

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

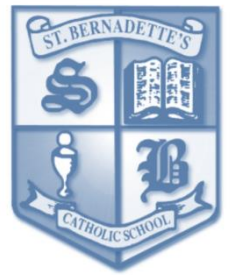
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At St Bernadette's Catholic School, you will find us caring, hardworking and co-operative. We follow the ways of Jesus using our talents and gifts to make our school special. We show respect to all and welcome you.

The Gospel of St. John will be shared with us at mass on Sunday this week. John 15:9-17



I loved you as the Father loved me. Now remain in my love. I have obeyed my Father's commands, and I remain in His love. In the same way, if you obey my commands, you will remain in my love. I have told you these things so that you can have the same joy I have. I want your joy to be the fullest joy.

This is my command: Love each other as I have loved you. The greatest love a person can show is to die for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I don't call you servants now. A servant does not know what his master is doing. But now I call you friends because I have made known to you everything I heard from my Father. You did not choose me; I chose you. And I gave you this work, to go and produce fruit. I want you to produce fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you anything you ask for in my name. This is my command: Love each other.



Reminder

School closure

A reminder that school will be closed to pupils on **Friday 3 May** for staff training and on **Monday 6 May** due to the Bank Holiday.

Gospel Reflection



Our Young Disciple has written this week's reflection: Jesus loved us so much that He even died for us! We are Jesus' friends, and He chose us to be His friends. He wants us to love one another, as He has loved us. We can show this love through being kind to each other, protecting each other, helping those in need and listening to our friends.

Dear God,

Thank you for sending Jesus.

He is the greatest friend we could have.

Help us remember your presence

And share your love with those around us.

Thank you for your love.

Amen

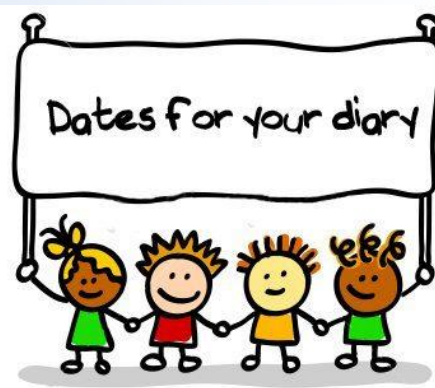
Light a candle to offer a prayer

Your prayers are asked for:

The mother of Mason
The mother of Safana
Miss Corkery and her family
Mrs. McCartan
Mrs. Harston
Mrs. Apted and her family
Miss Grant and her family
Nancy
The father and grandmother of Grace



Diary Dates



MAY 2024

Monday 6th May

May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th May

2:00 pm – RE Inspire for those children in Year 3 who are making their Holy Communion (Sharing a Meal)

Wednesday 8th May

2.00 pm – Ascension Mass for EYFS/KSI in school (Unfortunately due to space, we cannot accommodate parents)

Thursday 9th May

Feast of the Ascension

10:30am Ascension Mass KS2 at Holy Family Church

Monday 13th May

Year 6 SATs all week

Thursday 16th May

Reception at the EcoPark

Sunday 19th May

Pentecost

Monday 20th May

May Procession at Corpus Christi Church (unfortunately parents cannot be accommodated)

Tuesday 21st May

Digital Down Day

Wednesday 22nd May

Cluster Rosary

5:00pm – First Holy Communion Meeting (Eucharist)

Thursday 23rd May

Good Shepherd Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral

Friday 24th May

Vocations/ Citizenship day

8:45-9:15 – Year 1 Stay and Pray (parents are invited)

Finish for Half Term

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

EYFS/KSI Mass – 8th May

On Wednesday 8th May, the children in the EYFS and KSI will celebrate the Feast of the Ascension with a Mass in school. Unfortunately, due to space, we cannot accommodate parents at this Mass.

KS2 Mass – 9th May

On Thursday 9th May, KS2 will join pupils from Holy Family School to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension with a Mass at Holy Family Church.



Contact Details

Please ensure that the school office holds at least two up-to-date contacts for your child. If any of your details have changed: telephone number, e-mail address etc. Please inform the office as soon as possible.



May Procession



The children from Year 3 who are making their First Holy Communion this year will join the children from Corpus Christi in a May procession at Corpus Christi Church. The procession will take place on Monday 20th May at 2.00pm. The children will be transported to Corpus Christi Church in the school minibus and will return to school for the normal pick up at 3.15pm. The children are asked to bring flowers to decorate Our Lady's Altar in the church and should attend in their school uniform. Due to space, unfortunately parents cannot be accommodated.



