we will be looking at other ways we can come together as a Multi Academy Trust.

Unfortunately I missed Butterworth's assembly on Wednesday as I was at a Head's Briefing but I have it on good authority that it was a joy! The audience time travelled back to the fire of London in 1666! The children shared their hard work with such passion, knowledge and enthusiasm, all with super smiling faces as they showed designs, sang songs, acted and read from their Learning Focus books. What a wonderful way to start a Wednesday morning!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Open Day next week when you will have the opportunity to witness the children's excitement about their learning first hand.

Best wishes,

*Mrs Nikki Peters*

Headteacher