



Date: 16th – 20th October 2023

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20th October 2023 Weekly Reflection

Matthew 5: 3-12



Through the Beatitudes, we learn how to live a good life expressing gratitude, practicing patience, and being a peacemaker.



Wishing a very happy birthday to those celebrating their birthday this week and during the half term holiday.

Eva – Alder
Rory – Beech
Ania – Cedar
Eloise – Cedar
Aubrey – Oak
Morgan – Pine
Max – Poplar
Lucas – Rowan
David – Rowan
Annie – Yew

Dear Parents, Carers and Children, I cannot believe how quickly this first half term has gone. I must say, it's been an absolute joy seeing the children flourish in all their learning opportunities, both academic and with the wider curriculum. Our choir created a wonderful musical piece which they performed in a special baroque concert up at St. Mary's chapel on the hill yesterday. And 4 Pine reminded us in their liturgy this morning that when we work together to care for our creation, we can make a difference. Thank you 4 Pine and Mrs Dal Cin for your important message about our Catholic Social Teaching underpinning everything we do here at St. Anselm's.

October – Month of the Rosary: Thank you to the families who have joined us throughout this month to pray the rosary. This is a special time for us to join together in prayer as a community and send our prayers to all those who need them, so thank you for taking the time out of your days to join us. And thank you to Mrs Kelly-Keegan for leading the sessions. We will resume them in May with our GIFT team leading them.

Signing Hail Mary: In this week's liturgy, I set the children (and adults) an Autumn challenge of learning to sign the Hail Mary prayer. Signing is such a wonderfully inclusive way to communicate and it enables children to use their multi-sensory skills to reflect on the actual words they are reciting. If you would like to join in the challenge, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PglEF7mTf2E> and have a go.

French Sing-Off: A big thank you to Mr Pugh, our IT technician, for editing together our St. Anselm's 2023 KS2 French sing-off which is now available to watch on Share point. We hope you all enjoy it!

Baroque Music and Songwriting Workshop: The children who attend choir on Thursdays took part in a wonderful workshop this week in school, learning about Baroque instruments and music through the theme of nature. By the end of the workshop, they had written a song which was performed along with songs written by some other schools at a very special concert in St Mary's church on Wednesday evening.

Parent Forum: All parents are invited to a presentation and coffee morning on Friday 10 November from 9.00 – 11.30am. We will have guest speakers talking about Supporting and Including Children with Social Communication Needs (including Autism). Dr Rif Malik (Educational Psychologist) and Nicola Keohane (Specialist Autism teacher) will lead a session on information sharing- good practice and inclusion and there will also be an opportunity to have refreshments, ask questions and chat to other parents.

Drop-off and Pick-up Safeguarding: Now that the children are familiar with routines for arriving at and leaving school, we would like to ask parents to observe the following safeguarding points around the school grounds, to ensure our children are kept safe at all times:

- Parents requiring the office to use the front entrance only (not via the playground);
- Children to drop off and collect scooters and bikes from the scooter park independently;
- No parents to enter the school building other than via the front office.

Reception & Year 1 Parent Phonics Workshop: There will be a phonics workshop taking place on the 24th November 9-10am to discuss how phonics is taught at school and how you can support your children at home.

School Newsletter: We are looking at moving our school newsletters to Microsoft Sway – an online platform which forms part of our SharePoint system. This will be sent to you as an internet link via ParentPay which you can simply tap on to view the latest newsletter. This all works from the internet browser on your device and does not require any additional software to be installed. We will update you when we are due to release our first Sway newsletter.

