



## Cardinal Newman Catholic Primary School



22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2020

Dear Parents

In the last week of this half-term, I thought it would be great to finish on a positive note with a celebration of some of the wonderful things the children have been doing:

- **Whole School Mass**

Yesterday, we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension with a whole school Mass. It was a truly uplifting occasion, after so many weeks of “virtual Mass” to have the school united in prayer through the live stream from St Erconwald’s. The children in school participated very reverently and enjoyed singing the Mass parts again after so long. I know families at home joined the celebration too as many emailed to thank us. Our thanks go to Father Bill for celebrating the Mass for us and to St Erconwald’s technical team and our own Emma Sharp (RE Lead) for putting the Mass presentation together. **Congratulations too to the YR and KS1 children who contributed by sending pictures to be displayed.**

**Well done especially to our readers and bidding prayer writers – Oliver, Sophia, Gabriella, Mia, Olivia, Abi and Tilly– for lovely clear reading and thought-provoking prayers!**

- **Music**

Mrs Kareem has been very impressed with the work the children have been doing via our online platform Charanga. She has nominated two children from each year group for particularly good work in Music this term – these are:

**Reception: Federico Secchi and Jack Noon**

**Year 1: Oscar Hooper Paul and Imani Anderson**

**Year 2: Sofia Childs and Tilly Clowes**

**Year 3: Emily Cox and Max Ellis**

**Year 4: Lucas Bray and George Rizzi-Otter**

**Year 5: Ella Clowes and Sara-Maria Farcasi**

**Year 6: Lucy Wood and Thomas Wood**

- **Times Tables**

TT Rock Stars continues to be popular and our leaderboard for this fortnight looks a bit different, with both Year 3 classes doing great work at catching and overtaking Year 5. Year 6 have also really got involved this time, which we're delighted to see – those times tables will stand you in good stead for Salesians. Well done to all of you and especially to Ruby Class who are leading the pack this week!

Class leaders (Top 3 in each class) are:

**Amethyst: Erin, Daisy, Ella S**

**Emerald: Niamh, Ella C, Simon**

**Garnet: Leo, Evie A, Florence**

**Opal: Henry P, Peter, Maya**

**Coral: Emma, Daniel, Harry G**

**Sapphire: Sean, Archie, Tilly**

**Topaz: Mario, Carlos, Joseph S**

**Ruby: Fabio, Oliver B, Rory**

- **Voiceover**

Eleanor (Y3) has been involved in a very special project for Unilever– she was chosen for her impeccable diction and reading and she was kind enough to share this news with us. We enjoyed hearing her voice and you can see the video here <https://bit.ly/2WSwXTz> Well done Eleanor!

- **Lockdown Class of 2020! - Year 6 Compilation**

Well done to all our Year 6 children (and their lovely parents!) who so kindly made a great video compilation for each of the Year 6 teachers of every child in the class. We really enjoyed seeing all the children's smiling faces – what a great idea!

- **Home Learning**

Congratulations too to all the very many impressive pieces of work which have been shared this half-term via our home learning email addresses. It is great to see the learning which is taking place at home – especially the projects of children's individual interests and fantastic family ventures! There are too many children to mention here, so I won't try but we are thoroughly enjoying receiving them – keep them coming in!

As we draw to a close for this half-term (though school remains open over half-term for the children of key workers who have been in the whole time), we have been making enormous preparations in school for the return of larger numbers of children from the beginning of June. All of our families, as well as all of our staff, will have had very different experiences during the lockdown and our whole community will begin to come back together again with very different reactions. At our staff meeting yesterday we shared a reflection (below), which we thought parents might also enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support for each other and our whole community. Your kind messages of support have been gratefully received during this very busy week in school.

All best wishes for the half-term

Catherine Burnham

● Some people don't agree with the suggested re-opening... That's okay. Be kind.  
🏠 Some people are still planning to stay home... That's okay. Be kind.  
🗨️ Some are still scared of getting the virus and a second wave happening... That's okay. Be kind.  
🙄 Some are sighing with relief to go back to work knowing they may possibly save their business or their homes... That's okay. Be kind.  
👤🗨️📅 Some are thankful they can finally have a surgery they have put off... That's okay. Be kind.  
📅 Some will be able to attend interviews after weeks without a job... That's okay. Be kind.  
🕒 Some will wear masks for weeks... That's okay. Be kind.  
👩📅 Some people will rush out to get the hair or nails done... That's okay. Be kind.  
♥️🗨️ The point is, everyone has different viewpoints/feelings and that's okay. Be kind.  
We each have a different story. If you need to stay home, stay home. But be kind.  
If you need to go out, respect others when in public, and be kind!  
Don't judge fellow humans because you're not in their story. We all are in different financial - and - mental states than we were months ago. So remember, BE KIND ♥️