

Friday, 6th November, 2020

# St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

*Live the Gospel and when necessary use words*



## Bernadette's Blog

# First Holy Communion

On Saturday, 24th October the last group of the children in the 2020 First Holy

Communion group were finally able to celebrate the Sacrament that they and their families have been preparing for, for the past year.

So it is with great pleasure that we congratulate

Rachael, Ethan, Chloe C, Chloe F, Jack, Maja and Amber on this very special event.

Many thanks to Fr John and his wonderful team of catechists who have worked with all the children during their preparation programme.

To find out the latest about what is happening at church please visit the parish websites

[www.staidanschurch.uk](http://www.staidanschurch.uk)

[www.stbernadetteschurch.uk](http://www.stbernadetteschurch.uk)



# Poppy Time

This week we have a very special request from North Tyneside's Young Mayor, our very own, **former pupil Suzie McKenzie**. Susie is a pupil at St. Thomas More High school now and we are delighted to see her in this important role.

Young Mayor, Suzie McKenzie, is asking for support with creating a Poppy trail to commemorate Remembrance Day and with respect to our fallen heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice.

It's simple to take part, draw and colour a red poppy or use a template online. Once the poppy is complete display it in your window, either at school at home or both.

Take a photo of your window display and send to [youngmayor@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:youngmayor@northtyneside.gov.uk) or [participation@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:participation@northtyneside.gov.uk)

with your permission we would like to share it on our social media tweet

[@NTCYoungMayor](#) Or [@ParticipationNT](#)

Young Mayor Suzie is asking the children and young people to create this tribute and by this simple gesture it's hoped to develop a lovely trail of poppies around North Tyneside.

We do hope you will take part!

Many thanks on behalf of the Young Mayor



We would love to include your photos on the blog too!

It could be like the Rainbow Moments of the last lockdown, that we loved!

Please send a photo of your child with their poppy before Thursday, 12th Nov to

[blog@st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk](mailto:blog@st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk)

Thank you!

## Please Help Us!



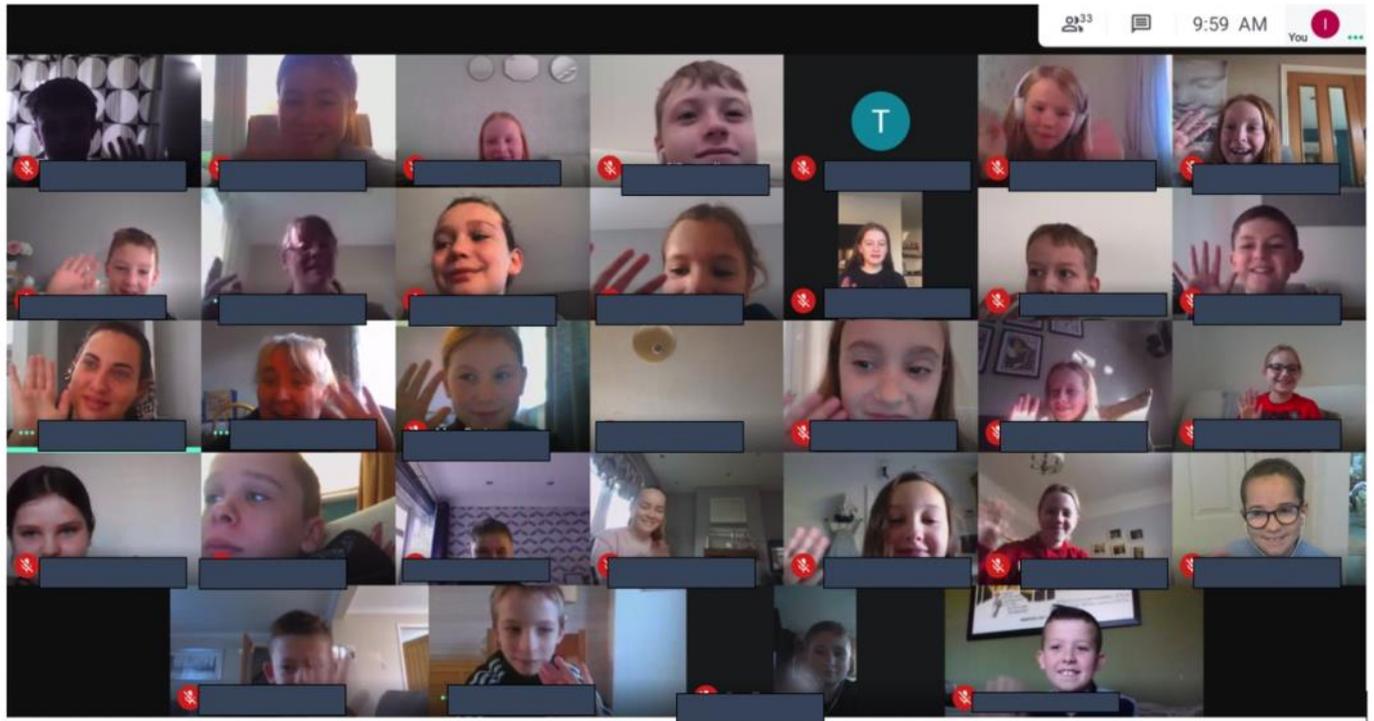
During the first lockdown many, many of our school reading books were sent out to homes for children to use in their Home Learning.