With kind regards, *Ms Hunt*

Notices and Calendar Dates

Term dates for 2023 - 2024 are available on the school website

Date	Event
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	Half Term Holiday
W/c Monday 30 th October	Christmas Jumper Donation Station Week
Tuesday 31 st October	Local Authority Deadline for Secondary School Applications
Wednesday 1 st November *added	All Saints' Mass & GIFT Team Commissioning – children only
Thursday 2 nd November	4 Oak Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 4 Oak parents welcome
Friday 3 rd November *added	Donation Station Design Competition Deadline
Wednesday 8 th November *added	Y2 Reptiles Roadshow
Thursday 9 th November	3 Maple Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 3 Maple parents welcome
Friday 10 th November *added	Donation Station Winner Announced
*added	Parent Forum on Supporting Children with Social & Communication Needs – 9am
W/c Monday 13 th November	Anti-bullying Week
Monday 13 th November	Odd Socks Day
Thursday 16 th November	3 Larch Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 3 Larch parents welcome
Friday 17 th November *amendment	Parent Coffee Morning, Pre-loved Christmas jumper donations & Christmas Fair tokens – 8.30am
	Class Enterprise Mufti-Day (Bright colours theme)
Thursday 23 rd November	2 Cedar Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 2 Cedar parents welcome
Friday 24 th November *added	Parent Phonics Workshop
	SPA selling Christmas Fair tokens and raffle tickets – 3.10pm
Wednesday 29 th November	Christmas Tombola Mufti-Day
Thursday 30 th November	2 Elm Class Liturgy – 9am in the hall. 2 Elm parents welcome
Friday 1 st December *added	SPA Christmas Fair - 3.30-6pm, Raffle 5.30pm
Friday 8 th December	Staff Training Day – school closed to children
Monday 11 th December	KS2 Nativity at Church 2.00pm
Tuesday 12 th December	EYFS Nativity – 9.30am
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Pantomimes KS1 & KS2
Thursday 14 th December	KS1 Nativity at Church 2.00pm
Friday 15 th December *changed from 13 th	KS1 & 2 Santa's Grotto
Tuesday 19 th December	End of term Mass – children only
Wednesday 20 th December	Last day of term, school closes at 1.30pm

Attendance Week Beginning 16th October 2023

School Target: 97 % Whole School attendance this week: 94.60% Whole School attendance for year so far: 96.40%

Class Alder	94%	Class Ash	88%
Class Aspen	94%	Class Beech	98%
Class Cedar	95%	Class Elm	98%*
Class Larch	94%	Class Maple	94%
Class Oak	95%	Class Pine	97%*
Class Poplar	97%*	Class Rowan	97%*
Class Willow	96%	Class Yew	91%

Well done to classes Beech, Elm, Pine, Poplar and Rowan for meeting our attendance target this week.

Please be advised that if your child is absent for any reason during the term, you must provide a written explanation to the class teacher or the office in accordance with our Attendance Policy.

St Anselm's Staff & Parent Association (SPA) News & Update

Design sheets for the Donation Station design competition will be going out on Monday 16th October.

SPA Christmas Fair: A reminder that our Christmas Fair this year will be on Friday 1st December, so please take a look at the dates in our calendar for token and raffle ticket sales, plus Christmas jumper donations. Please also note the different date for Santa's Grotto.

SPA Donation Station Design Competition: On Monday, we are launching an exciting design competition with the children for our Donation Station, so please take a look at the details in the attached flyer. The SPA would also love to hear from parents about what events they could be putting on or spending funds on so please find the details on the flyer.

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IMPORTANT SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

CHILDREN WHO ARE DUE TO START IN PRIMARY / SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2019 AND 31 AUGUST 2020	SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2012 AND 31 AUGUST 2013
<p>You need to apply for a reception place. Please apply:</p> <p>❖ Online at www.eadmissions.org.uk</p> <p>CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 15 JANUARY 2024</p>	<p>You need to apply to transfer to secondary school. Please apply:</p> <p>❖ Online at www.eadmissions.org.uk</p> <p>CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 31 OCTOBER 2023</p> <p>We strongly recommend that you submit your secondary application by Friday 20 October 2023, as this is the Friday before the half term holiday.</p>
<p>APPLYING ONLINE. IS EASY AND YOU GET AN INSTANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH THE OUTCOME OF YOUR APPLICATION ON OFFER DAY.</p> <p>For details go to www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions</p> <p>For help and advice on how to complete your application please email schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk</p>	

Inclusion: Friday 20 October is National Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) Awareness day. Children with DLD can have significant difficulty learning, understanding, and using spoken language. DLD can be a lesser known disability. People with DLD may make more errors or use simpler sentences or even have trouble organising a conversation. These problems are not always obvious to the non-specialist. 2. DLD emerges in early childhood but persists into adulthood. 3. DLD affects people around the world, no matter the language spoken. 4. DLD affects approximately 1 in 14 children and can affect social and emotional well-being as well as success at school and work. We attach some facts sheets for those who want to find out more.

St Anselm's Pre-worn Uniform Sale: We have listed several pieces of pre-worn uniform for sale, with all proceeds going to our SPA fundraising. Parents can browse the uniform we have for sale on the sustainable selling website <https://uniformerly.co.uk> Simply search for 'Harrow' and then 'St Anselm's' to find uniform for sale. All uniform is pre-worn and in good wearable condition. If you would like to buy uniform, you can browse the listings and click on 'contact owner' leaving your child's name and class in the message box. You will then receive instructions to pay for the uniform via PayPal. Once payment has been received safely via PayPal, the uniform will be sent home. We hope this sustainable initiative is helpful and welcome any feedback once you have browsed and used the Uniformerly website.

