

Headteacher's Update



I start with great news! This week Fireflies Out of School Club had an unannounced visit from the Environmental Health Officer. She was very impressed with the standards of food and hygiene in our school club that she once again awarded us the top award – 5 star rating. A huge well done and thank you to Lynn and Anne for all their hard work in maintaining these high standards as well as looking after the children before and after school!

This week Year Three have taken their first trip this year, to Maidstone Museum. Here they undertook a workshop on the Stone Age as part of this term's topic, as well as being able to explore the museum after their workshop.

We have also had several visitors this week. Annemarie Whittle, CEO of KCSP, and Sarah McBennett, Director of Primary Education for KCSP, both came to visit to see the changes that have occurred over the summer. They were very impressed with the new Preschool and how the library has been transformed into a lovely new classroom. We also discussed our next plans for recreating our Prayer Garden as well as creating a new library space.

The Preschool had more visitors on Thursday as they opened their doors for the Bumblebee parents to come and have a look at our new setting. It was lovely to welcome so many parents in and to hear their positive comments on the new facilities. There will be another Open Afternoon for Bumblebee parents this coming Wednesday, 23rd September, at 2.30pm.



Mrs Seal

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What have we been learning 14th - 18th September

By Year 6 journalists: Annie & Mercy

Preschool

Bumblebees

This week Bumblebees have been learning about our world and practicing the preschool prayer. The children have also visited the new forest school, and they had an open afternoon for all the parents to visit.

EYFS

Ladybirds

This week Ladybirds have been subitising numbers up to 3. They also looked at their 5 senses and discussed what they use them to do. In RE they have looked at the creation and discussed the things that God made.

Key Stage 1

Caterpillars

This week, Caterpillars have been learning how to use fewer, more than and equal to in Maths. In English they have been writing about the Hungry Caterpillar. In RE they have been focusing on the Creation Story.

Dragonflies

This week Dragonflies have been moving numbers across in 10's in Maths. In English they have been writing a story about Beegu. In RE they have been making picture of animals for creation.

Key Stage 2

Kingfishers

This week, the Kingfishers have been learning how to wash a woolly mammoth! In Maths they have been subtracting numbers by 1000. In RE they have been learning about God's Creation.

Ravens

This week the Ravens, have been learning about numbers lines to 10,000. In RE they have been drawing pictures recognising we are all equal.

Owls

This week the Owls have been writing a persuasive letter to the character Karl from their reading book. In RE they have been learning about Moses and when he parted the Red Sea. In Maths they have been ordering and comparing numbers to one million.

Eagles

This week the Eagles have been writing a diary entry as Floella Benjamin. In Maths they have completed an end of unit check for place value. In RE they have been drawing pictures recognising we are all equal.

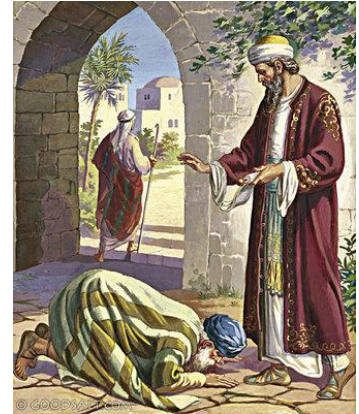
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Catholic Life

Monday Worship

This week the children looked at how Jesus teaches us about the importance of forgiveness. The children discussed what it actually means to forgive each other and how important it is. They listened to the Gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35.

In this Gospel Peter asks Jesus "Lord, how many times should I forgive someone who hurts me? Is seven times enough?" Jesus replied "More than that! I tell you, you must forgive him more than seven times. You must forgive even if he does wrong to you seventy times seven."



The children spoke about how it's not always easy to say sorry and forgive each other, but when they do they become closer to God.

This week, how can you and your family love one another by being forgiving?

Eco Club



Our Eco Ambassadors are pleased to report that the results of this week's eco monitoring walk were all excellent! Most classrooms are using the general waste and recycling bins correctly and all classes are becoming more vigilant about switching off lights and screens when the classroom is not in use. The clear winners this week were the **Bumblebee Class** whose classroom was immaculately clean and closed down for the day with everything switched off. Well done, Bumblebees.

Please let your Eco Ambassadors know if your classroom does not have a green recycling bin and we can ensure one is ordered for you.



