



St. Basil's

Catholic Primary School

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In God's love we learn and succeed by sharing and caring together.

Note from the Headteacher

What a wonderful half term and fantastic start to the year we have had. The children and staff have all worked so hard.

After half term from Tuesday 2nd November I am pleased to say we will be restarting our family breakfast sessions. I am very much looking forward to being able to welcome families into school again.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term holiday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sheppard



Remembrance Day

Poppies will be available from school from Monday 1st November, full details will be sent after half term.

Children In Need:

After half term we will be holding a raffle to win a Giant Pudsey to raise money for Children in Need. Tickets will be sold for £1 a strip.



Message from Parish of St Wilfrid, Widnes

On Sunday 25th October at 3pm we will be holding a special prayer gathering as part of our 'Our Past, Our Present and Our Future' weekend. The gathering will be held at St Bede's Church.

We invite all children and their families of St Basil's to attend this gathering with us.

Any children who made their Holy Communion in this last year are invited to wear their First Holy Communion clothes and to take part in a procession with Our Lady's statue.

Half Term Activities at Halton Libraries



HALTON LIBRARIES

Let's Tell Our Stories Festival

Walk your story: sound art workshop

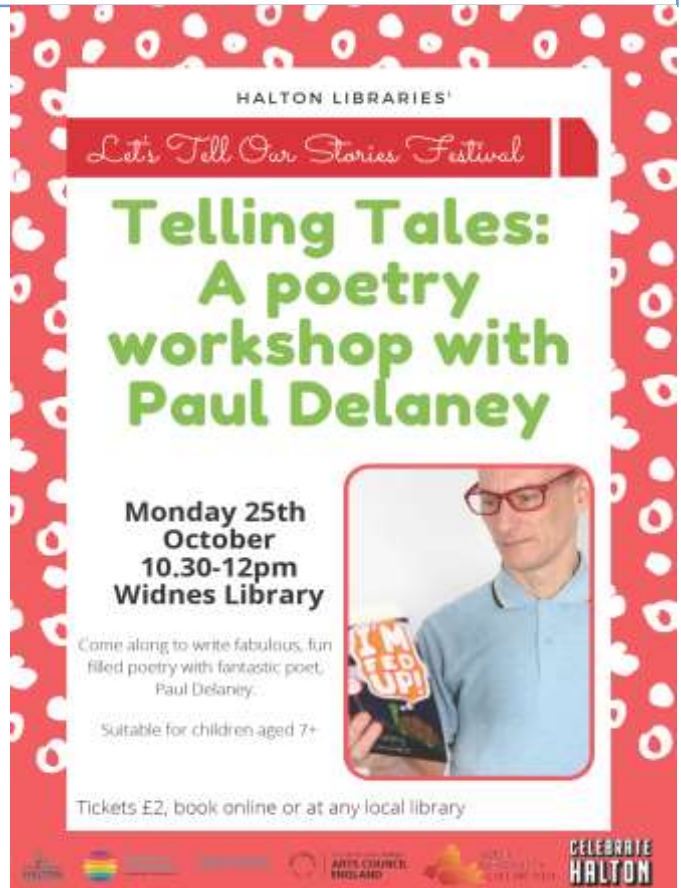
Create your very own digital story walk using *Echoes* app

with sound artist Tom Rea Smith
Smart phone and headphones required

Monday 25th October 10.30-1pm Halton Lea Library
Wednesday 27th October 10.30-1pm Widnes Library

Tickets £2, book online or at any library

CELEBRATE HALTON



HALTON LIBRARIES'

Let's Tell Our Stories Festival

Telling Tales: A poetry workshop with Paul Delaney

Monday 25th October 10.30-12pm Widnes Library

Come along to write fabulous, fun filled poetry with fantastic poet, Paul Delaney.

Suitable for children aged 7+

Tickets £2, book online or at any local library

CELEBRATE HALTON

11th to 15th October- Digital Parenting Week

We know this was last week but the website below has great information and resources about how to keep safe online.

'Digital Parenting Week is a chance to recognise and celebrate the vital role that parents play in supporting children growing up in a connected world. This year's Digital Parenting Week is all around one theme: wellbeing'.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/digital-parenting-week-2021-whats-on>



Flu Immunisation

Flu immunisations are scheduled to take place on Friday 5th November. If you have not already done so please complete the online consent for your child/children as soon as possible.