May is the month of Mary

May is a very special month for the Church as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all. A full month is given over to Mary and during this month we are asked to think about Mary, say special prayers to her, have May altars, and sing hymns to Mary to tell her how much we love her.

We also ask her to help us stay close to her son, Jesus and to try to live as Jesus shows us.



During May, "Pray especially to Our Blessed Mother Mary, placing all your intentions into her hands. For she loves you as she loves Her Son. She will guide you in all your relationships so that peace may fill your life."

St. Teresa of Calcutta



Before School

Please ensure your children are supervised by an adult on the playground in the mornings if you arrive to school before 8.30am. School are not responsible for the safety of your child until the doors open at 8.30 in the morning. There are no teachers on the playground before this time.

Phonics Screening Check – Week Beginning Monday 10th June



Phonics screening, for children in Year 1 and those children in Year 2 who are resitting, will take place during the week beginning 10th June. **Please ensure all children are in school this week.**

If you would like to find out more about the screening, click here <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/year-1-phonics-screening-check/>

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – Week Beginning 3th June

The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for all Year 4 pupils and will help determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help us identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided. **Please ensure your child attends school this week.**



Year 6 Trip to Paris

The parents' meeting for the France trip will take place in school on Thursday 16th May at 2.30pm. It is vital that an adult attends for every child travelling on the trip as important information will be shared.



Lourdes Petitions

Would you like to submit your prayers to the Lourdes Grotto in France? If so, share your prayer requests for family and friends with Mrs. Docker before the end of this half term.



Water Bottles



Ensuring that every child has their own water bottle filled with water each day is crucial for their well-being and hydration throughout the school day. It not only promotes healthy habits but also helps minimise disruptions caused by children without bottles or those taking excessive time to fill them. Please ensure your child comes to school prepared, with their own water bottle.

Termly Reports

You should have now received your child's termly report by email. Please email enquiry@stberns.bham.sch.uk if you have not received this.

Thank you



Can you Help with our Nursery Garden?

Do you love gardening? Do you have green fingers? If the answer is yes, we would love some help in sprucing up the nursery garden. With some support from parents we could have this transformed in a couple of weeks. Please see Miss Deards in Nursery or Mrs Jones in Reception if you are able to help. Thank you.

PQA
THE PAULINE QUIRKE
ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS

Celebrating Achievements

Join us in celebrating a remarkable achievement! Gracie-Mae, a talented student at the Pauline Quirke Academy, has been recognised as Filmmaker of the Week. Her dedication and creativity shine bright, making us incredibly proud! Well done, Gracie-Mae!

Staffing Update

Good
Bye AND
Good
Luck

Today, we bid farewell to Miss Patel as she completes her final social work placement with us. Throughout her time here, she has provided invaluable support to many of our children and families, leaving a lasting impact on our school community. Miss Patel's dedication, compassion and expertise have touched the lives of those she has worked with and she will be greatly missed. As she embarks on the next chapter of her journey as a social worker, we wish her every success and fulfilment in her future. Thank you, Miss Patel and best wishes for the exciting road ahead. Miss Patel has secured a job as a social worker with Birmingham Children's Trust, congratulations!

At the end of May, we also mark the conclusion of a remarkable chapter for Mrs. Heeley. After more than three decades of devoted service, Mrs. Heeley will be retiring on the 31st May, bringing her career at St. Bernadette's, which began as a TA in Nursery, to a close.

Throughout her time at our school, Mrs. Heeley has always shown great dedication and care. Whether comforting a tearful Nursery child or supporting a Year 6 child with their SATs, Mrs. Heeley's presence has always been warm and reassuring.

We extend our deepest appreciation to Mrs. Heeley for her years of service and wish her a well-deserved retirement filled with joy, relaxation, and new adventures. She will be greatly missed.



First Holy Communion Meeting – Wednesday 22nd May



The final First Holy Communion Meeting will be taking place in school on Wednesday 22nd May at 5pm. This is the final meeting before the children make their First Holy Communion, so attendance at this meeting is mandatory.

Preloved Holy Communion Dresses

We have a small number of preloved Holy Communion dresses that families are more than welcome to borrow. You are welcome to come and view them, please speak to a year 3 member of staff.

