

School Sports

Miss Amos has been very busy since September electing the sports teams and arranging matches and tournaments.

The teams we have this year are: Girls Football YR5 & YR6, Boys Football YR5 & YR6, Dodge Ball YR6, Girls Netball, Hockey YR5 & YR6 and Tag Rugby YR3 & YR4. The teams have played very well so far and we hope they continue to play as well as they have.

FOOTBALL

The girls came 6th overall in their tournament while the boys won their tournament. In their matches the girls won their match 3-2 while the boys ran to victory winning their league undefeated.

NETBALL

The netball team also won their league undefeated, scoring a whopping 10-1 against Beechwood Primary and 11-6 against Farley Junior!

DODGEBALL

They were also victorious in their cup tournament.

HOCKEY

The Hockey team won all the league games until it came to the final. It was a tense game resulting in a draw at the end of extra time leading to a penalty shootout where they just missed out! They came joint 3rd overall in a playoff against St. Matthews.

TAG RUGBY

Having won all their games they just missed out in the finals, however having come 2nd in their tournament they qualify for the county tournament in March.

By Niamh Griffiths

**Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year
to you and your Family**

From the YR5 Newspaper Team



Heart News Now

Jesus At the Heart Of All That We Do December 2016

Roald Dahl 100 Years' Celebration

Roald Dahl was a famous children's novelist who wrote classics such as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach and The BFG, among other famous works. He has written over fifty novels most of which were number one best sellers. Born in Cardiff on September 13th 1916 he would have celebrated his 100th birthday this year. He has been referred to as "one of the greatest storytellers for children of the 20th century". This is quite an achievement as he only started writing children's books when he became a father himself. He began his working life as a hurricane fighter pilot in World War II with the Royal Air Force and had two steel hips and six operations on his spine. Most people think his books are fun, creative and really interesting to read. Almost all of his books were written in a small hut at the bottom of his garden! As any creative writer, Roald had a specific routine for writing, using only a pencil on yellow paper. By Amelie Rocha



Remembrance day



Remembrance day is a day we remember all those who died in war. To celebrate this, we usually wear poppies. The red of the poppy symbolises the blood spilled and the black represents respect for the dead. At break time, we held a minute's silence to reflect and remember those who have died in wars and to thank them for their bravery and sacrifice.

On Friday 11th of November, we celebrated remembrance day. The school sold items such as; slap bands, friendship bracelets, wrist bands and keyrings to help raise money. Our knitting club and some staff members knitted poppies to give to the British Legion. They knitted over 100 poppies!

On remembrance Sunday, many veterans marched to the Cenotaph in London. By Abbie Mooney YR6

On Tuesday the 20th of September Fiona and Buddy came to talk to us about the NSPCC (National Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Children). They told us that we can call them anytime by calling 0800 1111 (which is free to call!) or talk to them online. But would people really use it? “I will if I am in danger” says Amelie in Year 5. Fiona told us about the different kinds of abuse and that we could always talk to NSPCC. But does it make others feel safe? “Yes because if something happens to me, they’d be there” says Amelie in YR5. You can call the NSPCC whenever you feel you have any problems with your home life, school life or even social life. Don’t forget, if you’re in danger, call 0800 1111.

Fiona also talked to us about ‘Buddy’s Big Workout’ and how we could raise lots of money for children by working out. As a school we raised over £4000 on our ‘Buddy Big Workout’! We also raised £586 for Macmillan Cancer Research by holding a coffee morning. The Christmas shoe box appeal is taking place again this year. This is where the children bring in a shoe box containing gifts and the boxes are sent to Africa for children who don’t have very much.

A huge thank you to all the children and parents of Sacred Heart for their generosity raising all this money for such good causes.

By Dagmara Sitkowska

ABC

Here at Sacred Heart we have an ABC community (Anti Bullying Club). The ABC look out for children who are being bullied or need a friend on the playground. The amazing ABC has been running here for six years. They also get involved in training to help look after the children in our school. The ABC team all have badges and are very visible throughout the school. All ABC members get badges but once you have completed training then you receive a special A badge.