Letters have been emailed out to parents with details of how to complete the form.

The online consent form closes at 11am, two working days before the session.

If you are having problems completing the online form contact the Halton Immunisations team on 0151 495 5066 or at bchft.haltonimmsteam@nhs.net



Family Breakfast



Every Morning
8:15am-8:40am
Starting Tuesday
2nd November



St Basil's welcomes all parents/carers to join their children for breakfast from 8:15 every morning in the Key Stage 1 Hall.

- Selection of cereal and juices will be available
- All children must be accompanied by an adult
- No advance booking needed.

 ST BASIL'S PTA 

MONSTER BALL

THURSDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

YEARS 1 & 2 : 3.30 PM - 4.15 PM
YEARS 3 & 4 : 4.15 PM - 5.00 PM
YEARS 5 & 6 : 5.00 PM - 6.00 PM

(Year 1 & 2) children please bring clothes into school.
All children to bring money in envelope marked with
childs name and class.

TICKETS
£2.00
INCLUDES
HARIBO &
DRINK



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EYFS Pre-School

We have had a very busy and fun half term in pre-school.

We have been learning all about the season of Autumn. We had an Autumn walk around the school grounds looking at what changes we can see at this time of year and collecting leaves to make some natural artwork in class.

We have talked about Harvest and what happens at harvest time and even had a go at harvesting our own vegetables from the mud.

In class we have set up our own St Basil's Bistro and the children have had lots of fun with role play acting out the different roles of staff and customers serving food at the bistro.



EYFS Reception

Our text in English has been The Gingerbread Man! We were introduced to our new book when we found footprints in our classroom! We arrived at school one day to find footprints of flour leading to ingredients and instructions on how to make a gingerbread man! The children each followed the instructions, made their very own gingerbread man and even got to eat it at the end of the day. The next day, the gingerbread man left a video for us to watch! He had visited again! Since then we have been taking part in writing and reading activities all about him.



We learnt about the number 3, showing it in different ways on a tens frame and the number 4, showing it in different ways on a part-part-whole model. In PE we have continued looking at different ways to travel and also working on following a sequence of actions. In RE, we have finished our topic on 'Myself', understanding that we are so precious because God loves us. We have also completed our topic on Judaism, the children learned the story of Hanukkah and each coloured in their own menorah.

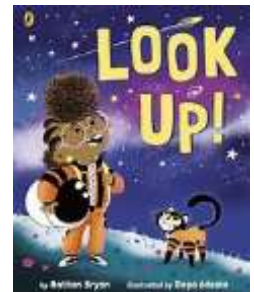
Last week we enjoyed learning all about God's Planet and loved being Planet Heroes through the Rise Theatre Company production! We have also completed homework on how we can look after our planet that God created for us.

Year 1

In Year One, we have had a very busy and exciting half term. It has been wonderful to see all the children settle in and take on new challenges.

In RE, we have shared our love of God through recognising how love is shown in our families and our school community. The children have explored the topic Belonging. The children have particularly enjoyed acting out a Baptism and discussing their own experiences. The children have also enjoyed learning about the religion Judaism.

Our English topic this half term is based on the text, 'Look Up' by Nathan Byron. The children have used drama and discussion to talk about characters' thoughts and feelings. The children have been producing excellent writing based on the text. The children have learnt about the astronaut Mae Jemison and have enjoyed sharing facts about space.



Within Maths, the children have been learning number bonds to 5,6,7,8,9 and 10. The children have found and represented number bonds using objects. The children have represented number bonds pictorially using a part, part, whole model. The children have continued to build upon their knowledge of mathematical facts through Fast Maths and Maths Meeting sessions, completing calendar Maths and place value questions.

In History, our topic this half term is 'Changes Over Time'. The children have compared toys from the past and the present. Mrs Coleman brought in her teddy bear and the children discussed similarities and differences. The children created a time line representing toys through time. Within DT lessons the children have designed, made and evaluated a movable toy.

Year 2

What a brilliant half term Year 2 have had!

In R.E. we have learnt about Judaism, in our other faith week. The children learnt all about Shabbat and how it is celebrated.