Onelife Music

We will be joining Dan and Emily each weekday in school, for prayer, scripture and songs in devotion to Our Lady.



'Then a great and mysterious sight appeared in the sky. There was a woman, whose dress was the sun and who had the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head.' Revelation 12:1

The Rosary Online Event

On Wednesday 22nd May, we will join our Sursum Corda Cluster schools to pray the Glorious Mysteries.

1. The Resurrection of Jesus.
2. The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven.
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.
4. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven.
5. The Coronation of Our Lady in Heaven.

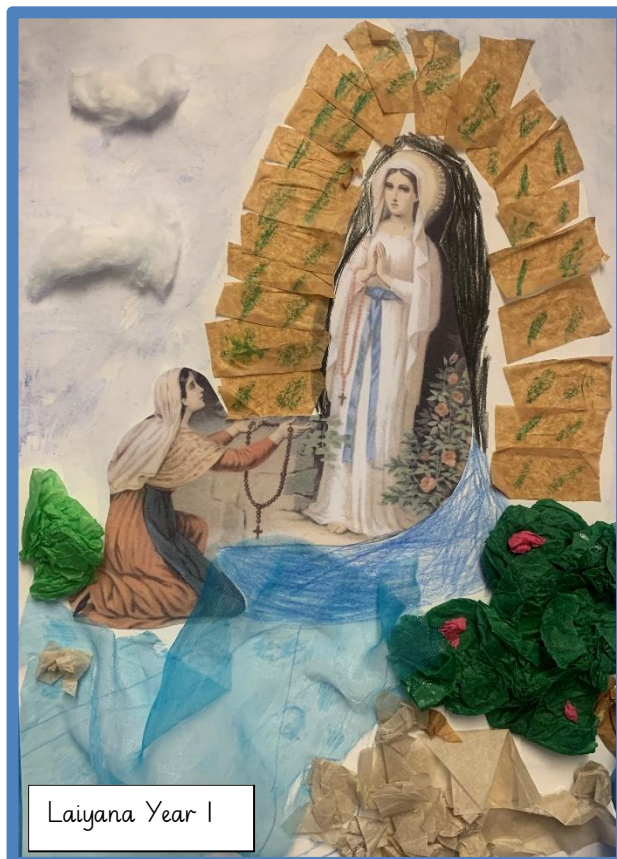


Praying the Rosary allows us to encounter Mary and to enter the mysteries of Jesus Christ.

Through Mary, we are led to a closer relationship with her son, Jesus. The Rosary is an invitation to present our needs to God and to love Him more.

Why is the Rosary so important to our school?

Following the example of our patron, Saint Bernadette, we have a special devotion to Our Lady. In 1858, Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette 18 times. Bernadette described Mary as 'the beautiful Lady'. When Mary appeared she was seen holding a set of rosary beads in her hands. Each time Mary appeared to St. Bernadette, she would pray the Rosary with Our Lady.



Laiyana Year 1

Last half-term, Year 2 raised money for Cafod World Gifts. We are extremely delighted to announce that the children across the school have helped us to raise a monumental amount of £939! This is an incredible amount and we have had the opportunity to choose specific causes, close to our hearts, to donate this money towards.

Following World Earth Day and a visit from Severn Trent, we learnt about the importance of having access to clean and safe water and how this is a privilege to many. This encouraged us in Y2 to think of how we can support communities now and for years to come. We decided to choose the World Gift of a community water well.



Community water supply



This charity gift can help a remote community establish their own supply of clean, safe water. By providing materials and training, local experts can work with communities to build and maintain new hand pumps and water tanks, meaning less disease and fuller crops!

We also selected the following world gifts that will help people most in need first and offer them a better quality of life.



Emergency food

£50.00



Build a greenhouse

£54.00



Terrific toilet




£85.00

The team in Year 2 want to say a huge thank you to all those who bought raffle tickets and helped the children in Y2 with sponsors for their charity mile.

