

Friday, 11th May, 2018



St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

Live the Gospel and when necessary use words



Congratulations!

Bernadette's Blog

Mr Thomas, our fantastic caretaker has successfully completed the Coast to Coast Cycle ride. On the hottest weekend, he made fantastic time and was delighted to dip his wheels in the sea at Tynemouth, early on Sunday afternoon.

So far, Mr Thomas has promised for an amazing **£1,447** in sponsorship.

It would be great if we could get in all the sponsorship money before half term, so that we can go ahead with the purchase of the AED

If you have sponsored Mr

Thomas, it would be wonderful if you drop your money off at the school office in an envelope with your name on (and the sheet number if you know it.)

Thank you!!



Good Luck Year 6!

Our Year 6 children have been working so hard to prepare for next week's SAT Tests, as have the staff. As is traditional here at St. Bernadette's the children may begin each day next week with a breakfast cooked by Dot and served by our amazing team of staff, who can always be trusted to rise to the occasion. Here is the letter that Mrs Hall and Miss Hall will send home with each child, this evening. It says it all. We wish you all the very best for next week.

Next week, you will take your SATs in Reading, SPaG and Maths. We all know how hard you have worked towards these this year and the level of commitment you have shown. However, there is something you must know:

The SATs do not assess all of what makes each of you special and unique. The people who create and score these tests do not know each of you the way we do and certainly not the way your families do.

They do not know that some of you speak two languages or that you are an incredibly talented musician. They do not know that you love to sing or have a natural talent for drawing. They have not seen your talent or flare for dancing or gymnastics. They do not know the pleasure you take getting lost in a good book. They do not know that your friends count on you to be there for them, or that your laughter can brighten the dreariest of days. They do not know that you are a dedicated sportsman or are a huge help at home with your little brother or sister. They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy, funny, thoughtful...and that every day you try to be the very best person that you can be.

The scores you receive in these tests will tell you something. But they will in no way tell you everything. There are so many different ways of being smart. You are smart! You are enough! So while you are sitting these tests, remember that in the midst of it all, there is no way to "test" all of the amazing and awesome things that make you, YOU!

We believe in you. Now...believe in yourselves!

Mrs Hall, Miss Hall, Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Thomas & Miss Coates



Reading Challenge Success

Back in March, Miss Rogers issued a reading challenge to every child in our school. These children are those who stuck at it and completed every challenge. They were awarded certificates and chocolate at our celebration assembly on Friday.



Liturgy Time

On Wednesday morning Miss Smith and her Year 3 children led the Family Liturgy for us.

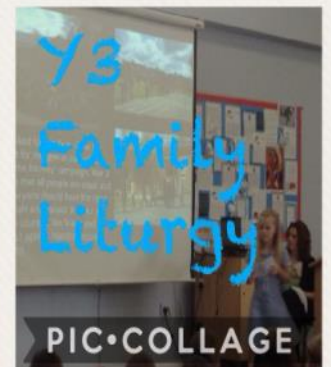
The theme was "Mary"

May is a special Month for Mary and this is The Year of Mary in our Church.

The children wrote all the prayers themselves and chose the songs.

They did a great job and Mary looks splendid in our front foyer with her May Queen crown on.

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who gave up their time to join us. We hope you enjoyed a moment of reflection.



Planning Ahead for Half Term?

Summer Half Term Holiday Fun Club!

Miss Cowling & Mr O' Donnell invite you to their fun packed fantastic **Easter Holiday Club!**

Venue: St. Bernadette's R.C Primary School
Rising Sun Cottages, Wallsend NE28 9JW



Ages 5-12

Many different fun activities including Arts and Crafts, Games, Talent Contest, Archery, Dodgeball, Tchoukball, Football, Fencing and more.

Please ensure that your child brings a packed lunch, plenty of non-fizzy drinks, and suitable clothing and footwear.

The holiday club is available on the following dates:

Tuesday the 29th of May
Wednesday the 30th of May
Thursday the 31st of May
Times: 9am – 3:30pm



To enrol a child please visit:
premier-education.com

Please use the schools postcode to find the club - Thank you

Get it £12.95 per Day

The Holiday Club is now open to children who do not attend our school- eg cousins, friends etc.

Visit the Premier website for all the information you need. You can book your child on now and know you are all set up for Tues, Weds and Thurs of Half Term.

Our Stewardship Challenge

Next week, the focus of our Stewardship Challenge is moving towards reusing toys instead of always buying new ones.

Lots of houses are full of hardly used toys which fill the earth with plastic and packaging.

The BELS and Toy Library costs just £6 per year/per child and allows a child to borrow two toys per month from a very wide range. They also supply Baby Equipment.

Have a look at their website!

We have also heard about a bike swap. This could be perfect if your child has out grown their current bicycle.

Here is a chance to recycle it and perhaps find another one. We'd love to hear about any successes and photos for the blog are always welcome!

We have been really impressed with how families have embraced this project. Look out for Anna and Zach's idea next week!