Unfortunately, many of these books have still not been returned and our stocks are running very low, meaning children have reduced choices available.

We have books missing from the Reading Schemes, Class Libraries and the main School Library.

Please, please can you get your children to spend a few minutes searching their bedrooms, behind the sofa etc etc this weekend and return any books that they find asap. We will be so pleased to see them again! Thank you!

# Resilience in Year 6



We want to give a big shout out to our Year 6 Class and the staff who work with them, seen here at their online registration. It is so lovely to have you back from your 14 day self-isolation period. We know how tough this was for everyone involved, especially coinciding with the half term holiday.

Mrs Satterley, Miss Coates and Mrs Thomas couldn't have been prouder of you all!  
You have all been "phenomenal!"

## Diversity Fortnight Begins Next Week



As you know, this year we would like to take the opportunity to investigate our heritage. Celebrating our heritage keeps our communities together, passes on values, traditions, and meanings through the different generations.

Every form of heritage has significance, and people who cherish their ancestors and family history want to protect it, keeping it alive in the present and for future generations.

Celebrating family heritage allows us to memorialize these special histories. We can remember in a special way where we came from and how we got where we are. For many, celebrating heritage is a way of understanding one's own identity more deeply. If your ancestors journeyed from another country you can celebrate the culture they came from. Or, if your ancestors have a long-standing tradition where you live, you can learn more about how the place has changed throughout that history.

**We want to know where our school community comes from? What is our heritage? If you haven't filled in the Google Form please can you do so today.**