Year Band Charity Fundraising Update

"Those who are gracious to the poor lend to the Lord, and the Lord will fully repay them." Proverbs 19:17

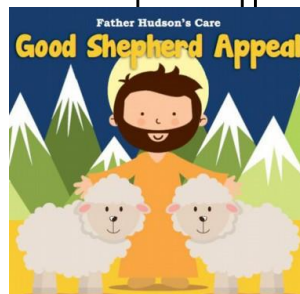
At St. Bernadette's we fully embrace the Church's teachings on social justice and as Pope John Paul II taught us, the foundation of social justice "rests on the threefold cornerstones of human dignity, solidarity and subsidiarity". Each year the children choose local, national and global charities to do specific fundraising, usually linked to families within our school, this includes; Breast Cancer UK, CAFOD and Heartlands Hospital to name a few.

Year 1		£303.30
Year 2		£939
Year 3	Heartlands Hospital	£527.15
Year 4		£355.72

This half term, year 5 will be taking part in fundraising events for Acorns. The children in Year 5 have put together a hamper (including an assortment of little toys, games, chocolate, sweets) which will be raffled off. Tickets are 20p or £1 a strip. In the last week of this half term, they will also be holding a tip-top sale during lunchtimes. A text will be sent to parents about this. Year 6 and EYFS will be taking part in fundraising activities for their chosen charities next half term.

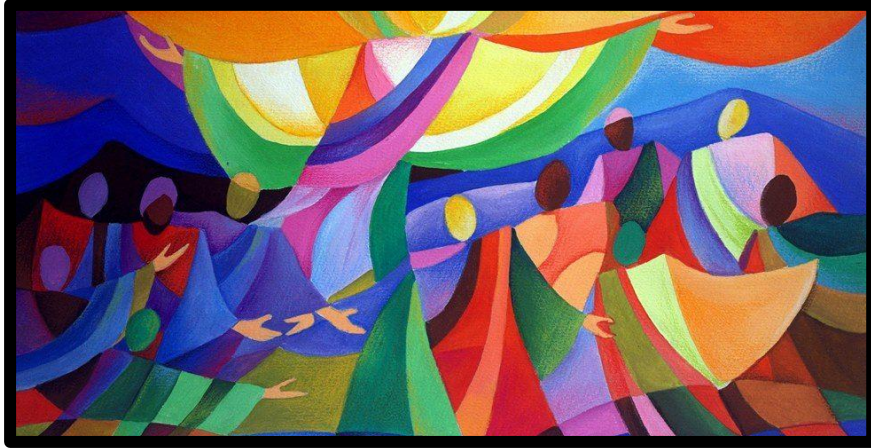
We would like to take this opportunity to thank our families for supporting our charity fundraising, it wouldn't be possible without the support and generosity of our families!

Good Shepherd Appeal



We raised £955.50 for the Father Hudson's Care Good Shepherd Appeal with our cake sale and donations in the Good Shepherd boxes. Thank you so much for your continued generosity. Some of our Mini Vinnies will be representing the school at the Good Shepherd Mass at St Chad's Cathedral on Thursday 23rd May.

The Feast of the Ascension



Ascension Day is one of the great solemnities in our liturgical calendar and honours the bodily ascension of Jesus into heaven. Ascension Day is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday and on the 40th day after Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. This year Ascension Day is celebrated on Thursday 9th May.

'Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up His hands, He blessed them. While He was blessing them, He withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.' Luke 24.50-53

Pentecost – Sunday 19th May

The word Pentecost is Greek and it means "50th day." Fifty days after Easter Sunday, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, and the beginning of their Earthly ministry to make disciples of all nations and spread the Good News.

On Pentecost Sunday, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles, they were granted the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Those gifts helped them to fulfil their mission to preach the Good News to all.



So, how can we be disciples of Jesus and spread the Good News?

- Become closer to Our Heavenly Father through prayer and let His light and joy shine within us.
- Fill our hearts with love for others, strive to emulate the Love of Christ and have compassion for others.
- Talk about our faith with others.
- Trust the Lord.

Why don't you join Fr. Fretch at Mass on **Sunday 19th May at 10:30am** to celebrate Pentecost? He would love to see you there!

Attendance

Every minute counts






Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child in adult life.

- 5 minutes late every day means around 3 □ days of education are missed.
- A score of 90% in a test would be a good result but 90% attendance means that a child will have missed around 100 lessons over a school year.

Attendance figures can be seen below. Congratulations to 2EO, 3EG, 5CB and 6LC for the best attendance in KS1 and KS2! Also a big well done RCB for the best attendance in the Foundation Stage!