In English the children finished their stories inspired by the text 'The Troll Swap'. They are now very eager to finish their text on the mysterious, Tin Forest. They have been working hard to add noun phrases and conjunctions to their writing.



In reading we have continued with our book 'The Troll' and have predicted, summarised and sequenced within the story.

This term in Maths we have learnt all about addition and subtraction.

The children have been immersed in their topic about The Great Fire of Nantwich and have produced some fantastic Tudor Houses for their homework.

The children are now learning about materials in Science.

In Computing the children have been learning all about different styles of Art like pointillism and expressionism.

Year 3

We can't believe our half term is over already! We've all settled into Year 3 really well and have enjoyed the topics that we have covered.

In English, we have finished book Seal Surfer and wrote a letter to a friend explaining what the character of Tom had done. We have also started our Poetry Unit and wrote a class poem about autumn (which is on Twitter if you would like to see it). In Guided Reading we read 'The Sea Book' and have discussed what we can do to help our oceans.

In Maths, we have been looking at measurement and used the scales to measure the mass of different classroom objects. We have just started our topic of addition and subtraction and are working very hard to follow our success criteria.

In computing, we have been using PurpleMash to practise our coding skills. This week we have used these skills to create a moving scene.

In Learning Challenge, we have been learning all about Fairtrade and why it is important. We learnt some interesting facts for example, did you know that most cocoa farmers have never tasted chocolate? We also used a map of the world to identify the different countries that have Fairtrade.

This half term has gone by so fast and we can't believe it is over! We are so excited to see what the rest of the year has in store for us.



Year 4

Year 4 has had a busy and productive half term, learning lots of new and interesting things.

In RE we have explored Judaism and the importance of the Torah. Learning how it is read and how it is treated by all Jewish people. We have now begun our new topic within R.E 'Called' and we began this topic by reflecting upon times we have been chosen and how that made us feel.

In English, we finished our text on 'Gorilla' and have now begun our new text. Although we have not yet begun reading 'Leon and the Place Between' yet, we have made predictions about what might happen, based on the title, blurb and some images from inside the book.



In Science, we have been exploring Humans and how to look after ourselves, in particular the health of our teeth. We carried out an investigation over time, to see what the effects of different types of food and drink is on our teeth. We made some shocking discoveries, for example, the vinegar dissolved the shell of the egg so that it became soft and squishy. From this investigation we learned about the importance of toothpaste, as the egg with toothpaste on remained intact.

Year 5

October has been a very busy month, we have done so many things in such a short amount of time.

To raise money for the PTA, the whole school took part in the 2p challenge. Both year 5 classes raced against each other on the playground to see who could make the longest line of 2ps.

We spent an afternoon learning more about anti-bullying and focused on forms of online bullying. We made sure we understood the STOP principle and to use this as guidelines to know when bullying is happening.

As a part of Democracy week, we took part in a drama workshop that was based on democracy. It was a really fun way to learn about democracy in our country.

Just last week we all became Planet Heroes and participated in a day full of activities and dramas about how we can help our planet. It was a really fun day with a very important message! To finish it off we all watched a fantastic show!



Year 6

This month we thought it was interesting and fun learning about unconditional love and doing our own collective worship which included listening to 'Umbrella' by Rhianna and putting cut out raindrops into an umbrella.

In History we learnt about Henry VIII and his 6 wives. We also learnt about the problems before and after each marriage. To finish off with we applied different sketching and shading techniques to our own recreation of the famous Henry VIII portrait by Hans Holbien.

To introduce light in science we started by writing a fact file all about how it travels. To deepen our understanding we then looked at how shadows move during each stage/section of the day. We did this by taking part in an investigation.

In English we learnt the backstory of Winnie from Winnie the Pooh. We read the book by Lindsay Mattick and wrote our own version of the story which included speech, passive voice and expanded noun phrases.

To make sure we thoroughly understood addition and subtraction we recapped our column method by doing calculations such as $1,3245+9,263$ and $-7 -12$. We made sure we lined all the numbers in the right column to test our knowledge about place value.

Throughout our PE lessons the class have been studying the rules and the techniques of hand ball.

We looked at the meaning of democracy through the form of drama. We also learnt how our actions affect the planet watching the performance of God's Planet.

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