Baby Equipment Loan Service

The Baby Equipment Loan Service & Toy Library (BELS & TL) is a charity responding to local needs since 1985. The Project provides, for loan at minimal cost, essential items of baby and safety equipment e.g. buggies, cots and highchairs to families on low income or benefits living in North Tyneside. In 2003 we established a Toy Library for children 0 to 15 years of age, stocking it with safe, educational, age appropriate, stimulating and fun items.

When customers can come into the Project to hire baby and safety equipment (delivery service available if necessary). When children, parents and carers can access all of the toys, games and other play equipment



CONTACT DETAILS

Howdon Community Centre,
Denbigh Avenue,
Howdon,
Wallsend, NE28 0PP

Tel: 0191 2635770

Email: howdonbelsstaff@yahoo.co.uk

OPENING HOURS

Monday 9:00am - 5:00pm
Tuesday 12 Noon - 6:30pm
Wednesday 12 Noon - 6:30pm
Friday 9:00am - 12 noon.

Please Note: We suggest that you ring the Project before visiting to ensure that a member of staff is available to avoid a wasted journey.



FREE BIKES FOR KIDS!

30th May 10-5pm, Recycle y'bike, Byker

- 🚲 One bike per child
- 🚲 Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian
- 🚲 All bikes have been professionally safety checked, and are safe to ride but 'as seen' and without warranty
- 🚲 First come, first served
- 🚲 Shop will be closed for servicing

Recycle y'bike, Unit 2, Hannington Street, Byker, NE6 1JT
Registered Charity, No. 1124639

Important Messages from the School Office

Parents and Carers **MUST BOOK A PLACE ONLINE FOR BREAKFAST CLUB.**

The booking page does not close until 8pm on Friday evenings for the next week.

Numbers are growing and places are limited. Don't miss out!

Please remember children requiring breakfast must be in by 8.15am please.

Please do not come onto the staff carpark to drop your child.



Miss Coates has been really organised and has put all the Breakfast Club booking forms on the school website until the end of the school year.

Now that the sun is starting to shine-at long last, can we ask parents please ensure their children bring water bottles into school each day. We have some available to purchase in the office for £1. Can you also make sure the children are covered in sun cream for the day ahead.

Many thanks!



Rules of the Yard

May we remind parents and carers that children are not allowed to play on the adventure playgrounds or the bikes and trikes before or after school at dropping off or collection time. Staff must be on duty for this equipment to be used. Please ensure your children comply with these rules. Thank you.

School Uniform Reminder

May we remind parents that earrings (pierced and clip ons) and jewellery are not allowed in school. Pierced earrings may be covered for just six weeks after piercing and then need to be removed for the school day. This is to protect your children and keep them safe, as accidents can happen.

Trainers are not to be worn-black shoes or sandals please.

We also would be grateful if transfer 'Tattoos' could be removed before children return to school. Many thanks.

After School Clubs

If your child is booked onto an after school club for this term please note that these should have been paid for by now. If you have yet to pay, please do so asap. Thank you!



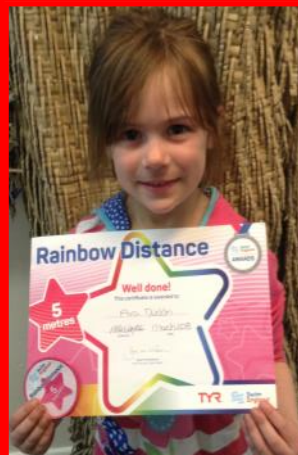
Sports and Achievements

Oliver, George and their families completed the tremendous challenge of climbing to the top of Ben Nevis recently. It was 9.5 gruelling hours through snow, fog and the steep granite steps. We are all so proud of you all for your sheer grit and determination! All sponsorship raised went to Legacare

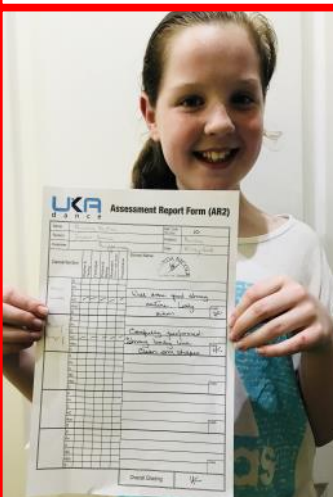


We love to hear all about your achievements! If you want to be on this page, take a photo and please send it to: stbernadettes.primary@northtyneside.gov.uk

We are so proud of Ava for achieving her very first distance award of 5m in swimming. It is going to be the first of many-I am certain. Well done, Ava!



Will was excited to be awarded his 10m swimming award, this week. He brought his badge and certificate in to share with us. Thanks, Will and well done!



No wonder Frannie is all smiles! She started dance class just 6 weeks ago and in her very first dance exam, she not only passed but was Highly Commended. Brill!



Sophie has taken to swimming lessons like a duck to water. Here she is with her very first award-a Duckling Award. Well done, Sophie!