Attendance update

We continue to track attendance every week and work hard to ensure every child in school demonstrates good attendance and punctuality. If children are to reach their full potential, they need to be in school every day, unless they are too unwell to attend. **We will make home visits from time to time, particularly if we have safeguarding concerns or if a child's attendance is causing a concern.** Even if a parent has called the school to give a reason for their child's absence, a home visit may still occur. We aim to offer both support and challenge where needed, but always have the child's best interest at heart.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
89%	RSJ 92%	ICOT 93%	2SH 95%	3OB 93%	4RW 94%	5CB 96% 	6KH 95%
	RCB 93% 	IAS 94%	2EH 95%	3EG 96% 	4AMJ 95%	5CG 95%	6LC 96% 
	RLC 90%	IPD 94%	2EO 96% 	3CM 93%	4KL 95%	5FM 95%	6ZB 94%

Whole School Attendance	94%	Currently, the whole school attendance is 95% which is below the 96% that is expected.
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Behaviour Ambassador of the Week

Well done to the following children who have been a fantastic role models in demonstrating our behaviour expectations and values for the last two weeks:

Reception	Emily RCB	Dabira RCB	Jordan RSJ	Miyah RSJ	Nancy RLC	Ismail RLC
Year 1	Jonathan IML	Matilda IML	Adobea ICOT	Gurnoor ICOT	R'marni IAS	Mikaeel IAS
Year 2	Harvey E 2SH	David 2SH	Conan 2EO	Freya 2EO	MJ 2EH	Harris 2EH
Year 3	Bailey 3EG	Tiara 3EG	Gracie-Mae 3OB	Neil 3OB	James 3CM	Michelle 3CM
Year 4	Gurnoor 4KL	Mollie 4KL	Iga 4AMJ	Pixi 4AMJ	Leia 4RW	James 4RW
Year 5	Louis 5CG	Scarlett 5CG	Isaiah 5CB	Lillie-Grace 5CB	Martin 5FM	Josie 5FM
Year 6	Rosie 6LC	Mischa 6LC	Niamh 6KH	Albin 6KH	AJ 6ZB	Sham 6ZB

Special Certificates - Each week a child from each class is nominated to receive a special certificate through the post. The pupils who are awarded these certificates have shown that they really understand what it means to live as Jesus taught us, perhaps by being particularly kind or helpful. Well done, to the following children:

CLASS	NAME	REASON	CLASS	NAME	REASON
Nursery (Blue)	Anayah	For super work!	Nursery (Red)	Aaron	For remembering lots of facts about our class saint, St Bernadette.
Nursery (Green)	Cameron	Super subitising!	Nursery (Yellow)	Hunter	For being a subitising superstar! Well done Hunter.
RCB	Santiago	For your excellent work in Phonics this week, you are a superstar reader!	3OB	Lavinia	For her super effort in RE!
	Karthikeyan	For always coming into school with a big smile and a positive attitude to learning!		Aaron	For always trying his best in all lessons!
RLC	Zebiba	For always trying hard with her phonics!	4AMJ	Olivia	For sharing her excellent scientific knowledge with 4-AMJ.
	Erlyn	For always trying hard with her writing!		Saad	For his excellent effort at home on TTRS – his speed is amazing!
RSJ	Jordan	For sharing super facts about the jungle.	4KL	O'Laiyah	For consistently trying her best in all lessons.
	Miyah	For her super writing about jungle animals.		Lilac-Rose	For being so thoughtful and kind.
IAS	Santiago	For your excellent work in Phonics this week, you are a superstar reader!	4RW	Cole	For his superb, animated flipbook.
	Karthikeyan	For always coming into school with a big smile and a positive attitude to learning!		Chloe	For her superb animated flipbook.
ICOT	Ayva-Rose	For being such a kind friend.	5CB	Charlie	For thoughtful contributions to R.E. lessons.
	Scarlett-Rose	For her fantastic listening this week!		Jessica-Mae	For always trying so hard in her lessons.
IML	Fahren-Betty	For excellent answers in RE.	5CG	Ayaan	For an amazing effort in his English work and being so ambitious with his vocabulary choices!
	Imae	For excellent Math's work.		R'velle	For trying really hard in his RE lessons.
2EH	Dylan	For settling well into his new school.	5FM	Finley	For great effort in English! Always enthusiastic in classroom discussion.
	Fatima-Dua	For some great contributions during World Earth Day.		Harley	For trying really hard in every lesson!
2EO	Imaan	For being super independent in Math's.	6KH	Andrew	For trying really hard in all lessons especially Maths.
	Esther Mary	For trying really hard in all our of RE lessons.		Evelyn	For trying really hard in all lessons especially Maths.
2SH	Debs	For being a proactive and positive member of our class.	6LC	Myla-Mae	For being a kind and helpful pupil.
	Orla	For making amazing progress in English!		Robert-Junior	For working so hard in maths.
3CM	Imaan	For sharing a fantastic piece of work about The Tudors.	6ZB	Lucas	For phenomenal effort in his maths work.
	Daisie-Blu	For fantastic effort in RE.		Delna	For her consistent hard work in english lessons.
3EG	Declan	For improved effort in lessons when completing work.			
	Haniya	For always putting in her best effort in lessons.			



