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St Mary's, Swanage Newsletter

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This week our school attendance is 93.66%

CAFOD Workshops

We were very pleased to welcome Bea, from CAFOD. She worked with all the classes across the school to explore the different elements of Catholic Social Teaching. Each principle is linked to an animal, and we will be exploring them in more detail during the coming weeks. If you would like to find out more take a look at the website and see the poster below.



Catholic Social Teaching
The Principles

 Everyone is special Human Dignity	 Thinking of everyone The Common Good	 Taking part Participation
 Everyone should have a say Subsidiarity	 Caring for God's gifts Stewardship	 Showing we care Solidarity
 Putting people most in need first Preferential Option for the Poor	 Sharing fairly Distributive Justice	 Being peacemakers Promoting peace

Years 3 and 4 Singing

We were delighted to welcome Suzannah, from the Purbeck Singing Schools' Project, again to lead a singing workshop for years 3 and 4. They had a wonderful musical afternoon together and she will be visiting again during the year in preparation for a concert, with other local schools, later in the year.

Mass - 18th October- 9am school hall

We will celebrate mass for the feast of St Luke on Friday 18th at 9am in the school hall. You would be most welcome to join us.

Open Evening

We were delighted to welcome so many people to our open evening last Wednesday – a big thank you to everyone who helped make it so successful.

News from across the school

<p>Reception</p>		<p>We had a very lovely Wellie Wednesday this week, we have been sharing the story 'The Colour Monster goes to School'. We have been thinking about all the emotions in the story and when we might feel them. We practiced some different breathing and calming exercises outside and then found some brilliant puddles to splash in. In our PSHE this week, we have been thinking about all the important people in our lives and who we could turn to if we need to share our worries. We made some super high-5 hands with our important people on.</p>
<p>Year 1</p>	<p>Year 1 has had another busy week. In RE this week, we have been practicing the Lord's Prayer and putting actions to the prayer to help us remember the words. The children used Play Doh to create symbols for the prayer. In Science we have been thinking about more animal groups. This week has been a focus on the feature of birds. We enjoyed our CAFOD workshop with Bea where we met some of the animals that represent the various aspects of Catholic Social teaching. In PSHE, we have been thinking about our emotions, so the children made an emotion wheel, where they can show their peers and family the emotion they are feeling.</p>	
<p>Year 2</p>	<p>Another busy week in Year 2! We have completed our artwork that has been inspired by some of the many different vibrant and rich cultures of North and South America: <i>papel picado</i> from Mexico; llamas and Peruvian patterns from Peru; <i>mola</i> animals from Panama. Our board in the main school corridor looks amazing with all our fantastic creations! Our next artwork will be based on cultures from Africa. In Science, we have been thinking about what animals and humans need to survive,</p>	



while in Geography we have continued looking at the five oceans. In our Guided Reading sessions, we have been reading a non-fiction text on Africa. In Maths, we have been partitioning numbers. Well done, Team 2.6!

Year 3

Another fun filled week for class three. We completed some reading comprehension work related to Stig of the Dump, where the children read a chapter and extracted information relating to Stig's cave drawings. They then used this information to replicate the drawings using white card and charcoal. The results were aesthetically pleasing and are now featured on our class display board.

On Thursday afternoon class three attended a music workshop organised by Purbeck Youth Music. The children learnt some songs from different countries, which we will be performing in the new year. The whole class really enjoyed the afternoon and wowed us all with their musical talents.

In PE we have been continuing to practice our football skills and have thoroughly enjoyed some five aside matches.

We wish you all a fun-filled weekend and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday.

Year 4

Year 4 have worked really hard this week – writing some excellent diary entries linked to characters in their class text – The Firework- Maker's Daughter. You may well have seen them if you visited yr 4 during the open evening. They also took part in a workshop with Bea, our visitor from CAFOD, finding out about the different elements of Catholic Social Teaching and considered how we support these ideas at school and in our own lives. We wrote pledges about how we might make a difference in the world.



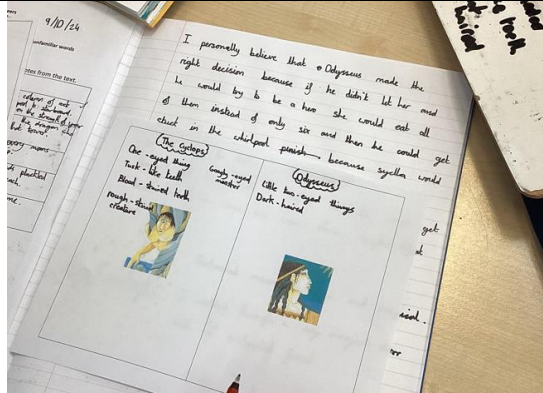
Year 5

Congratulations to three of the year 5 boys who helped the year 6 football team become Purbeck Astro Champions and now will progress to the county finals later in the year.

We have had a successful week, making progress in understanding what the Battle of Britain was and how long it lasted for. We have focused hard on improving our written methods in long multiplication and short division. Next week we will be focusing on factors and multiples.

A successful week overall.

Year 6



We enjoyed our afternoon with Bea from CAFOD, we participated in a workshop where we discussed various scenarios and decided which Catholic social teaching principle would apply. We thought about how we can each make a difference in our daily lives and made a personal pledge. We're continuing to enjoy our class text, *The Adventures of Odysseus*. This week, we have looked at the use of hyphenated words and created our own Kennings poems to

describe characters.

In Topic, we have started a group project on Greek gods and goddesses. We have been enjoying using Chromebooks to work collaboratively online using Google classroom.

Well done Year 6, a very productive week!