

Exploring Antarctica with Year 6



As part of Y6 on-going topic, Antarctica and Shackleton's adventures, Year 6 have been studying some poetry. Having spent some time investigating the '*Rime of the Ancient Mariner*' (by Samuel Taylor Coleridge), the children have written their own poems, in his style, about Shackleton's journey. This poem was written by Leyton from Miss Morgan's class and is truly exceptional. It is a lovely tribute and we hope you all enjoy this addition to our class entry for this week's newsletter .

The Rime of the Old Ship Endurance

by
Leyton Year 6 Miss Morgan

The Weddell sea was cold and vast
The ice and snow was high as the mast
The mist was thick and pale white
The ice and fog shut out the light

The ice was thick though thin in places
Yet we were ahead seven paces
Endurance's thick bow ploughed the ice
Every chance we take is like a roll of a dice

The climate here was harsh and bold
Time seemed to be put on hold
The ship so far was safe and sound
Although the ice did quickly bound
It gripped us tight till we were stuck

It seemed our ship had run out of luck
The grip of the ice was hard to break
The lives of the crew were at stake
The ship was suffering inside the ice

Compared to it we were as small as mice
The ship was trapped in a sea of harsh funk
Then due to the ice
the ship sunk

DIARY DATES

PTA BINGO

Thursday 24th October 6pm - eyes down 6.30pm

INSET DAY

Tuesday 5th November - School re-opens after Half Term

FAMILY MASS led by YEAR 6

Sunday 10th November - 11am - St Joseph's Church

Year 2 Harvest Celebration



On Thursday Year 2 were lucky enough to share a wonderful afternoon with both Somerville Primary School and Riverside Primary School, in order to celebrate Harvest, here at St Joseph's.

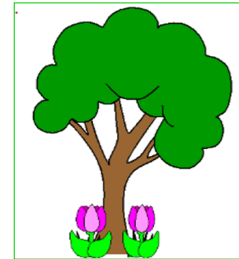
The theme of this year's Harvest celebration was 'The Creation'.

Our Year 2 children performed a beautiful poem to the visiting schools, accompanied by some lovely artwork that they created in class. Each plate clearly depicts a day of The Creation. The children used a mix of paint and collage to display at the celebration.

The children also displayed their fantastic musical skills and performed 'Top of the World' by The Carpenters to the audience. Accompanied by some graceful actions, the song has now become one of our favourites! Each school performed some wonderful pieces of poem and song and all schools thoroughly enjoyed raising their voices together in celebration.

As we had such a fun afternoon, we

thought we would share the poem that we loved so much with you to enjoy too at home!



Creation

Day one
heaven,
light,

Poem
brought
earth and

It must have been so very bright!
Day two God made the clear blue sky,
A place for many birds to fly.
Day three brought land apart from seas.
With all the plants, grass and trees.
Day four shone forth moon, stars and sun,
The work of God was not yet done.
Day five we see the fish and birds
God did all of this with just His words.
Day six God formed all beasts and man
To finish his creation plan.
Day seven was especially blessed,
A day for worship and for rest.



**Thursday
24th October**

in the School Hall

Doors Open 6pm

**Eyes Down 6.30pm
plus refreshments**



School Attendance

Attendance is below our target, well done to all who have still got 100%!

It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at **97% or above**.

And to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day

Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: 91%

Attendance overall without Foundation Stage 1: 92%

Those who have already fallen below national average will be invited into Attendance Panel or receive a home visit from our Education Social Worker..



CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation 1 Miss Marsh	89%	81%
Foundation 2 Miss Howard	93%	95%
Foundation 2 Mrs Walker	92%	90%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	79%	90%
Year 1: Mrs Osiac	97%	91%
Year 2: Miss Last	89%	94%
Year 3 Miss Finnigan	95%	95%
Year 4 Miss Davies	94%	92%
Year 5: Miss Allen	96%	91%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	87%	85%
Year 6 Mr Broughton	85%	95%



Family Mass

Bishop Mark will be celebrating our

Family Mass on Sunday 10th November and this will be a special celebration as we remember all those who have died in the service of our country. The masses are always special occasions with the children fully involved in the prayers, readings and songs.

Thank you to all those families who support these Masses; the children love taking part, and we would like to encourage more families to share these special occasions.

**Please join us at 11am on
Sunday 10th November
with Year 6**

Baptismal Preparation



If you wish to have your child baptised at St Joseph's church you will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Meeting

The next meeting is 2pm
Sunday 10th November
St Alban's Parish Hall

You don't need to book a place, just come along for an informal hour of information and to collect an application form

Completed forms should be returned to the Parish Office to arrange a date



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

"Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be"

Headteacher Mrs K Vernon

School Office 21st October 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Parents Evening

Our Parents Evening will take place this week on **Wednesday 23rd October**. As always this will provide an important opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with the class teacher, and to look through their work. You will have previously received a letter detailing arrangements for Parents Evening. Please ensure you have returned your slip to book an appointment slot with your child's class teacher.



Brighten up the Harvest – CAFOD

On Friday 25th October we will be holding a fund-raising day to raise money for CAFOD who support families in need around the world. On this day we ask that the children come into school dressed in bright colours in exchange for a £1 donation. There will a range of fun activities and



afternoon, each costing 50p. Please help us do all we can to brighten up the world for families in need. Your support means so much.

Year 6 Assembly

We would like to invite you to our special Year 6 Assembly this Friday 25th October. The children will be celebrating and sharing work and reflections from their RE topic "The Kingdom of God." It would be lovely if you could join us.

INSET Day

A reminder that **Monday 4th November** is a school staff training day (INSET) and on this day school will be closed to pupils. You will have previously received details of this date when the term dates were sent out at the start of the year. All schools allocate 5 INSET days throughout the year to provide staff with training to ensure that provision for your child is enhanced and improved. Pupils will return to school after the half term break on Tuesday 5th November.



Visit of Bishop Mark

We are all looking forward to welcoming Bishop Mark to our parish in the week beginning 4th November. Bishop Mark will make a special visit to school on Tuesday 5th November when he will meet all the children and staff, and lead us in an assembly.

On Sunday 10th November the Bishop will celebrate mass at St Joseph's Church at 11am. This mass will be a Family Mass led by our Year 6 children and will commemorate Remembrance Day. We really hope you can join us for this very special Mass.



Every blessing

Mrs Vernon

Golden Assembly 14th October 2019	
Mrs Walker	Kai McNamara
Miss Howard	Levi Eves Sumner
Miss J Turner	Jamie-Leigh Sheridan
Mrs Osiac	Sophie Taylor-Roberts
Miss Last	Phoebie Clayton
Miss Finnigan	Kyle Price
Miss Davies	Miya Boyd
Miss Allen	Demi O'Neill
Mr Broughton	Aleisha Harris
Mrs Morgan	Kurt Austin

competitions for the children to enjoy in the