On Monday 22nd April 2024 we celebrated World Earth Day! The theme of the day this year was Planet Vs. Plastic. We celebrate this day annually and the children really benefit from the extra-curricular activities we provide for them, whilst also learning about how we can protect our planet. During World Earth Day, we also remembered that our actions have an impact on everyone. When we make decisions, we should consider the good of all.



We reflected on the Catholic Social Teaching

principles of Stewardship and The Common Good. The Common Good is about respecting the rights and responsibilities of all people and leaving no one behind. Stewardship is all about caring for the many gifts that God has given to us. These include our environment, our own talents and other resources.

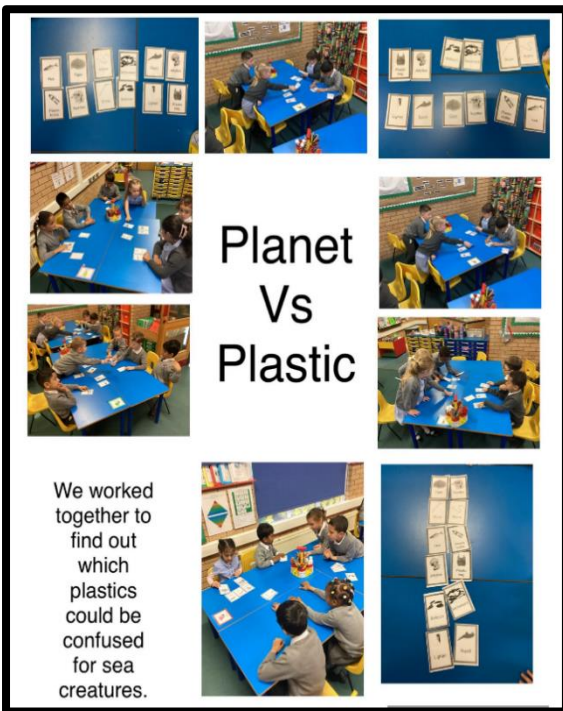
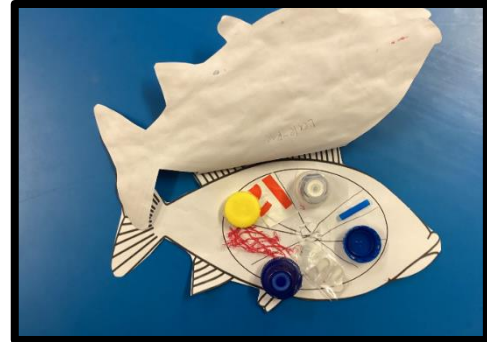
The EYFS

In Nursery and Reception, they focused on the book called "Here We Are" by Oliver Jeffers. They learned about what makes our world so special. In the nursery, they learned about how to recycle rubbish and made a pledge to help look after our environment. In Reception, they had a variety of activities to complete which shared with them how amazing the world is. They made clay Earths and used shaving foam and glue to create Earth pictures. The children were all sent home with a sunflower seed to plant in their garden!



Year 1 and 2

Year 1 played a game with some cards to sort the plastic items that fish could confuse for food. They then explored ways to reduce our plastic waste. Year 2 designed some sea creatures using junk modelling and also created a display which shows how a fish can have plastics found in its stomach as it has eaten plastic items in their environment.



The children in Key Stage 2 took part in an assembly by Sharon Cill from Severn Trent Water. It was a very interactive and engaging show and it helped us to realise just how much water we waste every day! Who would have thought you use more water in a 10-minute shower (90 litres) than in a little bath (80 litres)?