Alex wants to be a pilot when he is older so he is having flight simulator training to work towards this. Alex just had his 2nd flight simulator lesson, where the flight trainer let Alex sit in the plane. Exciting stuff! Good luck, Alex!



Jack had a great time at the Filey Football Tournament. Here he is with his trophies to prove it!

More Sports and Achievements

PTA News

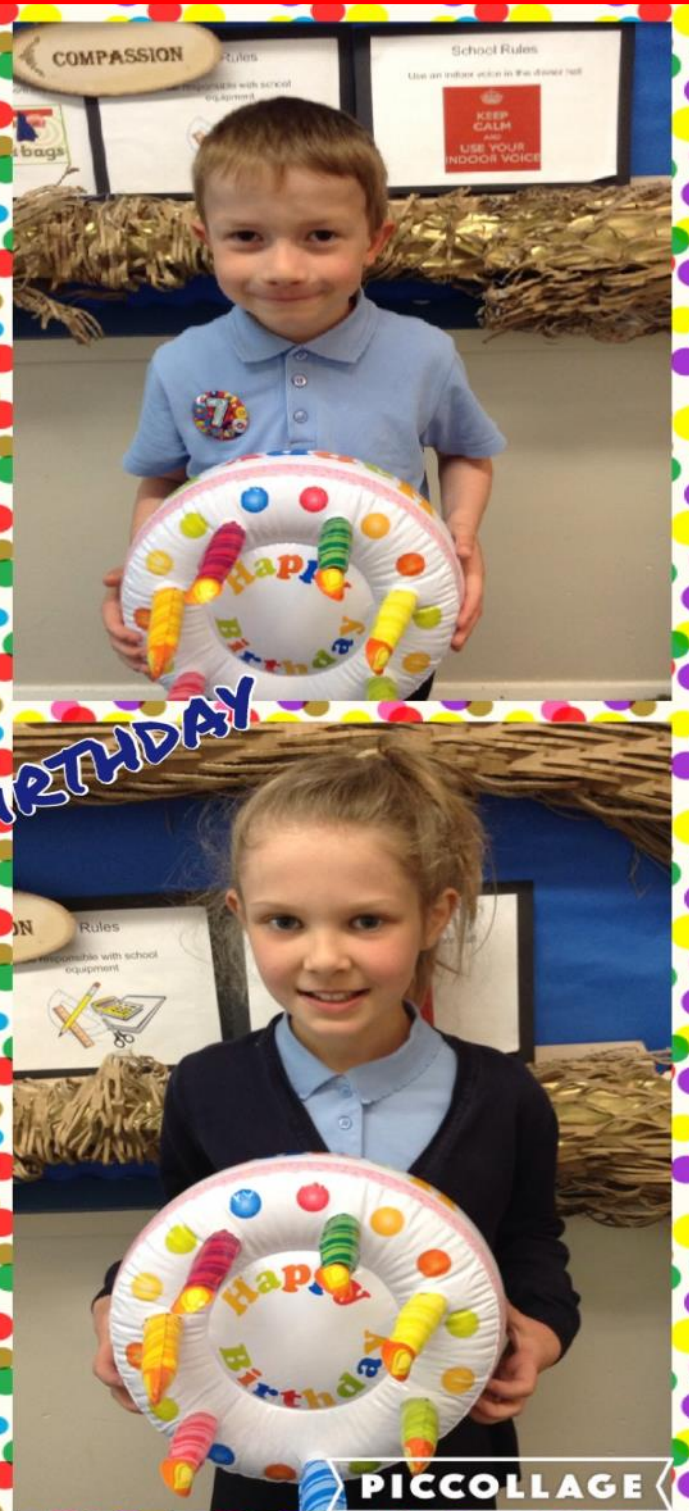


Ewan had a great time at the Filey Football Tournament too. His team won! Congratulations!



**YOUR
PTA
NEEDS
YOU**

Our next PTA meeting will be held next **Tuesday, 15th May** at 6pm on the staff room. New helpers always welcome!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mass: Sunday 11.30am
 Fr John McElhone— 0191 2623820
www.wallsend-aidettes.co.uk



Star of the Week

Dates for your Diary

14th May-18th May 2018 Year 6 SATs Week

15th May 6pm PTA Meeting

19th May St Aidan's Film Night 6.30pm in Parish Room

26th May First Holy Communion Celebration

For more dates check out our website at

Nursery am	Paige
Nursery pm	Lydia
Reception (DM)	Mya
Reception (SK)	Sienna
Year 1	Julia
Year 1/2	Holly
Year 2	Gracie P
Year 3	Joe A
Year 3/4	Isabelle
Year 4	Robyn
Year 5	India
Year 5/6	Jacob
Year 6	Charley

Holy
 Toast
 Winner



Mission Value

Our value for this term is
**Stewardship-caring for
 God's Creation**



"We don't inherit the Earth from our
 ancestors, we borrow it from our
 children."

David Brower

Attendance of the
 week

Congratulations!

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