



Dear Parents and carers; it has been a wonderful first half-term of the year here at St Mary's. Our pupils have settled well into their new classes and our new staff have made an excellent start in their new roles and the pupils are making excellent progress in their learning. We have already had many notable highlights including visits to our parish church and from our parish priest. We hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful half term and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday October 31st.

Every Good Wish. Mr O'Connor

Dates for the Diary ...

- 31st October - Afterschool clubs start
- 11th November - Remembrance Day
- 15th November - Individual school photos
- 7th December - Parents' evening
- 9th December - Christmas Fayre
- 14th December - EYFS Nativity - 9.30am
- 15th December - KS1 Nativity - 9.30am
KS2 Nativity - 2.15pm
- 16th December - Carols around the Crib 1pm & Close for Christmas





Please see the following items for your attention.

Enterprise week.

Our Enterprise week begins on the 21st of November. Our children will be designing and making Christmas gifts to sell at the Winter Fayre. The gifts will be advertised over the coming weeks and we will confirm the date for the Christmas Fayre through Dojo



Remembrance Day - November 11th

Please could all parents bring a plastic bottle into school for their child. We will be using the bottles to make poppies that will be displayed around the playground as part of our remembrance service on the 11th November.

Parents Evening

Parents evening will be held on December 7th 2022. Further information to follow shortly.





Attendance

Well done to Year 2 for having the best attendance on October at 96.41%. The whole school attendance is currently 94.65%



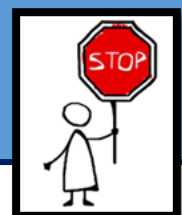
Reminder to all parents and carers new finishing time is at 3.10pm and will happen from the 31st October.

Key stage 1 Gate

Can all parents/careers please not use the Key Stage 1 gate. This is for children and teachers only.

Collection

Please could parents, when collecting their children, not block the Church entrance, car park or the drive located on Heneage Road.





Attendance and Absences

If your child is absent from school, it is your responsibility to contact the school to let us know. This can be done by calling the office on 01472 357982 or emailing the office at office@smp.nelcmail.co.uk or by messaging on the scholarpack app.

Please do not message the class teacher on Dojo.

If your child is absent and we do not hear from you by one of the methods above, you will receive a phone call to ask the reason for the absence. If you do not respond to the phone call, then a home visit could be made. If we do not receive an acceptable reason for the absence, then it will be recorded as unauthorised. Unauthorised absences are reported to the Education Welfare officer and could result in a penalty notice



Uniform Information

Uniform hut is the provider for our school uniforms. They offer layby and buy in bundles which is saving parents money. The uniform hut is located at 161-163 Freeman St, Grimsby DN32 7AS. You can ring 07921815295 or email theuniformhut@gmail.com



Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool Clubs will run till **8th December**.

To pay please pay through parent pay.

<https://www.parentpay.com/>

There are limited spaces.

Monday - Dodgeball for Year 3,4,5,6

Tuesday - Football for Year 3,4,5,6 / Hama bead & Lego for, Year 1, 2 and 3

Crochet club for Year 1,2,3,4,5 and 6

Wednesday - Tag Rugby for Year 4,5,6

Thursday - Multi Skills for Year Reception, Year 1 & Year 2/
Hama bead & Lego for Year 4, 5 and 6

All start at 3.15 and finish at 4.15pm please collect from Hall.



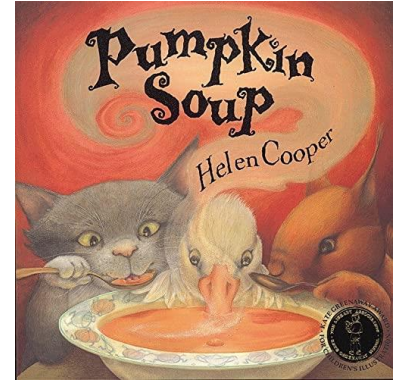
The Solemnity of All Saints Day is mass at 9.30am (1st November)

See think do! This year the Mini Vinnies have been looking at what is going on in the world around us, both in our own community and overseas. Our 'Brighten up for Harvest' non-uniform event raised £124 for CAFOD. We've also collected lots of food for our Harvest festival to donate to Harbour Place. Thank you to everyone who helped with both of these events, we hope to help as many people as we can and it wouldn't be possible without you.'



