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Our Lady Queen of Peace RC Primary School

Newsletter

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Congratulations!

I am delighted to inform you that Samuel Alexander Elder was born on 15 May; mum and baby are doing well. Fingers crossed that Mrs Elder will be able to pop in to school with little Sam so that the children can meet him soon.

Staffing

I am pleased to inform you that Mr James Quinn will be joining the teaching staff in September. Mr Quinn is a worshiper at St Bede's Church and is a familiar face in the parish of St John XXIII. His appointment is in line with the growth of our school numbers as we are looking forward to having him on board!

What Has Been Happening?

At the end of last year some of our children worked with a local sculptor on a Stephenson Art Project and the resulting decorated coal mining tub is now on display at Houghton Health Centre. It's amazing so do pop to see it if you have the chance!

Thank you to Jonny Luke and Grace Wood who were great ambassadors for our school at the annual Good Shepherd Mass. The children presented Bishop Seamus with a cheque for £500 for St Cuthbert's Care which was raised during Lent. Well done everyone.

The school nursing team visited us earlier in the month for a Health Roadshow. They shared resources and ideas about healthy lifestyles and illness prevention. A very

informative day was had by all.

KS1 have been enjoying finding out about superheroes and launched the project with a dressing up day. We look forward to being visited by some real-life superheroes in the next few weeks.

Year 3 and Year 4 were visited by students from Sunderland University who taught them about higher education in a series of workshops.

As well as planting vegetables in our garden, the EYFS children took time out to celebrate the royal wedding. They have also enjoyed a visit to Hall Hill Farm.

The Tall Ships are coming to Sunderland in July and our Y5 children will be at St Peter's Wharf to sing at the opening ceremony. Meanwhile, back at school, the rest of us will be live streaming a performance of three songs in the hope that Sunderland schools together can set a new world record for massed singing. In preparation for the Tall Ships events we have had a number of workshops in school and some of our children can now even use semaphore!

PSCO Fothergill visited school with her colleague from Northumbria Police to talk to the children about being good citizens and avoiding anti-social behaviour. She reported that our children were exemplary!

Thank you to those of you who visited our art exhibition and for purchasing works of art. The money raised will be used to subsidise end of term events.

Y6 visited Northumbria University and I am proud to report that they all graduated as "apprentice students." They now know a little more about university life and have high aspirations for what they can achieve when they leave school. Y6 also visited "Safety Works" and have further knowledge about how to keep themselves safe. They are also visiting Tees Barrage soon to see the workings of the amazing "Infinity" bridge.

SATs

Well done to all our Y6 and Y2 children who have completed their SATs assessments recently. The tests are challenging and we are so proud that our children tried their hardest. Special thanks go to Mrs Lamond, Mrs Elder, Mrs Cresswell, Mrs Fraser, Mrs Edwards, Miss Christie, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Merrington and Mrs Swales for preparing the children and to Mrs Ludford, Miss Green and Mrs Maher who prepared breakfast for Y6 during SATs week.

GDPR

I'm sure you are aware of new data protection laws which came into effect on 25 May. Our privacy notices are available from our website and if you would like further information please contact me in school.

Sporting Success

Well done to our girls' football team who had two draws and a win at a recent tournament. We were pipped at the post to progress to the next round but all the girls played well and had a great team ethic. Particular congratulations go to Saffron Aitchson and Isla McMonigle, our goal scorers. Thanks once again to Mr Taylor for coaching our football teams.

Congratulations to Theo Economides who has been awarded a blue belt in Kick Boxing. Theo has also recently begun to compete and we wish him every success. Following closely in Theo's footsteps is Spencer Scrimger who also is showing great prowess in Kick Boxing. Good luck Spencer!

Well done to Ethan Connelly who has joined the Foundation of Light football academy. Well done Ethan and keep following that dream!

Well done to everyone who joined with our fundraising for Sport relief. A cheque for £300 was sent to the charity.

Matilda Champion School

As you are aware, our school was successful in being awarded *Matilda Champion School* status by the Royal Shakespeare Company and Miss Askew, Mrs Cresswell and Mrs Fraser completed two days of training with the RSC. Our Y4 and Y5 children saw a performance of *Matilda* at Sunderland Empire and Y5 have begun working with producers and artistic



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directors from the RSC in preparation for our performance of *Matilda: The Musical*. More details will follow.

Race For Life

On Friday 25 May our children and many adults ran the Race for Life to raise money for cancer research in honour of Senora Perez, our Spanish teacher, who is currently in remission. The event was supported well and we will give an update of the amount raised in the next newsletter.

Ministry

Congratulations to our Y4 children who celebrated their first holy communion this month. We are so proud of you all and are delighted that you and your families took this exciting step. We will continue to pray for you as you continue your faith journey. Thank you to Mrs Fish, Miss Addison and Mrs Kebell who helped you in school and to Mrs Valente and Mrs Jessop, the parish catechists.

Thank you to the many people who joined us for our annual May Procession. Despite the rain, we had a wonderful celebration in honour of our school's patron saint.

Y2 had a wonderful retreat earlier this month, led by Hannah. Our Y6 children will also go on retreat next month and will be attending the Diocesan Primary Festival along with their Y6 peers from other schools. Children from Y5 will be staying overnight at

Emmaus Village for their annual retreat.

Family Day Out

Our annual trip to Lindisfarne will take place on Saturday 23 June. A coach will leave Station Road at 7.45am. The parish have once again agreed to pay for the children and adult seats on the coach are £10. Alternatively, you are welcome to make your own travel arrangements and join us on the island for Mass at noon in St Aidan's Church followed by a picnic near the beach. After an afternoon of free time the coach will depart at 5pm. This day is always a wonderful event and we do hope as many families as possible will be able to join us.

Parents and Toddlers

We are hoping to commence a Parent and Toddler Group from September. If you are interested in helping with this please speak to Mrs Reilly-O'Donnell.

And Finally....

Thank you to Mrs Richardson, Mrs Moore and Mrs Merrington who run our Cookery Club. For great ideas on how to promote healthy eating at home please visit: www.childrensfoodtrust.org.uk/lets-get-cooking-at-home

Dates for Your Diary:

Liturgies:

8 June	POSTPONED
Thursday 14 June	Constable
22 June	Mondrian
29 June	Mini Vinnies
6 July	Goldsworthy
13 July	Rousseau
20 July	Caravaggio

Other dates:

13 July	Reports
16/17 July	Parents evenings
19 July	School Mass
TBC	Matilda: The Musical

Recommended Reading

For ideas on how to get your child enthused in reading please visit <http://wordsforlife.literacytrust.org.uk/>

EYFS: (for reading aloud by a grown up!)

Matilda

Roald Dahl

KS1: (for reading aloud by a grown up!)

Matilda

Roald Dahl

KS2: Matilda

Roald Dahl

Adults: (for reading aloud to younger children!)

Matilda

Roald Dahl

Weekend Mass Times

Our Lady Queen of Peace Church

Sunday: 10am

Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Church

Sunday: 11am
6pm

St Bede's Church

Saturday: 5pm
Sunday: 8.30am

St John Boste Church

Sunday: 9.30am

Prayer to Our Lady, in this Year of Mary

*Peace, oh gentle peace,
Be our constant hope.*

*Queen of Peace accept our praise;
From all dangers protect us all;
in our troubles be with us.*

*Queen of Peace hear the prayers
of your children.*

Amen.