

Exploring Antarctica with Year 6



As part of our topic, 'Shackleton's Journey', Year 6 have been studying Antarctica and learning all about the brave men who attempted to conquer the crossing of the continent in 1914. As part of their studies, Year 6 has been learning about Shackleton's ship, The Endurance, which was (at the time she sailed) a cutting edge Antarctic research vessel.

Last Friday (27th September), Year 6 undertook a visit to Cammell Laird, where the newest addition to the British Antarctic Survey, the RRS Sir David Attenborough, is in the final phase of construction. This ship is the largest non-military ship to be constructed in Britain for 30 years and is the most advanced scientific research vessel of its type in the world. It was a real honour to be able to visit the ship yard, take a virtual tour and to meet some of the crew and scientists who will be living and working on-board the ship when it finally sets sail for Antarctica.

unique opportunity to see a piece of cutting edge scientific technology, the students had face to face access to a raft of top flight scientist, many of whom have actually lived and worked in Antarctica. The pupils were able to ask questions; try on equipment; conduct experiments; and even hold pieces of an ice core that had been brought back from Antarctica itself.

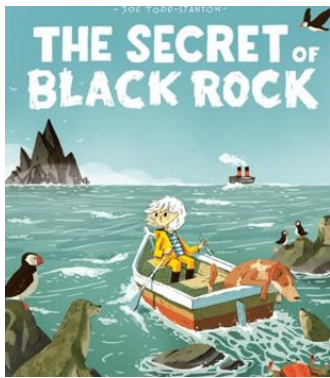
Finally, the day concluded with a talk by the ship's 2nd Engineer. She was an incredibly passionate young lady who spoke animatedly about her role on-board and what life as an Antarctic explorer is actually like. Needless to say, we were all very impressed. The year 6 students all asked fantastic, well thought out questions and made both myself and Miss Morgan very proud. Hopefully, we've inspired a few new budding scientists in the process too!



As well as having a



Working Hard in Year 1



Year 1 have been working hard on their story writing over the past couple of weeks. They have enjoyed reading 'The Secret of Black Rock' by Joe Todd Stanton, and have 'magpie'd' some fantastic new vocabulary to use in their own stories.

The children have been trying hard to remember to use key writing skills such as capital letters, full stops and finger spaces to help them write super sentences. On Monday this week the children spent the morning writing their own take on the class story, with wonderful versions including 'The Secret of Fluffy Cloud' and 'The Secret of the Stretchy Monster'. Well done year 1, we look forward to many more exciting stories to come.

Last week Year 1 had a really informative visit from the nurse to teach them all about proper hand

washing. They used a special cream and light to show them where the bacteria was growing on their hands, then used the light again after they had washed to help find any

spots they had missed. The children learnt how to wash the entire hand and wrist to keep clean and fight off any tummy upsets. Year 1 were really surprised to learn that they should wash their hands for the length of a popular song – Happy Birthday.



Year 1 enjoyed a visit this week from Mr and Mrs Tobin to support the whole-school hymn practise in preparation for the Foundation Stage welcome mass at church. The children practised some beautiful hymns and listened to the special welcome song that

Year 5 and Foundation Stage shared during the mass.

DIARY DATE

Tuesday 8th October at 2.45 pm

RWI Phonics Parent Workshop for Year 1 parents only



Sports Update



It's been a great start back for the children with lots going on. The children look really smart in their PE kits (White Top, black/navy shorts Pumps for indoors, trainers for outdoors). **Please return your child's PE kit to school if you haven't yet had the chance to.**

Extra Curricular Club

The children, as always, have responded brilliantly to new afterschool sports activities on offer. There have already been over 100 children take part. There is still places in some of the clubs. Please see Miss Douglass at the office for a letter for more details.

Competitions

We've got a busy term ahead of us with 4 football competitions and a tag-rugby event coming up. When checking at the end of last summer,

unfortunately some of our green and blue sports kits have not been returned after the final few tournaments of the summer. Please have a look at home and return these as soon as possible, as it prevents our children looking their best when they represent our school in competition.

Awards

Last newsletter we wrote to you with the details of achieving our AfPE Quality Mark with distinction. This years target is to aim to achieve the platinum kitemark for Wirral School Games. This is an ambitious target which schools can only go for if they have achieved the gold mark 4 years on the run, something we have achieved for all of our sporting success from 2015-present. We will keep you updated throughout the year of our progress.

School Attendance

Attendance is good at present, well done to all who have still got 100%!
It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at **95% or above**.
And to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day



CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation 2 Miss Howard	98%	89%
Foundation 2 Mrs Walker	87%	97%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	91%	81%
Year 1: Mrs Osiac	99%	99%
Year 2: Miss Last	91%	93%
Year 3 Miss Finnigan	95%	95%
Year 4 Miss Davies	95%	95%
Year 5: Miss Allen	93%	93%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	94%	94%
Year 6: Mr Broughton	90%	90%

Parish of St Joseph and St Alban



Messy Church is a fun family afternoon with drawing, painting, cookery, arts, crafts and lots more

Please join us in
St Albans Parish Centre
on
Sunday 20th October

from 3pm - 4.30pm

Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult

Please Join us
in St Josephs Meeting Room

Cafe Joey

and Raffle

on

Saturday 5th October

from 12 - 3pm

For light lunches, sandwiches and

lots of home-made cakes

All proceeds will be donated to

MacMillan

Cancer Care



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 4th October 2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Family Mass

This Sunday our first Family Mass of the year led by Year 4 will take place at Church at 11.00. The children have been working hard all this week preparing readings and prayers for their Mass. We hope families can join us for this special celebration and look forward to welcoming you all.



Welcome Mass

Our Welcome Mass for our new Reception children took place this week, and it was a truly memorable day. Our young children were beautifully supported by their new buddies in Year 5 and we were so proud of all our children. This is the start of a special friendship for our younger children which will continue as they go through the school learning from, and being supported by, their special buddy. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this lovely occasion



World Mental Health Day

This Thursday is World Mental Health Day and in support of the theme "Just Ask" we will be having a special focus day in school on emotional health and well-being. The "Just Ask" campaign encourages us all to look out for others by asking them how they are feeling.

The focus of our day will be to explore and talk about feelings through a range of fun creative activities. We would like all children to wear something yellow on the day to show their support for World Mental Health Day.



Parents Evening

Our Parents Evening will take place 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. Letters will be sent out closer to the date to enable you to choose an appointment slot with your child's class teacher.



Packed lunches

At St Joseph's we promote and encourage the importance of healthy lifestyles including healthy eating. The importance of a healthy lunch cannot be under-estimated. In our busy lives we understand that it can be hard to find time to ensure our child's packed lunch has a good balance of the nutrition they need rather than an over reliance on quick, but often fatty or sugary food. Here are some links below to give ideas of quick and easy healthy packed lunches which we hope are helpful.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/>

[articles/z4fmd6f](https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes)

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Every blessing
Mrs Vernon

Golden Assembly 4th October 2019

Mrs Walker	Leon Randalls
Miss Howard	Callie Mae Bromilow
Miss J Turner	Olivia Lawrence -Ivory
Mrs Osiac	Freddie Denton
Miss Last	Shay Cowderoy
Miss Finnigan	Skarlette Field
Miss Davies	Alisha Noble and Ayden Ashworth
Miss Allen	Jaydon Calvey
Mr Broughton and Miss Morgan	Miya Costello