Welcome Mr Overton our new Caretaker

Nursery children have been reading the book Pumpkin Soup and have made their own version. They have helped scoop the seeds out of the pumpkin and tried the soup when it was cooked. Yum!



They have also been decorating pumpkins. Look at some of the funny faces they have drawn. **Well done Nursery!!**



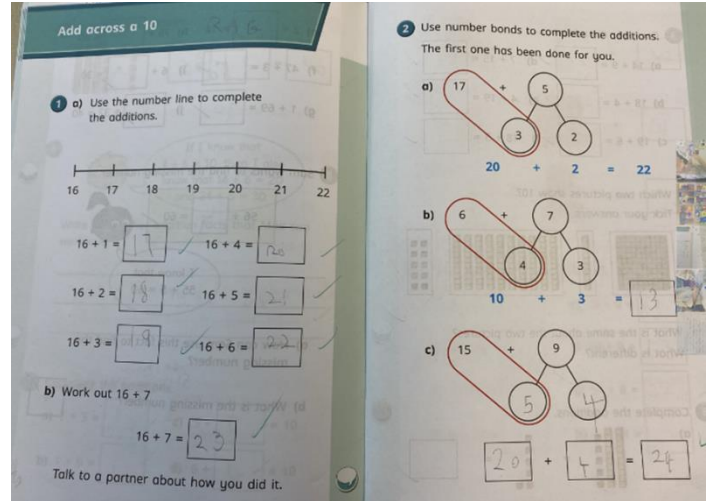
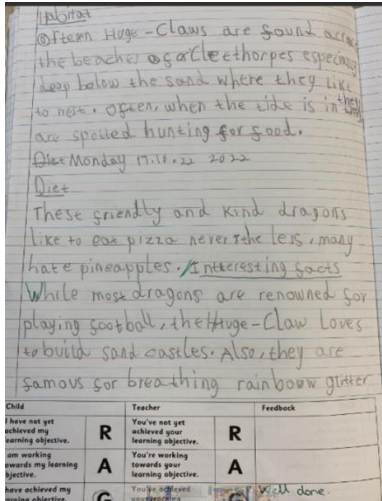
Year 1 have been recreating artwork in the style of Piet Mondrian and Wassily Kandinsky. They have focused on printing techniques and colour mixing.



As part of our Geography Focus, **Year 1** have identified old and new buildings around Grimsby and used construction equipment to build replicas of some Grimsby landmarks.



Year 2 children have been learning grammar and punctuation skills to write an information text. In Maths they have also been learning efficient ways to add and subtract.



In Art and Design, Year 2 have also been recreating Kandinsky's abstract painting, 'Concentric circles,' using the knowledge they have learnt about mixing primary colours to create secondary colours.



Well done!



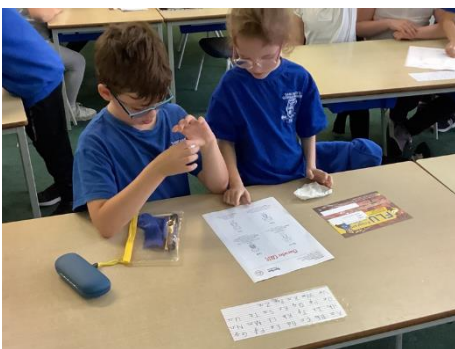
In **Year 3** Our new topic is called Promises and we began by looking at Baptism. We are very fortunate to have a church right next to our school and during our visit, Mrs Mellows told us all about Baptism. We even got to dip one finger into the holy water and make the sign of the cross when walking into the church! We had a look around all the special artefacts within the church and got to see all the statues and the alter up close.



Also in PE **Year 3** children have started to learn some new football skills such as kicking the ball with the inside of their foot and between two cones with some accuracy.



In **Year 3** RSHE lesson, the children were looking at “we don't all have to be the same”. The children described their best friends and named some differences between themselves and their friends. They also had an activity with 4 character descriptions and the children were given scenarios. *Well done Year 3*



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In **Year 6** Food Technology class, we have been cooking healthy pasta sauces.



We value all in the name of Jesus the Christ