The second part of our session was very exciting as we had acquired a bird's nest donated by the Grandparent of Zachary in Year 2! This particular nest was a blue tit's nest, made from moss and feathers and built in a nesting box. We were extremely privileged and excited to give it a proper home in our school grounds. As soon as we made our way out into Forest School, we found the perfect hole in a tree and Tyler, the leader of Pine group, carefully placed it in there. We are looking forward to seeing if any birds make it their new home!

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More Park Catholic Primary and Catholic Social Teaching Preferential Option for the Poor



This year, as a part of the Kent Catholic School Partnership Trust, we are reflecting on one of the important principles of Catholic Social Teaching: **Preferential Option for the Poor**. This is represented by Poppy the Popokotea.

Preferential Option for the Poor reminds us that, as followers of Jesus, we are called to notice those who are most in need and to put their needs at the heart of our thoughts, prayers and actions. Jesus showed particular love and compassion towards people who were poor, vulnerable, lonely or overlooked. He teaches us that every person is made in the image and likeness of God and deserves to be treated with dignity, kindness and respect.

Living out this principle does not always mean doing something big. It can begin with the small choices we make every day. We can include someone who is feeling left out, share what we have, listen to someone who needs a friend, stand up for someone who is being treated unfairly or give our time to help others. We can also be grateful for what we have and think about how our choices might affect people who have less than we do.

As the More Park Family, we can live out Preferential Option for the Poor by looking beyond ourselves and asking: **"Who needs my help today?"** and **"What can I do to make a difference?"**

When we choose kindness over indifference, generosity over selfishness and compassion over judgement, we are putting our faith into action. In doing so, we follow Jesus' example and help to build a community where everyone feels valued, included and cared for.

Let us remember: those who are most in need should never be forgotten. We are called to see them, listen to them, care for them and stand alongside them.

Awe and Wonder Why do People Pray?

Praying means talking to God.
Praying means giving your heart to God.
Praying means becoming quietly. Praying means listening to God.
Praying means thanking HIM.
Praying means asking HIM, telling HIM everything:
all your worries, all your fears,
everything that burdens your conscience,
everything that you are pleased about.
Praying also means
accepting sadness
and asking God to come also
into our difficulties.



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St Thomas More's Church



St Thomas More's Parish website
Please follow the link below to check it out:

[St Thomas More's Parish](#)

Family Mass – Sundays at 10am

Children's Liturgy



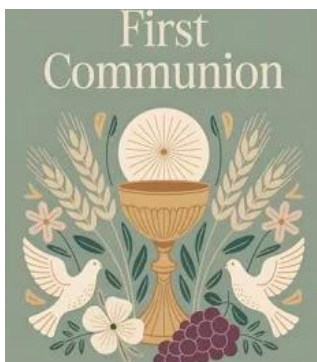
Next children's liturgy will be on **Sunday 4th October**, at the 10am-mass.

All are welcome to join us. Children's Liturgy is for children aged 2 ½ to 11 years old.



Youth Club

Next Youth Club will be held on **Friday 18th September**. They meet in the school hall from 7.15-8pm. Youth Club is open to all children in Year Six and above.



First Holy Communion

This Sunday will be the Enrolment mass for all those wishing to make their First Holy Communion this academic year. Mass begins at 10am.

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Year 3 Trip

Year 3 enjoyed an exciting school trip to expand their learning about the Stone Age. Throughout the day, the children discovered how Stone Age people lived, hunted, made tools and built shelters to survive. They took part in engaging, hands-on activities that brought their classroom learning to life and helped them develop a deeper understanding of this fascinating period in history. Everyone had a fantastic time and returned to school eager to share what they had learned.



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More Park Catholic Primary and Celebration Assembly



Special Class Recognition

Congratulations to pupils who received special recognition in assembly this week for all their efforts in class.

Reception:	Whole Class
Year 1:	Alfie, Aoibheann
Year 2:	Rory, Isabelle
Year 3:	
Year 4:	Millar, Frankie
Year 5:	Pheobe, Ben
Year 6:	James, Joanna

Lunchtime Award

Congratulations to pupils who received special recognition in assembly this week for all their efforts in class.

