

10.02.2023

Dear families of St. Kentigern's,

This week, we heard the terrible news of the devastating earthquake that has hit Syria and Turkey. We know that over 12,000 people have lost their lives with a great many more, injured. We pray that the families are granted the strength they need at this time. CAFOD have shared a prayer for all those caught up in this tragedy:

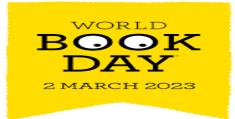
> We pray for the people of Turkey and Syria following the recent earthquakes. We mourn the death and destruction. and pray for those who have died and those who grieve. Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

We hold in our hearts those who are injured, and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods, and homes. Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster. Grant those affected courage and resilience, as they rebuild their lives and communities. Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

Inspire us to unite in solidarity, acting swiftly and generously, so that help may reach all who need it. Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.

World Book Day



We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March. In class, the children will take part in a range of exciting book activities. To make this a wonderful day for the children, we would like then to dress up as their favourite book character for the day and bring in their favourite book to share with their classmates.

As you are aware, St Kentigern's is a Rights Respecting School. In school, the children have learnt about the UN Convention of children's rights and how these rights impact on their lives and the lives of others. Two very important rights are that every child has a right to an education and a right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities. Reading is both an important part of education and a great activity to help children relax. Therefore, we are going to hold a second-hand book sale after school on **Thursday 2nd March**. We will be selling books that are no longer required in school. We also invite you to bring any books you no longer require to school on Monday 27th February. Each book will cost **20p**. Any profits will go towards purchasing new books for school.

Right of the week

Article 13 Freedom of Expression

Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

<u>Year 5 Visit Paris</u>

Year 5 has been visiting the rooftops of Paris using our Dream Zone. They created scenes as Rooftopper children inspired by our class novel by Katherine Rundell. They then used their drama to create phrases and adjectives that can be used in their writing.



<u>Year 2 DT</u>

Year 2 have been learning all about Rice Pudding in their DT Food Technology lessons. They used many skills such as chopping, grating and mixing to create their tasty rice puddings.



Digital Art Club

The children explored the bold and surreal style of digital artwork by British artists 'Gilbert and George'. They then took photographs of each other and added colour to make chosen areas 'POP!' Next, they collaged their photos over a Manchester landscape. Pretty cool artwork!



Birch Class' Assembly

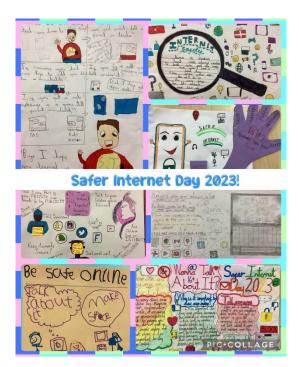
Thank you to Birch Class for an informative assembly teaching us about the importance of staying safe online. We enjoyed the musical talents of the 'Birch Band'. They blew us away!

Safer Internet Day 2023

Miss Chilvers has been running a competition to promote Safer Internet Day. She was amazed by all of the creative entries! The winners are:

EYFS - Bethany (Elm, Reception) KS1 - An (Pine, Year 1)

KS2 - Ruhaan (Cedar, Year 5)



Message from Fr. Michael

Hello and I hope everyone is well and caring for each other. I'm sure we have all seen the terrible news from Turkey and Syria regarding the devastating earth quake. I think we should all just find a moment this weekend to stop and offer a prayer for those of thousands of families torn apart at this time. This weekend sees the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, a feast of Mercy and Compassion, being celebrated, so let us let that be our prayer. For all affected by the earthquake, St Kentigern and Our Lady of Lourdes, hear our prayer. Have a good and safe weekend.

With continued best wishes,

Madeline Mudoon Mrs Muldoon

Headteacher