Remember don’t bully! Be Nice! Everyone deserves to be happy in our school community.

By Kenny Celestine and Grace O’Malley

The School Council Elections

The School Council gives the children a say in what happens in our school and brings ideas from their classmates to the meeting to help make the school a better place.

In every class the children vote for two people, a boy and a girl. The people who wish to be on the School Council stand up in front of their class and explain why they think they would be a good school councilor. Then everyone in the class votes a boy and a girl to be their class representatives. The School Council voted in this year are: 2SM Alessandro Morelli and Sophie Leaning, 2DS Tomas Beare and Lillie Hibbert-Rance, 3AG Hughie Doherty and Ava-Rose Monaghan, 3CF Adam Crawley and Sophia Pacheco, 4TA Lucie O’Connell and Liam Kelly, 4HS Annie Shanley and Charlie Ryan, 5LK Queentela Ezeala-Uzoma and Cillian Gallagher, 5HC Dagmara Sitkowska and Kevin Proszlowiec, 6CL Mya Okolie and Charlie Wilkinson and finally 6SA Caeleigh Timoney and Kian Tinch.

By Connie Doak-Dunnly

Cycle Into Cycle Training

Cycle safety is at an all-time peak. As people are being encouraged to cycle more, we need to make sure that we are thinking about safety. So this year the government are backing an initiative to teach the YR5s how to cycle on the roads. They are ecstatic about the five-day cycle training. “I feel very excited because I love cycling” says Grace O’Malley from YR5. Anyone who knows how to cycle, and just wants a bit of extra help can come to this event and learn how to cycle safely on the roads. But does anyone really want to cycle on the roads? “Yes because it will help me get to school quicker as I can skip traffic” say’s Grace. We know that the government wants to keep us safe, otherwise we wouldn’t be doing it, but do the children really feel safe? “Yes because the cycle training people that taught us will make us aware of any dangers” say’s Connie Doak-Dunnely, another very excited YR5 student.

We all know safety is key so this training is very important to children who cycle on our roads today. At the end of the training we got a badge and we are waiting to receive a certificate. **By Dagmara**

SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

We at Sacred Heart are very proud of our Shakespeare productions. These productions were started by Mrs Gibbs in 2013. This year The Shakespeare Schools Festival was held at The Grove Theatre in Dunstable. Miss Stephens runs Shakespeare with the help of Mrs Gibbs and Miss Stones.

Shakespeare is a very famous script writer, who has written many plays that we watch and enjoy, both in and out of school.

The festival involves schools from all around the country coming together to act out one of his plays. This year we are doing Much Ado about Nothing. On Monday 26th September everyone in Shakespeare travelled to The Grove Theatre to work on improving our scenes. Everybody involved has worked really hard to make it a show to remember.

We performed it on the 14th November 2016. It was an amazing experience because a lot of people don't get the chance to perform in a professional theatre. We hope that everyone who watched our play enjoyed it. As a member of the cast I thought it was an awesome experience!

By Grace O'Malley

Swim-A-Thon

One of the many things to do in Year 4 is to go swimming...

Every Thursday morning, the whole of Year 4 has just one lesson - maths. Then they whip out the hi-vises and walk the twenty minutes to the swimming pool at Inspire! After that they swim in various ways – on their fronts, backs and when it's 'Fun Week' everybody has an awesome time doing loads of different activities!

If you're in Year 4 and you can't swim, you'll soon learn! You are grouped into ability levels – every group has an instructor who tells you how you're going to swim each week. This could include blowing bubbles with your head in the water, push and glide, breast stroke and jumping in the deep end. Don't worry – you won't sink! (If you cannot swim you get floats or noodles to help you).

Mrs Brand, who goes to swimming every week, feels that; "It's a very valuable skill to have, and every child should have the opportunity to learn to swim." Don't forget to have fun! By Caoimhe Murray

FAITH AMBASSADORS

In Sacred Heart Primary School, we have Faith Ambassadors which help out with Religious Education like artwork, meeting people, getting to know them and having fun discussions in meetings. The YR5 Faith Ambassadors will probably be doing a workshop soon, so watch out for that! We recently met the Cardinal Newman Chaplain, Jane Porter, where we discussed how lucky we are to be in a safe environment and how being a Faith Ambassador is an important role within school. Also the Faith Ambassadors went to the Northampton Cathedral, where we met children from other schools.