Year 3 took part in a

workshop by Sharon Cill from Severn Trent Water titled "Hydration Heroes." They learned the importance of water in our bodies and that we need to be grateful for the clean water we have in this country to drink and keep us healthy.





Year 4 attended an online meeting with Chester Zoo, where they were taught all about the rainforest. Their learning throughout the day focused on deforestation and the dangers this causes to habitats, creatures, and people. The debate in 4AMJ was really enjoyable, with children pitching against each other on the motion 'Deforestation should be banned'. We had some really good reasons for both sides of the argument, but by the end, the children decided it should be banned, and that land already cleared should be used instead of



clearing new forest. After this busy morning, they created amazing artwork together in teams which depicted the waste and burning in the rainforest.

In year 5 they were treated to a package of work based on plastics led by two University of Birmingham students: Emma and Darryl. They were shown how plastics last forever in our landfill sites. We also held a debate in 5FM with the motion 'Plastic should be banned'. We argued strongly on both sides as some properties of plastics are useful for certain things e.g. hip replacement surgery, but we all summarised the day by explaining how we need to buy fewer things that are made with plastic.



We would like thank Miss Corkery for her dedication and creativity in planning and preparing the wonderful World Earth Day activities! Your passion for environmental awareness and caring for our God given gifts has truly inspired us all. Thank you for helping us make a positive impact on our planet!



Our Blossom Groups

A SAFE SPACE FOR GIRLS TO BUILD FRIENDSHIPS, CONFIDENCE,
SELF-ESTEEM AND WELLBEING!



- *Primary Blossom (school years 4-6)*

Mondays 4.30pm-5.45pm | Chester Road Baptist Church B73 5HG

Wednesdays 6.15pm-7.30pm | St. Peters Church B72 1JJ

- *Primary Blossom Tamworth (school years 4-6)*

Tuesday 5.30-7pm | Landau Forte Academy Amington. Woodland Road. Amington. B77 4FF

- *Secondary Blossom (school years 7-8)*

Monday 6pm-7.15pm | Sutton Baptist Church, Trinity Hill, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1TA.

- *Blossom Bloomers (school year 9+)*

Tuesdays 6.30pm-8pm | Sutton Baptist Church, Trinity Hill, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1TA.



Kind & Craft Club!

Our Blossom Kind and Craft Club sessions are for girls in school Yrs 1-3, every Saturday morning! These are a safe space filled with craft, kindness, friendships and fun!

We explore topics relating to kindness and what makes us shine!

Saturday Mornings
(10am-11.30am)

**PENNS PRIMARY SCHOOL.
BERWOOD ROAD,
SUTTON COLDFIELD,
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**IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN LEADING OUR
KIND & CRAFT SESSIONS PLEASE LET US KNOW
BY EMAILING - [BLOSSOM@CHERISHEDUK.ORG](mailto:blossom@cherisheduk.org)**

**Support Your Local Area
Join us on the walk
To save Acocks Green
Library**

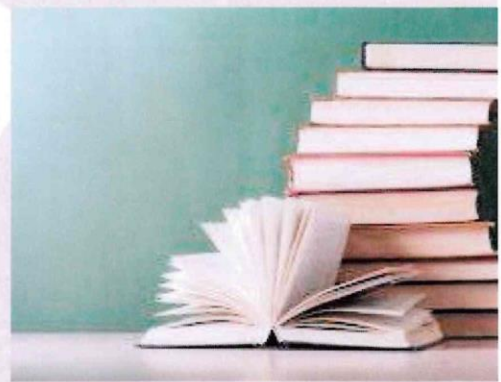
**on: 11th May 2024 2pm Leaving
from Acocks Green Library
We will be going to South
Yardley Library**



