



14th February 2020

Thank you

Thank you to so many of you for attending parents' evenings last week. I have spoken to many children who told me that they had received 'good reports'. If you did not manage to see your child's teacher, please contact the office on 01908 606966 and they can organise a time for you to see your child's class teacher.

It is good to see that so many parents have booked their children onto school lunches with our new catering provider, Kingswood Catering,

<https://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk/>

If your child is in a class from Reception to Year 2, they are entitled to these lunches at no cost. The government pays for the meals under a scheme called Universal Free School Meals. We have over 40 children not taking these free meals. If your child prefers to eat a packed lunch rather than a hot meal, Kingswood can also provide that for your child.

The Space Centre

On the 6th February 2020, Year 5 went on a trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester. It was a lot of fun! We learnt that different constellations were based on different Greek stories that they believed were true. We saw rockets that were very tall. We went into the planetarium, where we learnt about our galaxy and universe. A fact that we learnt is that if you go onto Mars, you wouldn't be able to come back to Earth. If you are in a year group below Year 5, we are sure that you will have a lot of fun when it's your turn to go! **Ife and Nicole Year 5.**





Shhh! I'm reading!

All the children who have read one million words plus and Year 2 children who have read 20,000 words were treated to cake and squash in the staff room. Well done to them all and keep on reading!

Sports

Well done to our KS1 Gymnastics team who attended a MK School Sports Partnership competition recently at Kingston Gym. They came 6th out of 14 teams which was a great result for their first competition. We look forward to more success in the future.



Sports Clubs for after half term

Our sports clubs which will run for six weeks from the first week back after half term -

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Multi-sports on Tuesdays

Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6) Dodgeball on Thursdays

To book sessions, you can go online at www.stmonicascatholicprimaryschool.schoolpal.co.uk

Take up so far has been low so we look forward to more bookings over half term. You can also book online for our pre- and after-school care, Rainbow Club, at the same online address.

SUPPORT THE...



We need your stamps!

We are collecting used stamps in aid of the Bone Cancer Research Trust. Each class has a stamp collection box and we hope to collect as many stamps as possible for this cause. Just remember to leave a 1cm border around the stamp when you cut it.

Accelerated Reader Competition

Congratulations to **RED HOUSE** for winning the Accelerated Reader Competition by passing the most quizzes last term. They had their very own film night to celebrate!



Lenten Charities

As part of our obligation to support others during Lent, we have decided this year to split the funds we will raise between two charities – Hannan School Morocco (charity number – 1101017) <http://hannan-school.com/> and the Missionaries of the Poor Supporters Association (charity number – 1048926) <https://twitter.com/mopsacharity?lang=en>

The children have enjoyed raising funds through Lent over the last few years and they will be in touch with their ideas for fundraising after half term as Ash Wednesday falls on Wednesday, 26th February.

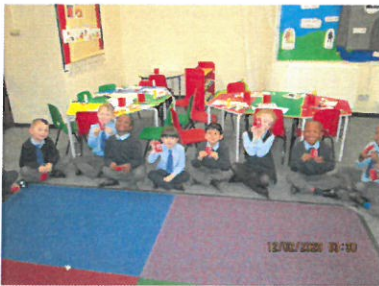
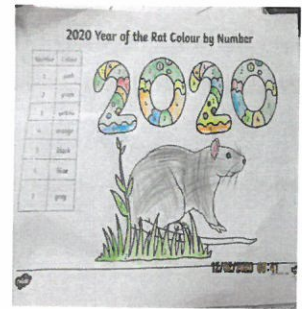
Year 2 Primary Engineering Day at St Paul's



CHINESE NEW YEAR

This week, Year 1 have been learning about one of our British Values—Mutual Respect and Tolerance for those of other Faiths.

We talked about what this means for us and then we learned about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated. We even had fortune cookies to end our celebration!



Diary Dates

February

- 24th School re-opens
- 26th KS2 Ash Wednesday Service 9.15am
KS1 Ash Wednesday Service 10.15am
- 28th FoSM Glow in the Dark Disco Party 3.30-5.00pm

March

- 2nd-6th World Book Week
- 3rd Year 3 Mass at St Augustine's Church 9.30am