Reception:	Daphne
Year 1:	Christelle
Year 2:	Jojo
Year 3:	Amelie
Year 4:	Pixie
Year 5:	Sienna
Year 6:	Joanna

Kindness Award

Presented by Anti Bullying
Ambassadors

Alvey
Rupert
Eva

School Council

Year 1:	Christelle, Jacob
Year 2:	Cian, Meadow
Year 3:	Polly, Harry
Year 4:	Delilah, Joshua
Year 5:	Max, Ada
Year 6:	

Swimming Award

Mateo, Ada

Birthdays

This week we would like to wish a Happy Birthday to all the children and staff who have a birthday! We all hope that you had or have a lovely birthday!

Fia
Noa
Ethan H
Evy
Lenny

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Attendance & Punctuality

	Attendance	Punctuality
Ladybird	97.18%	0.47%
Caterpillar	97.92%	1.04%
Dragonfly	100%	0%
Kingfisher	97.46%	1.09%
Ravens	98.43%	0.26%
Owls	95.99%	0.31%
Eagles	99.46%	1.34%

House Points



St George – 269 points



St David – 255 points



St Patrick - 305 points



St Andrew – 168 points

Let's Celebrate

Would you like your child to be featured in the school newsletter and their achievements shared with the school? Then please send a photo to the office secretary@more-park.kent.sch.uk outlining what they have achieved, by Wednesday lunchtime.

Ladybird	Well done to Penelope who has won the trophy at football for the 'Best Baller'
Caterpillar	Well done to Matthew who completed level 1 water skills at swimming!
Kingfisher	Well done to Sienna and Maximillian who were ring bearers at their grandads wedding.
	Well done to George for completing the Summer Reading challenge by reading 13 Jack Stalwart Books!
	Well done to Maisey who received her level 5 swimming badge.
Ravens	Congratulations to Reagan who won 'Runner of the Week' trophy for her 5k!



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IMPACT!
OPPORTUNITIES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**MORE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

**LEARN
PLAY
BELONG
ACHIEVE!**

**GOLF
IMPACT & INSPIRE
WORKSHOP DAY**

Yesterday, the children at
More Park Primary School took part
in our Golf Impact & Inspire Day!

The children had a fantastic time being
introduced to golf in a fun, safe and supportive
environment. It was the perfect opportunity for
them to try something new, build confidence,
and develop new skills.

We used adaptable length clubs so that
children of all ages could take part, giving
everyone the chance to swing, chip and putt!

It was brilliant to see so much enthusiasm
and some great golf skills on show!

**NEW SKILLS
MORE CONFIDENCE
BIG SMILES!**

**JOIN OUR WEEKLY
GOLF CLUB!**

TUESDAYS
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Years 1 - 6
All abilities welcome!

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More Park Catholic Primary and Office Communication



Please remember to use our secretary email address to inform us of any pickup changes or absences for your children. The email address is morepark.secretary@more-park-westmall.org.uk

New dates added are highlighted each week

Date	Activity
Wednesday 23 rd September	Year 4 Mass – 10am
Wednesday 23 rd September	2.30 Preschool Open Afternoon for current Preschool parents
Tuesday 29 th September	Year 6 KCSP Beginning of Year Mass
October	Black History Month
Friday 2 nd October	Harvest Mass – please drop harvest gifts to the office or via your child's class teacher
Wednesday 7 th October	Year 3 Mass – 10am
Friday 9 th October	Year 6 Class Assembly – 9.15 All Welcome
Tuesday 13 th October	9.30 Open Morning for Reception 2027 Intake
Wednesday 14 th October	African Drumming and Dance Workshops
Wednesday 14 th October	Year 2 Mass – 10am
Friday 16 th October	Year 3 Class Assembly – 9.15 All welcome
Monday 19 th October	1.30 Open Afternoon for Reception 2027 Intake
Tuesday 20 th October	2.45 Year One End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Wednesday 21 st October	Year 1 Mass – 10am
Wednesday 21 st October	2.45 Year 3 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Wednesday 21 st October	3pm Year 4 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Thursday 22 nd October	2.45 Year 2 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome

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Thursday 22nd October	3pm Year 6 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Friday 23rd October	2.45 Ladybird's End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Friday 23rd October	3pm Year 5 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Friday 23rd October	Last day of Term
Monday 2nd November	Term Two Begins

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