



NEWS from the Head

Awards Assembly

On Friday 10th February, the following children were awarded the Mission Statement Award in assembly:

Yr R – Ellen and Dominic

Yr 1- Dorothy and Patryk

Yr 2 –Sreehari and Sienna

Yr 3-Jamie and Stephanie

Yr 4 –Max and Grace

Yr 5 – Eve, Jessica and Ethan

Yr 6 – Lois and Sebastian

The award is given for the children who make a special effort to live out Our Lady School Mission Statement. Very well done to our winners.



Events from this half term

Toy Workshop

On Wednesday 25th January, staff from Hitchin Museum came to visit the Year 1 class to afford the pupils the opportunity to participate in a toy workshop. The children were given the opportunity to play with toys from different time periods. These included flip books, kaleidoscopes, skittles and moving toys. All of the children had a wonderful afternoon and learnt a lot about toys from the past.



Yr 3 and Yr 6 Palaeolab workshop

The Y3 and Y6 classes enjoyed a fantastic workshop on Monday 30st January. Mr Jules Howard, a young and enthusiastic palaeontologist, brought into school a huge selection of his own fossil collection. The pupils had the opportunity to look, explore and learn about an amazing variety of fossils and bones. Mr Howard commented on the quality of the children's questions, in his own words "the questions I received really are heartening and often very enlightening!"

Thank you to the parents for their contributions to make this visit possible.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 7th February, as part of our ongoing work to keep children safe, we had a whole school focus on Safer Internet Day. Mrs Nicholson led an assembly with a focus on the safe use of images online.

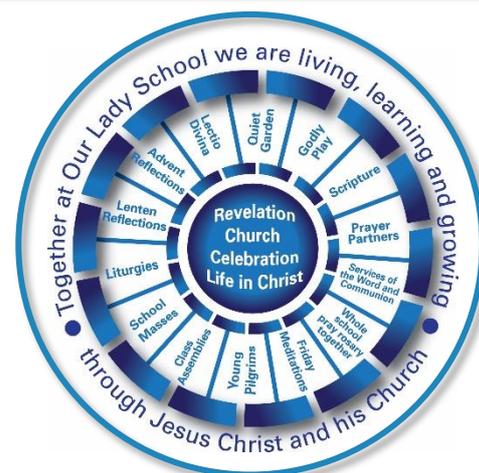
The children were taught:

- to ask permission before posting images
- not to share personal information
- to report anything of concern

Please reiterate these messages at home.

Key dates for parents in Spring 2

- Tuesday 21st February –Parent Consultations
- Wednesday 22nd February – Parent Consultations
- Wednesday 1st March –Ash Wednesday
- Wednesday 29th March – Stations of the Cross
- Friday 31st March –end of term





Trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum

Year 4 enjoyed an informative trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge on 8th February, taking part in an Ancient Greek workshop led by a museum expert, followed by observations, activities and sketching in galleries including the Armoury and Ancient Egyptians room. Following the trip, the children were brimming with knowledge and enthusiasm and reported "I would recommend this Museum because it was interesting and fun!"

Thanks to Mrs Thorp, Mrs Dazzo, Miss Shannen and Mrs Manning-Rodao for leading the trip.



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NSPCC WORKSHOPS

The NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme is visiting Our Lady school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

We will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their Speak out. Stay safe. Programme throughout March.

This is a nationwide programme for every primary school aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 1-6.

Further information, relevant to each year group, will follow in due course.

Number Day

Thank you very much for all the donations that came into school on Friday 3rd February. All the money raised by taking part in The Number Day will be sent to the NSPCC soon; a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to make a difference in other children's lives through numeracy. All children attended a maths themed assembly led by Mrs Phillips to start their Number Day off- where we had the chance to admire some of the very imaginative bright numerical outfits- and enjoyed a variety of fun maths activities in their own classes. A fun and purposeful day! Thank you to Mrs Phillips for arranging such a fun filled day.

Kanyike Project

On Friday 20th January, Sr Joan came to visit the staff and pupils. She led an assembly to update us all on the fantastic work that continues as part of the Kanyike project. We will continue to support this project as part of our Lenten appeal. We aim to raise £800-£1000 to help fund fresh water for the village. The school council will be planning many exciting fundraising events throughout March.

School Crossing Patrol

Mrs Nuttall our school crossing patrol person is due to return to work on 22nd February. Please take extra care when dropping off/collecting your children.