



St Paschal Baylon
Catholic Primary School
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RRS Biannual Newsletter

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Children's Book Project

Back in March, we held a Book Drive and received nearly 1,000 books! Thank you for all your donations! We kept some books for our school libraries so that children have some new reading materials and the rest were given to the Children's Book Project. Some of our Rights Ambassadors enjoyed a trip on the mini bus to Asda Huyton, the drop off point for books. We received a certificate from the Children's Book Project and our donations will provide other children with access to books they can own and love.



"Reading is a fundamental right and crucial for children's future success and well-being"
UNICEF

RRS Leaflet



A group of Rights Ambassadors have created an RRS Information Leaflet. From September, any visitors, students, supply teachers ect. will be given a copy of the leaflet when they visit our school so they have an understanding of children's rights and their role as a Duty Bearer in our school. Copies are at the office if you would like one!

Litter Picking

Our Rights Ambassadors have given up their own time during lunch every month to litter pick in and around our school grounds. Thank you for allowing our children, staff and local community to access Article 24, a clean and safe environment!



The Great Litter Debate!

In February, children in Year Three held a debate on the issue of litter in our local area. Children argued two different opinions on whether there is a lack of bins or if people's attitudes are to blame. Children had to vote and shared ideas on how they could make a difference. Debating, which is used in many of our lessons, allows our children to

access article 12 of the CRC - *'Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered'*.



On Thursday 6th March, SPB celebrated **World Book Day!** The day was spent exploring authors, illustrators, books and most of all reading and sharing stories! The children came to school dressed as characters from their favourite book. We saw Harry Potter, Alice in Wonderland, Willy Wonka, Where's Wally, Stick Man, a huge dinosaur and many more great costumes! Thank you to all children (and staff!) for making a fantastic effort, everyone looked amazing!

There are lots of connections between World Book Day and children's rights, especially the rights to access reliable information, the right to develop talents and abilities and the right to relax and play.

Did you know World Book Day is also a charity with a mission to help change children's lives by promoting reading for pleasure as well as offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own!



Schools Parliament Session



This year we have been lucky enough to take part in Liverpool School Parliament again. Members of the School Council, from Year 6, attended the session at Liverpool Town Hall. They thoroughly enjoyed their morning and met with lots of other schools, and children, to discuss community and how they thought children could have more of a say in issues that affect their community. They also looked at how this links to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Articles 12 & 13. We also learnt more information about how Liverpool is working towards recognition as a UNICEF UK Child Friendly City and is developing its ways of supporting children and young people to have their voices heard and acted upon. We look forward to finding out more about this next year!

International Day of Zero Waste

In April, Rights Ambassadors delivered an assembly about zero waste to highlight International Day of Zero Waste. Did you know 2.9 million potatoes are thrown away each day in the UK? Children were shown the food waste from lunch time and thought about how much they eat and waste. We now have food waste tubs in the dining room so that food waste and other waste are separate and can be disposed of more sustainably.



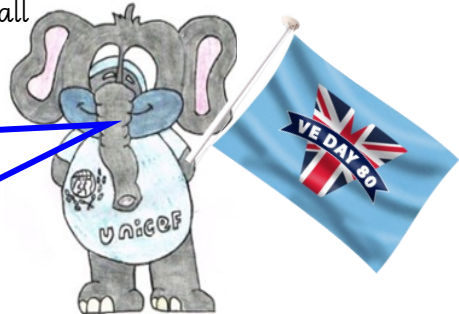
Following on from this, some students from Hope University delivered lessons across all year groups about food waste. Children completed a range of activities and learned what food and materials can be put into a compost bin and what can't. B&M kindly donated a large compost bin and water butt to our school. Children have been putting their fruit waste in it and over the coming months, we will have our own compost to use for planting in our outdoor areas.

If we can all make small changes, together they can make a big difference!

SPB Celebrated VE Day!

On Thursday 8th May, children and staff had a wonderful day celebrating VE Day. Everyone looked fantastic in their red, white and blue outfits and 1940s/World War Two costumes! We gathered as one to sing, listen to a prayer and waves flag in honour of all those who fought in the Second World War. We enjoyed taking selfies in our VE Day photo booth, we learned a 1940s style swing dance and visited our interactive museum full of photos, stories and artefacts. We enjoyed a picnic lunch listening to 1940s music and learned about VE Day in class, completing lots of fun activities. We ended the day with a video to remember all our family members who served in World War Two.