**We would be really grateful.**

# LKS2 Science

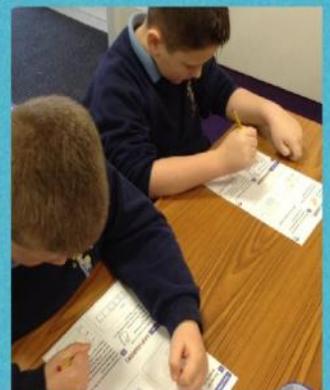
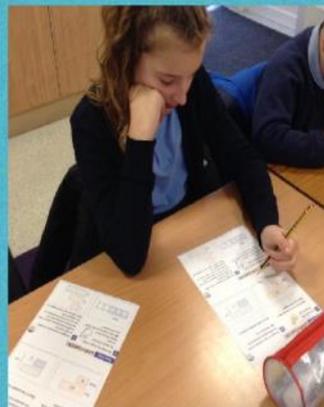
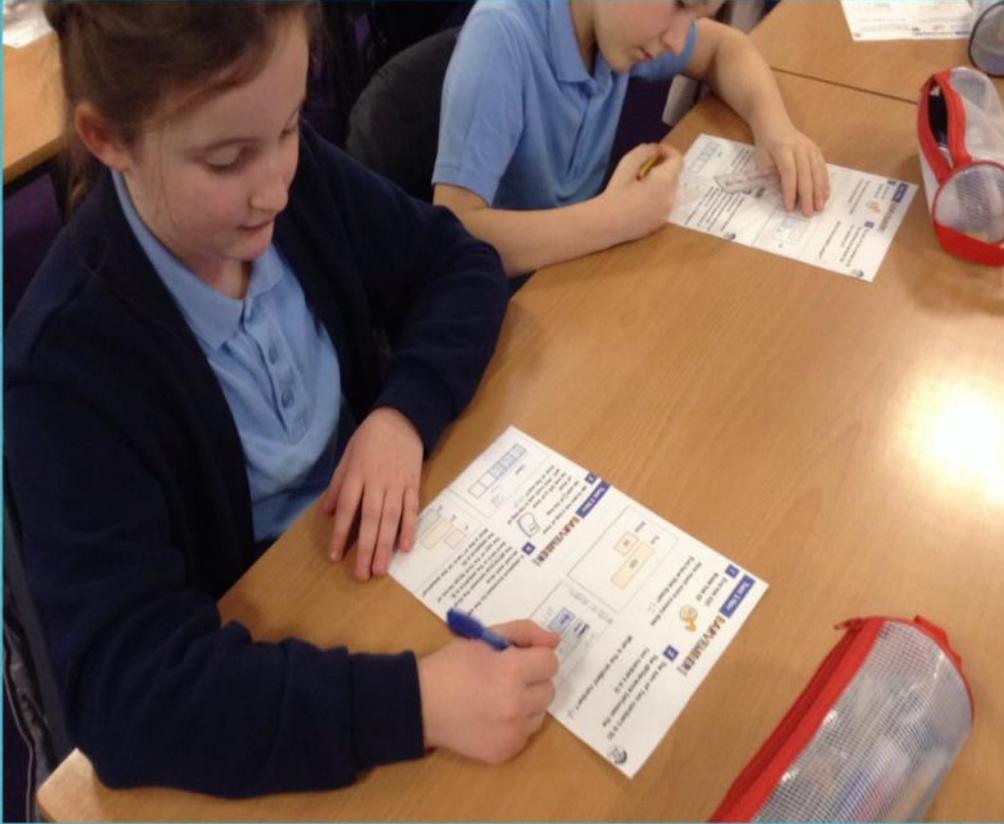
Lower Key Stage 2 have started their new science topic this week - Forces and Magnets.

We enjoyed working scientifically to investigate some forces in action - we focused particularly on pushing and pulling!



# Barvember!

This week year 5 have been taking part in a 'Barvember' challenge. They have been using bar models to help solve some really complex problems and have shown real resilience when doing so. Fantastic work year 5!



# Thank you!

We wanted to share with you some of the "Thank you!" messages that we received from folks who received a Harvest bag from our Harvest Festival. It is always lovely to see how much this gesture means to people.



WALSSEND.  
Dear Mrs Fallon,  
Both my wife and myself, had a very special, nice, surprise, last Friday afternoon. A lady knocked on our door, and handed my wife Enrichetta, a Harvest Bag, which we were very pleased, to receive. It was a totally unexpected, nice gesture. We would be like to say, "Thanks very much" to all that were involved! If you could pass our thanks, and gratitude on, especially to the children. Thanks once again. Yours sincerely Steve + Enrichetta Gallagher.

## Bonfire Night Celebrations

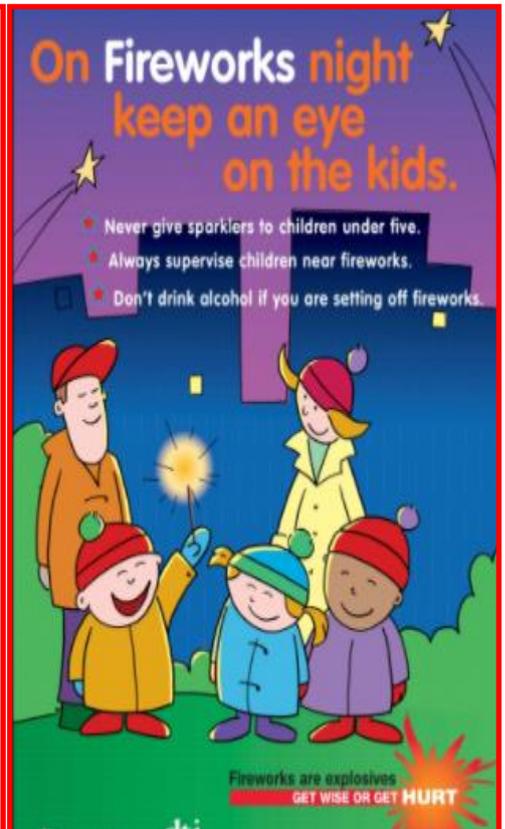
Northumbria Police have asked us to remind you that due to COVID-19 restrictions, there will be no formal Organised Firework displays will be taking place this weekend in the North East.