Miss Flynn is the Faith Ambassador organizer, so if you need any information she is the one to ask. YR3 will get their books at the next meeting.

I also interviewed Eve Kelly (5HC) about what faith ambassadors do and she explained that it is embracing children, teaching them Religious Education and spreading holiness around the school.

Don't forget, if you're prepared to be a Faith Ambassador, you need to fill your application form and attend a meeting every term.

By Bianca Banko.

YEAR SIX PREFECTS

Some YR6 children have applied to become the next YR6 Prefects.

Anyone who was interested had to write a letter of application and hand it in to their teachers by the middle of October.

To be a prefect you need to be responsible, make the right choices and also be a good role model to younger pupils. Prefects also have to take their duties seriously as the teachers depend on them to help monitor behaviour in school during break and lunch times.

The YR6 teachers choose the prefects before the October half term and they now wear their prefect ties proudly.

There is a list of all the Prefects and Sports Prefects in the KS2 Hall.

By Leon Kahura

NEW START FOR YEAR 3

It's an exciting time for the year 3's. They have moved from KS1 to KS2. I interviewed Miss Gibbs and Miss Flynn about their classes and both said that 3AG and 3CF are lovely children, but they can get a bit chatty! In general, they are really hard working and always try their best. One of the things they like about being in YR3 is the playground is bigger. The YR3s also like the classes they are in because their teachers are really nice to them and if they're good they get to do fun things like art and other creative activities. It's obvious the YR3s adore their new class in KS2.

Now it's been a while since the start of the year and the YR3s have got to know their new year and key stage a bit more. So I interviewed Maddie Kelly and Ruby who stated that "maths is quite tricky but other lessons are ok. We have mostly improved our handwriting." The work is harder but Maddie says that she's getting on really well. From what I have heard the YR3s have come back into school ready to face the challenges of KS2.

By Eve Kelly

New Start For Reception

September was a very exciting time for the new reception children as they started school for the very first time.

A few weeks ago I went over to Reception to interview the children about what they like to do in school. Junelle said "I love playing Duck Duck Goose" and Rodney said "I love running around on the playground".

It seems like the children have settled in well to their new Sacred Heart community. A school routine can be quite difficult to get used to however they seem to be finding it quite enjoyable.

At first, when they entered school, some of them were feeling quite anxious but others were rearing to go. The children really like their teachers, Mrs Monastero, Mrs Shanley and Miss Barry, and all the other reception staff that work with them.

By Queentela Ezeala-Uzoma

After School Club.

Playtarium are a team that look after children before and after school. The club provides breakfast and dinner for all the children who attend. Children also enjoy the use of the school playground. The club is open to children of all ages and it has been running for a long time now.

Two children who had started in reception were interviewed. The first child we interviewed was a girl called Chloe who said that she had enjoyed back to school club ever since her first day of school. I asked Chloe what she liked to play, eat, and drink. She replied that she "adores eating chicken curry that comes with pizza"!

The second child from reception we interviewed was Antonio Carrachio. He loves eating toast, cereal and banana's, his favourite game outside is tyre tag. Antonio enjoys going to Playtarium so much that he would go everyday.

Dates for your Diary in December

Thursday 8th —The Choir sing at Luton Airport

Monday 12th —YR3 & YR4 To see 'The Night Before Christmas

Tuesday 13th —Y2, YR1 & FS To see 'The Night Before Christmas

Thursday 15th—FS Parents to watch 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'

Friday 16th—YR1 Parents to watch 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'

Friday 16th—YR3 Parents to watch 'All Around The World'

Tuesday 20th—Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Upcoming Events for 2017

Cross Country

Gymnastics

Tag Rugby county tournament

Football/Netball league and tournament

Girls Football tournament