Celebrating VE Day was a valuable learning experience for our children, promoting a deeper understanding of history, human rights, and the importance of working together to build a more peaceful world.



International Day of Play

Wednesday 11th June marked the second International Day of Play and this year's theme was: **Choose Play – Every Day!**

International Day of Play is a time to celebrate the power of play. A time to raise awareness about how essential play is to every child's development and well-being. And a time to come together and make sure that every child is able to fulfil their right to play! All children were given some time to play with their friends. Reception enjoyed some parachute games and children in years one to six enjoyed some outdoor team games including rounders, hockey and dodgeball! Article 31 of The Convention on the Rights of the Child states that

'all children have the right to play and relax in a safe, supportive and stimulating environment.'



Soccer Aid Mascot T-Shirt Competition

This year, children entered a competition to design the 2025 Soccer Aid for UNICEF Mascot T-shirt! Thank you to everyone who entered. We shortlisted five entries that were sent off. I'm sure you'll agree that the designs were very creative, meaningful and reflected UNICEF's values and the rights of children.



Above: The winning design

The match, which took place on Sunday 15th June saw England leading 2-0 at half time. As the teams were neck and neck in the second half, Big Zuu secured his first ever Soccer Aid goal by sneaking the ball into the net bringing the game to a final score of **5-4** to World XI. £15,280,163 was raised this year for UNICEF's vital work helping give children around the world happy, healthy and play-filled childhoods.





In June, **ReAction Group** delivered an assembly to both Key Stage One and Key Stage Two to introduce the Live Simply award. The Live Simply award is a program developed by CAFOD (Catholic Agency For Overseas Development) to encourage Catholic communities, including schools and parishes, to live more **simply, sustainably, and in solidarity** with those living in poverty. It is inspired by Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'* and aims to promote a more just and sustainable way of life. Over the coming months, children will be learning about and taking part in various projects and activities. Check each year group's X page for updates.

Our **ReAction Group** also visited a **food bank** this month to get an inside look into the work carried out and the importance of reaching out to people in need. They asked some fantastic questions and shared their findings with our children in assembly.



On Friday 11th July the School Council, and Miss Johnson, hosted our annual talent show; St Paschal Baylon's Got Talent. It was wonderful to see such a variety of talents from all year groups. We had singing, dancing, magic, joke telling and gymnastics! Well done to our finalists; Jamie and Juliet from EYFS, Finn, Theo, Isaac, Joey, Annie, Harper, Cassie, Ellie and Alice from Year One, Louis, Olivia and Edie from Year Two, Maeve, Sadie, Lillia, Teddy, Elise and Emily from Year Three, Keeva, Phoebe, Sophia, Anya, Nancy and Lucia from Year Four, Ben, Lia, Caitlin and Ayla from Year Five and Isaac, Emily, Sophie, Lottie, Florence, Mia, Jasmine and Abigail from Year Six. It was a tough competition but after some class votes the children decided the winners were... break dancer Isaac in 3rd place, Annie, Harper, Cassie, Ellie and Alice singing Pink Pony Club in second place and this year's winner was Starships, a group of girl dancers from Year Six. A big thank you to all the children that took part this year; you were brilliant! We look forward to seeing what talents 2026 will bring!

International Day of Friendship was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2011 to promote peace, unity, and mutual understanding among people. The idea behind this day is that friendship between individuals, communities, and nations can inspire efforts toward peace and help prevent conflict. By appreciating and respecting our friends, we contribute to creating a kinder, happier world. Celebrated each year on **30th July**, we recently spent time reflecting on the importance of friendship. During the week, we discussed what makes a good friend and why friendships are so valuable in our lives. To celebrate, we took part in a special activity called '**Pass the Plate.**' Each child received a paper plate with their name on it, which was then passed around the class. As the plates made their way around, classmates wrote positive words to describe each other. Words like **respectful, loyal, trusting, and supportive** filled the plates—beautiful reminders of the qualities that make great friends. The children then decorated their plates and took them home as a lasting reminder that they are all valued, appreciated, and wonder-

Have a happy, safe and restful summer everyone! See you in September!