Northumbria Police are in partnership with the Fire Service and the Local

Authorities and have put in place a multi-level strategy to address the safeguarding of our communities this year.

If you are holding your own celebration, this weekend, please stay safe and follow the firework code.

We want to see you all back here safe and sound on Monday morning!



## School Places Available

We have spaces in Year 3, Year 2 and Reception, please email [office@st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk) for details.

# Sports Awards and Achievements



Many congratulations to Ollie, who was named "star of the class" for kickboxing this week.



Here is Sebby with the certificate he was awarded for completing his 25m swimming badge. Great stuff!



During half term, Cameron had a fantastic week at football camp with some of his friends from school. Here he is when he received his certificate at the end of the week. Congratulations!!



Jack has lots to smile about! He was named "player of the week" at Rugby. What a great effort! Congratulations!!



Freya passed her Badge 8 in ice skating at the weekend. Well done!



Here is Isaac, with his at the end of his football camp week. Good lad!



Hannah did a new dive at the Weekend. Looks Fab! Well done!

We would love to see all your birthday photos, achievements, good news, sports awards and acts of kindness on the blog each week! Please email to [blog@st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk](mailto:blog@st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk) by 10am Thursdays

## Breakfast and After School Clubs

### Important message from Miss Coates

Any queries you may have **MUST** please be directed to [oosc@st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk](mailto:oosc@st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk)

Please remember to contact this email with cancellations and late bookings if required but numbers are limited. Miss Coates will reply from here but please check your junk mail for responses.

Thank you!

Mass: Sunday 11.30am  
Fr John McElhone— 0191 2623820



Message from Fr John

We have launched new more interactive websites bringing you the most up to date news regarding our parish communities which will be updated on a daily basis.

These can be found at:

[www.staidanschurch.uk](http://www.staidanschurch.uk)

[www.stbernadetteschurch.uk](http://www.stbernadetteschurch.uk)

On our websites you will find information relating to times that churches will be open, booking a place for Mass and the initiatives that we will be undertaking to try and keep in touch with parishioners.

Additionally we have a Facebook Page:

[St Aidan's and St Bernadette's Community Page](#)

which you can join.

## Stars of the Week

Nursery	Noah R
Recep (AW)	Amelia
Recep (SK)	Oliver
Year 1	Leo
Year 1/2	Grace J
Year 2	Layton
Year 3	Harry A
Year 3/4	Euan F
Year 4	Olly L
Year 5	Daniel B
Year 5/6	Finley S
Year 6	James S

## Operation Christmas Child

### Operation Christmas - Shoebox Appeal

The COVID-19 global pandemic has disrupted everyday life for millions of people around the world. Yet, Samaritan's Purse, through the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes continues to share hope to those less fortunate than ourselves.

In these uncertain times, we want boys and girls around the world to know that someone cares for them and that God loves them and has not forgotten them during this time of fear and uncertainty. Children need great joy now more than ever.

Please join us this year to make an Operation Christmas Child box. Please follow the guidelines on the A4 sheet that your child will bring home this week.

Mrs Cairns has sourced some pre-printed flat packed Operation Child boxes, from tomorrow these will be available on a first come first serve basis, they will be just **inside of the main entrance porch door**. (Please do not come inside the porch-just lean in to pick up a box.

Once completed you can bring them to the main entrance and pop them just inside the porch on the left hand side. They will be quarantined in the porch until they are collected.

All boxes should be brought to school by next

**Wednesday 11th November**

Thank you for making a gift of love.

Many thanks,

## Scripture of the Week

