#### St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

Live the Gospel and when necessary use words



# Bernadette's Blog Lest We Forget

Remembrance Day marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918. On Wednesday, we took part in a two minute silence to honour those who have died fighting to protect our country and those who still do so today. This day is especially important for some of our pupils who have parents serving in the armed forces. Here in school, we have been thinking about this very important event in some of our lessons. making our own poppy displays and of course

I bet Suzie McKenzie, our Young Mayor would be very impressed.

contributing to
North Tyneside's
Poppy Trail.
Massive thanks to
those who joined in.





# In Flanders fields the poppies grow...



# We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,



### The torch be yours to hold it high...



## 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.

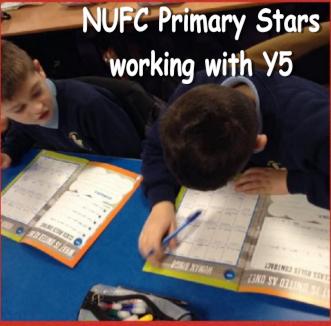
We have books missing from the Reading Schemes, Class Libraries and the main School Library.

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!

# **Diversity Fortnight**

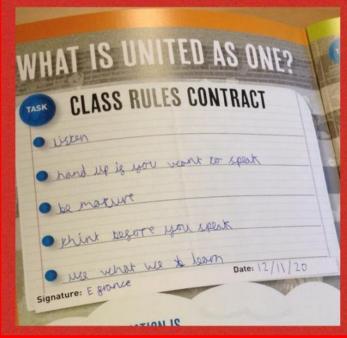














### **Diversity Fortnight**



UKS2 have been using this poem in their English lessons as part of their investigating their heritage work and safe to say, they all thoroughly enjoyed reading it and wanted to share it with you.

#### An Ode to a Muckle by Rowan McCabe

Oh who doesn't love the way Geordies talk?
With our vowels so inflated and happy;
our souvenir shops are stuffed with bags and mugs
boasting slogans like "Whey Aye" and "Canny".

Cos tourists take joy in this strange sound, that's why call centres thrive in the region. But experts are scared that within 30 years these words will end up in museums.

From Ofsted school missions that enforce standard dictio to employers who want the Queen's speech, it seems terms like "Howay" might soon be erased by an age that finds them obsolete.

And there's some who believe this is progress, that this dialect just causes trouble, but if it's resigned to the scrap heap of time the word that I'd miss most is "Muckle".

Now, "Muckle", for those not acquainted, is a term that means big, by the by.

But it's so much more glorious than large or enormous, it implies something freakish in size.

For example, let's consider a monster.
You could say: "He's gigantic, Godzilla."
But you'd grasp so much more of his massive proportions
if you called him "a pure muckle lizard."

Though, in truth, stick it in any sentence,
the value's increased at least double:
"Look at Dave's muckle face", "That's a muckle car chase",
"I'm not paying that gas bill, it's muckle."

Imagine the great works of literature that would gain once this word was put in:
Just think of Charles Dicken's Muckle Expectations, or Mark Twain's Muckleberry Finn.

And I know these sounds aren't always useful,
they confuse all my friends in the South,
but I'm scared of how dull this world would become
if each one of us used the same mouth.

No, let's cherish these home grown devices, the quirks in the way that we speak. Cos we're all part of one muckle planet at heart,





# **Working Hard In Y4**







In LKS2, we have been learning about instructions. The children were challenged to read and follow a recipe to make an edible Roman Road.











# **Numberbonds in Reception Class**



# Planning Ahead For Christmas

With Christmas coming up, we have been looking at how we can continue our Christmas traditions in school in the current climate.

Due to the risk of cross-infection, we wanted to give you plenty of notice that this year we will not be allowing Christmas cards or gifts into school to be exchanged with friends or staff. Sorry!

Please remember that as a school we made a decision a few years ago that staff will not accept gifts from families.

Further details of our plans for Christmas will be sent out as soon as they as finalised.

Thank you.



# Northumbria Police Christmas card Competition



Northumbria police are running a Christmas card competition!
The children need to design a Christmas card and home that shows
Northumbria police and our community working together to
keep us safe and improve lives.

You need to send a photograph of your card, with your name to the email address

enquiries@Northumbria-pcc.gov.uk

by midnight on Sunday, the 15th of November! That's this Sunday!

So get designing boys and girls!

Good luck!!

### **School Places Available**

We have spaces in Year 3, Year 2 and Reception, please email office@st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk for details.



# Sports Awards and Achievements



Here is Isabel starting to do her gym classes on zoom again this week for lockdown #2. We are so proud of you, for showing resilience and just getting on

#### **Happy Birthday!**



# Wishing you lots of fun!





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 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

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

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.

# **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.

Our collection date has been extended due to Lockdown#2 All boxes should be brought to school by Friday, 4th December

Thank you for making a gift of love.

## Stars of the Week

Nursery	Joshua M
Recep (AW)	Madison
Recep (SK)	Faith
Year 1	Jayk
Year 1/2	Alex 5
Year 2	Paige
Year 3	Heath
Year 3/4	Olivia C
Year 4	Daniel
Year 5	Leila
Year 5/6	Maja
Year 6	Evie