Cost of Living Hub: The Mayor of London has launched a new Cost of Living Hub, which helps people access information, support and advice about claiming benefits, dealing with debt, financial management and mental health support. To explore the hub, please visit <https://www.london.gov.uk/cost-living-hub>

Grants to help pay off energy debts People who are in debt to their energy supplier might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off. More details on this link – plus links to several advice providers <https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

Support for Parents: For any parent in need of support with any aspect of parenting, there is help available including one to one parenting support. Hope Harrow can be contacted on 0208 863 7319 or by email info@hopeharrow.org.uk or visit their website <http://www.hopeharrow.org.uk> for further details of their work with families.

**Safeguarding is
Everyone's
Responsibility**

Safeguarding of Children is the responsibility of everyone. If you have a safeguarding concern about a child please contact **Ms Hunt** the Designated Safeguarding Lead or in her absence **Mrs Kelly-Keegan** or **Mrs Marotta** or **Mrs Jackson** who are Deputy DSL's.

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Remembrance Poetry Competition

After the tremendous successes of recent years, Harrow Council is again offering all schools the opportunity to take part in a Borough poetry competition on themes related to '**remembrance**'.

The winner of each Key Stage Competition will be invited to attend the ceremony with their family and afterwards read their poem to the Mayor, Deputy Lieutenant of Harrow, Councillors and invited guests. Winners and Highly Commended pupils will also be invited to meet the Mayor to receive a special certificate on Remembrance Sunday after the Parade.

The entries will be judged by a panel and a shortlist made. The final winners will be chosen by a guest judge. Michael Rosen has judged in recent years.

The categories are:

Years	Key Stage	Theme
1-2	Key Stage One	Thinking About Friends
3-6	Key Stage Two	Conflict and Remembrance

Competition Rules

1. Poems up to 30 lines can be written in any style.
2. Submit poems in Word format as they may be published in the press – Entries can be sent to the class email addresses or brought into school on a memory stick.
3. Poems must be marked with the **pupil's name, school name and Key Stage**

Deadline – Monday 30th October 2023

Our Learning and Achievement Gallery

Special Achievement Awards:

(R Ash) The whole class
(R Alder) Phoebe & Reyaan
(1 Aspen) Ryan
(1 Beech) Matthew and Felicity
(2 Cedar) Matilda
(2 Elm) Sebastian & Lucy
(3 Larch) Tiffany & George M
(3 Maple) Pola and Cian
(4 Oak) Stefan & Felicity
(4 Pine) The whole class
(5 Poplar) Natalie and Matthew
(5 Rowan) Lily & Cecilia
(6 Willow) Jake & Akainya
(6 Yew) Abigail and Olaf

Environmental Award:

(4 Pine) Korede and Jessica

(2 Elm) Eliza & Manuel

Kindness Award:

(Alder) Eva
(Ash) Amaari
(1 Aspen) Alfie
(1 Beech) Gabriel
(2 Cedar) Leo
(2 Elm) Kyron
(3 Larch) Milan
(3 Maple)
(4 Oak) Arinze
(4 Pine) Kirat
(5 Poplar) Avishi
(5 Rowan) Ophelia
(6 Willow) Alexandra
(6 Yew) Sara C

Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars Award:

(3 Larch) Arjun
(3 Maple) Elliott
(4 Oak) Aiden
(4 Pine) Patrick
(5 Poplar)
(5 Rowan) Prince
(6 Willow) Enzo

Reader of the Week:

(1 Aspen) Noah
(1 Beech) Cian
(2 Cedar) Beech
(2 Elm) John
(3 Larch) Emma
(3 Maple) Victoria
(4 Oak) Davi
(4 Pine) Cathal
(5 Poplar) Oliver
(5 Rowan) James
(6 Willow) Leana
(6 Yew) Olivia B

Writer of the week:

(1 Aspen) James
(1 Beech) Tosia
(2 Cedar) Erin
(2 Elm) Adriel
(3 Larch) Kacper
(3 Maple) Jack
(4 Oak) Eleesha
(4 Pine) Charles
(5 Poplar) Max
(5 Rowan) David
(6 Willow) Eli
(6 Yew) Olivia S

Reception: Thank you to everyone who came to their child's parent conference this week. We're very proud of the way our children have settled quickly into the Reception routine. They seem to be enjoying both the inside and outside environments. We hope you have a lovely half term.