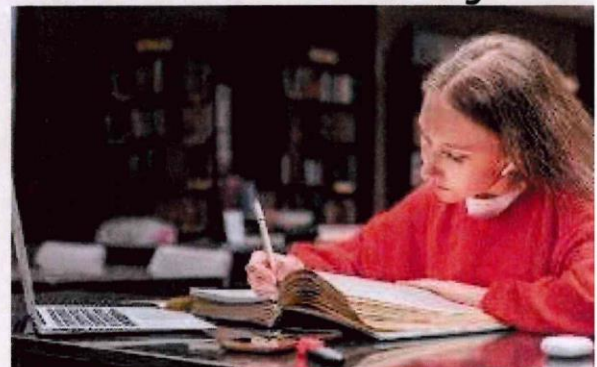
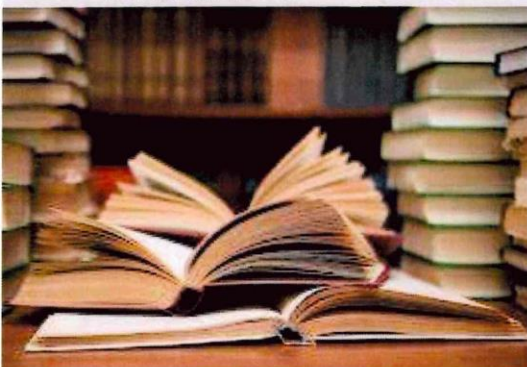
Read



Learn



Study



Places of welcome in our communities

What You Need to Know about...

BeReal.

Age Rating
13+

The way children and young people use social media is changing.

They want to engage with posts from their friends instead of 'suggested posts' or adverts for content they don't care about. As social media begins to turn away from filters and 'Instagrammable moments', one app in particular has seen a recent surge in popularity with children and young people

What is BeReal?

BeReal is a free social media app that asks users to take a quick snapshot of an 'authentic moment' during their day to share with their followers.

There are no filters or opportunities to stage the 'perfect photo' – what you see is what you get. It is formatted to make the user show their 'real self'.

This app was developed in France in 2020, but has seen a recent jump in popularity with **3.5 million downloads** since January 2022 and a **315% increase** in monthly active users.

'Realmojis' are selfie versions of emojis a.k.a. YOU get to be the emoji!

How does it work?

BeReal only lets users post once a day. It notifies users of a two-minute 'posting window' via push notification. If they miss the window, they are marked as late.

No profiles, no followers, no likes, no messaging. Users and their 'friends' can only post comments, emojis, and 'realmojis' on the unfiltered posts that day before it is archived.

Focuses on the 'real' you. Users cannot use filters or other photo editing tools and must take a live photo using the app.

A 'discovery' page is used instead of a search page. This is a feed that lets users see others BeReal posts from all around the world.

Areas of Concern

Notification dependent so a young person could become easily distracted during inappropriate times of the day (e.g. while in school or during family dinner).

Persuasive design uses negative reinforcement if the app isn't used (limited viewing, labelling late posts) so it persuades users to prioritise it in their day.

Perception anxiety means a young person may begin to experience anxiety over what their friends will think of them on the app.

Time constraints like school, jobs, driving, and events mean a young person may not be able to access their phone in order to post.

Possible oversharing could happen in an attempt to be as 'real' as possible and not seem 'fake'.

Risks

Sense of urgency could mean a young person posts something they wouldn't normally post.

Personal information could be compromised in the 'candid' photos (like location, school, or extracurriculars).

Harmful interactions like bullying, exploitation, manipulation, peer abuse, and/or inappropriate behaviour could happen in the comments or with 'realmojis'.

Safety settings are lacking – there are no privacy features, no parental controls, and no blocking abilities on this platform. Just reporting!

The discovery page encourages interaction between complete strangers and could lead to communication on other apps with messaging functions (like Instagram or WhatsApp).

Top Tips for Parents and Carers

- ✓ **Discuss responsible sharing** - nothing too personal should go online.
- ✓ **Walkthrough image ownership together** - their image has worth!
- ✓ **Be an identity reminder** - an app does not define the type of person they are.
- ✓ **Talk about authenticity** - the difference between 'real' and 'too much information.'
- ✓ **Identify their Trusted Adults** - ask who they can trust if they are worried!
- ✓ **Protect their personal information** - how can they stay safe online?

FOMO WARNING

Any attempt to delete or skip a post results in the user not being able to see other posts

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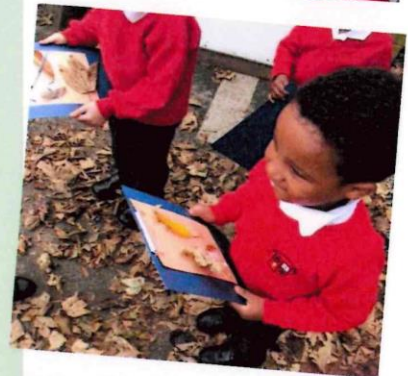
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