

Year 5 enjoy “Floodland”

As part of our literacy work, we have been focusing on the events in Marcus Sedgwick's best-selling novel 'Floodland'.

We have improved our reading comprehension through extracts taken from this captivating book as well as drafting newspaper articles based on the cataclysmic flooding it is centred around.

Here is an extract from one of our pupil's newspaper article:

At approximately 08:00 this morning the sea near to Norwich started to rise; covering over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the city and leaving $\frac{1}{4}$ stuck with no way to communicate.

One girl (who was only nine-year-old) cried, “My home, my city; everything I have known is underwater.”

As people were at home, many were out on the street after evacuating the horrendous flood.

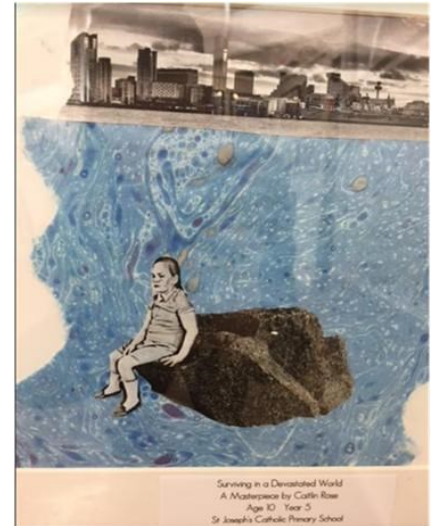
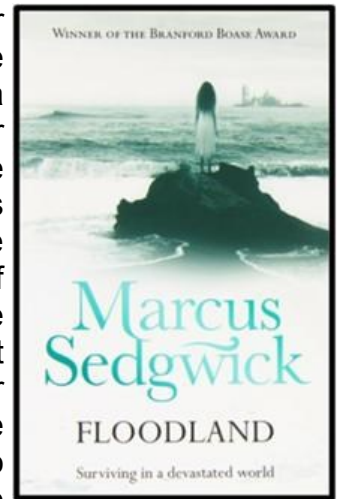
Exasperated, the flood has disfigured the city with it's purifying fist, hitting the buildings and cars.

The latest findings confirm that every day the sea had risen 1cm meaning it took over 8 weeks for the water to eventually rise over the safety bar.”

In our artwork, we have imagined Seacombe

uninhibited and our families lost to the callous whim of the sea by using ink and water to create the marble effect of the water's surface. After that, we imposed images of ourselves much like the picture from the front cover to portray our despair and used the skyline of Liverpool to make it even more personal. They were then displayed as part of the 'My Masterpiece' art installation held in the school hall earlier this week. Thank you very much if you came along and bought one! It was a great opportunity to exhibit the creative talent of all our children.

Year 5 have now focused their attention across the continents towards South Africa as part of a whole school topic. We have enjoyed a session with the 'Fun Food Chef', experimenting with exotic recipes, as well as learning about the toils suffered by Nelson Mandela in his autobiography 'A Long Walk to Freedom'.



Sports Days

Friday 8th June - morning: Foundation Stage Sports Day

Friday 8th June- afternoon: KS2 Sports Day

Friday 15th June - afternoon: KS1 Sports Day.

Let's hope this lovely weather holds.

African Eating with Year 1



This term our Learning Challenge topic is about Africa. On Wednesday the children had a fantastic morning with Fun Food Chef when they helped make African dishes. The children worked together to make mango milkshakes, a Moroccan salad and dough balls. They took it in turns to dice yam, peel and chop plantains and knead the dough. Afterwards all of year 1 tasted their dishes with a



mixed reaction. To link to our Africa topic we are reading Lila and the Secret of Rain. So

far the children have predicted what they think the book is about and using the front cover as a stimulus they have written a series of questions they would like answers to as they read through the story.

In mathematics we have just finished our topic on multiplication and division. Year 1 have been learning to use arrays to show and support their learning and understanding. They can now count in 2s, 5s and 10s.



The BIG Event

Following the success of our Big Event to reward every child who maintains good attendance of 96% or better, we have planned a further event for the end of this half term. Please keep doing everything you can to ensure your child is in school every day so that they can take part in this great day of fun activities. With that extra push from everyone we are confident we can achieve our school attendance target of 96%. **We can do it!**



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

Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: 93%

Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 94%

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

Attendance Panels are taking place on

CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation 1/2 (am): Mrs Walker	97%	98%
Foundation 2 Miss Howard	96%	88%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	98%	92%
Year 1/2 : Miss Davies	100%	95%
Year 2: Miss Last	96%	92%
Year 3 Mrs Hollis:	97%	96%
Year 4 Miss Finnigan	99%	96%
Year 4/5 Miss Dobson	97%	96%
Year 5: Mr Clare	100%	88%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	99%	95%
Year 6: Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	99%	91%



P T A
Summer
Fair
Friday
29th June





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 June

in

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 8th June 2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

First Holy Communion

Many congratulations to our children, Olivia, Lily-Grace, Olivia, Sam and Oliver who all made their First Holy Communion at a very special mass on Sunday. The children and their families have prepared beautifully for this day and it was a really special occasion for all. This Sunday we look forward to our First Holy Communion celebration for Kacper, Tallula, Owny, Caiden, Phoebe, Maggie and Maia. On Sunday 17th June it will be the turn of Amelia and Luke to make their First Holy Communion. May God bless all the children and their families on their special day.



On Thursday 21st June we will be having a special Thanksgiving Mass and party for all our children who are will have made their First Holy Communion this year. The Mass will take place at 9.30am in Church with the rest of the school. Families of our First Holy Communion children are very welcome to join us for this whole school celebration.

Golden Assembly 8th June 2018

Mrs Walker	
Miss Howard	
Miss J Turner	
Miss Davies	
Miss Last	
Mrs Hollis	
Miss Finnigan	
Miss Dobson	
Mr Clare	
Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	
Mrs Morgan	

Author Visit

On Tuesday next week we are very excited to welcome to school Jon Mayhew, best-selling author of thrilling adventure stories, including "Wrath of the Lizard Lord" and "Monster Odyssey". He will lead a whole school assembly and then work directly with our KS2 children in writing workshops which are sure to inspire our many budding writers. There will also be an opportunity for children to purchase signed copies of Jon's books from 12.00 -12.30 on the day. This is a fantastic opportunity for our children to be inspired in their writing.



Art Exhibition

St Joseph's became the Walker Art Gallery for the day this week with our fantastic Art Exhibition showcasing our children's art from Foundation Stage all the way to Year 6. It was wonderful to see the children's impressive framed masterpieces. Don't worry -there is still time to purchase your child's painting if you weren't able to come to the exhibition. Please see your child's class teacher, or contact Miss Davies to purchase this very special personalised memento.



Stay safe in the sun

Whilst we are all enjoying this lovely sunny weather at the moment it is important the children stay protected from the sun's UV rays. Please could we ask that you provide a cap and sun cream protection for your child on sunny days, and particularly for sports days and trips when the children will be outside for longer periods. Many thanks for your cooperation.



Every blessing

Mrs Vernon