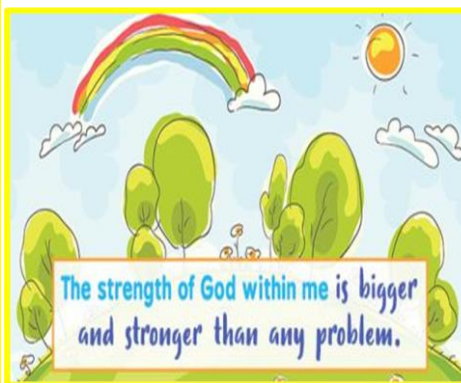


Year 1: We have had a jam packed week in Year One finishing up all the wonderful work we have been doing this half term. We were so impressed by the windmills that the children created. They had the opportunity to go outside and test them which was a great success! We look forward to seeing the fantastic artwork they will produce next half term.

In Mathematics, we began looking at word problems in greater depth, we were very impressed with how the children decoded the questions in order to answer the questions well. They enjoyed using multilink when working out the addition and subtraction problems.

In English we looked at three different suffixes; -ed, -ing and -er. The children were able to understand and apply this well to sentences. We were impressed with their understanding and look forward to seeing children to use their understanding of suffixes well in their writing.

We have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all the children this half term and can't wait to welcome you all back again soon!



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Year 2: We have had another really busy week in Year 2. We celebrated Black History Month by 'Saluting Our Sisters' and exploring the remarkable achievements of black women across the globe. We were excited to find out that a statue of Mary Seacole sits outside St Thomas' Hospital in London and is believed to be the first in the UK to honour a black woman.

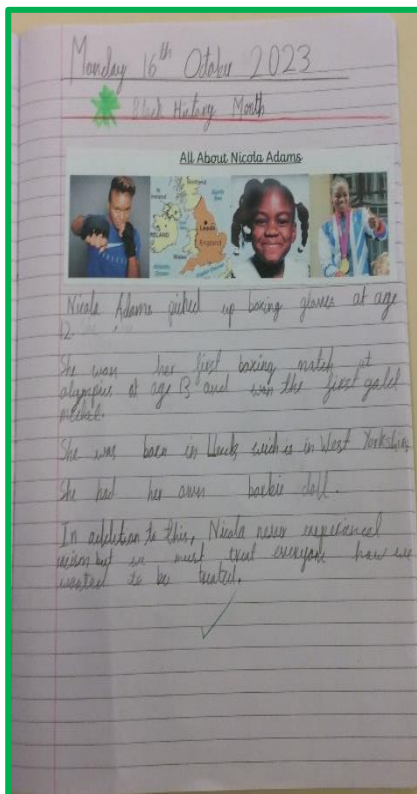
In English, we have been writing letters to the main character in our class book to warn him of the dangers he may face on his voyage.

In RE, we have been learning about Judaism as part of other faiths week.

We also concluded our learning of The Great Fire of London and finished our fire engines.



Year 3: This week we had lots of fun completing the Daily Mile. In Maths this week, we were introduced to the column method. We used concrete manipulatives including place value charts and counters to add and subtract two numbers with no exchange. We also celebrated Black History Month by 'Saluting our Sisters' and exploring the wonderful achievements black women have made to our society.



Year 4: The children in Year 4 had lots of fun creating their book sleeves in DT. They worked hard bringing their design to life by sewing different pieces of felt together. They turned out brilliantly!



Well done to 4 Pine for their outstanding performance and dedication to their class liturgy on Thursday! We discussed some very engrossing topics relevant to the issues the world is facing today, and the children came up with some fantastic ideas on how we can 'care for creation'.



Year 5:

Year 5 have had a wonderful week this week. We have been celebrating Black History Month and 'saluting our sisters' where we focused on Katherine Johnson. We have also celebrated 'Other Faiths Week' and have learnt all about Hanukkah and what the celebration is. In PE, we have also been working on creating sequences doing different balances which we have thoroughly enjoyed.



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Year 6: This week in year 6 we have been solving multi-step problems in maths, writing a bravery speech in English and learning about the Blitz in History.

"This week I loved our History lessons because we got to research all about the Blitz and we got to make a fact file. It was especially fun as we got to use the iPad to find the information that we needed to include. As a next step, we had to write a short paragraph about what it would be like to be a child during World War Two and the Blitz." (Ava, 6 Yew)

