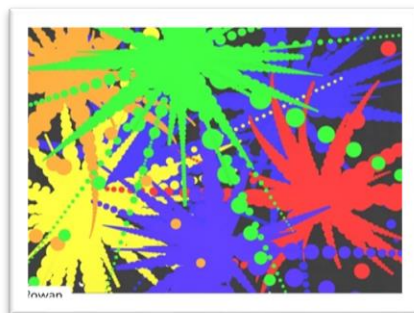




NEWSLETTER – 3rd November 2023

VALUE: Trust

Focus: Knowing Our Friends Will Support us
'My God is my strength in whom I trust.' Psalm 18.2



Ruby Class Computer Art – Fireworks

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week has been an interesting one with the weather having quite an impact. Well done to everyone for making it into school despite the lake outside and regardless of the inconsiderate road users. We will not record late arrival due to the traffic as lateness.

Ruby Class had an opportunity to experience the wind together – they went outside to explore running about in it. They picked up leaves and watched how, when they let it go, the wind took the leaf. Sometimes it travelled a long way and sometimes just swirled around. This week, they have also used the laptops to create some fantastic firework pictures. (see above). Ruby class have just begun joining the rest of the school for play at lunchtimes and in order to provide support for them, they have buddies from Diamond Class. The buddies love having this responsibility and the younger ones benefit from being looked after and played with by an older child.



Sapphire Class have started their coding work in computing. They learn about algorithms and that these are sets of instructions that build up to complex actions. They have been using the Beebots to explore how instructions are input into this particular device and how these instructions can make the Beebots move in different ways.



Whole School: Values: We have started exploring our new value, Trust. We have thought about how our friends support us. Some of the children were keen to put on a blindfold and trust that their friend would see them safely around the playground. We shall be exploring what it means to earn another's trust and be trustworthy.

During Black History Month, each class took the work of a different black artist as their focus. They looked at the different techniques and used these to inspire their own work. Alongside the portraits of each artist and an example of their work, we have one of pieces of work produced by the children.



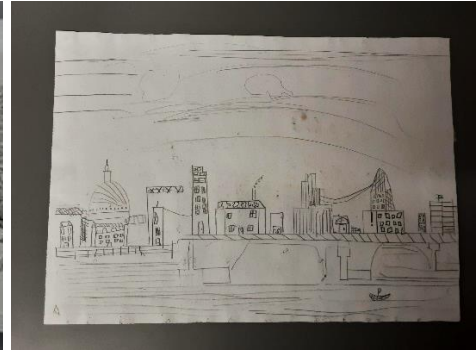
Ruby Class (R & N) explored the work of **Lubaina Himid** and found out that her paintings are about friendship and strength. They then created their own collages inspired by her work.



Sapphire (Y1 & Y2) class found out about the artist **Alma Thomas** and the way that she uses bright strong colours in her work to represent nature. They then produced their own abstract paintings in her style.



Emerald (Y3 & 4) class explored the works of **Stephen Wiltshire**, who is most famous for drawing detailed cityscapes from memory. They then used pencils to create their own Stephen Wiltshire inspired cityscapes of London.



Diamond (Y5 & Y6) class found out about the artwork of **Rachel Jones** and how she uses pastels and oil sticks to explore colours and how they are connected to our feelings. They then used pastels and different blending techniques to produce their own abstract pictures.



Maths Homework: For any parents that want some assistance with the maths homework, please pop in with your child after school on Wednesday where we will be glad to assist and explain.

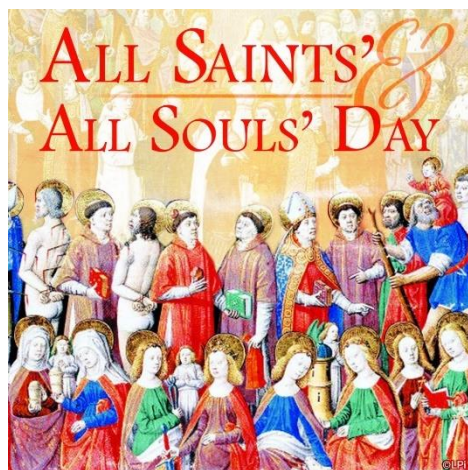
Have a super weekend,

Jeremy Fisher

MESSAGE FROM GREAT ST MARY'S CHURCH

Father Simon writes:

As we begin the second half of the term, we also begin a new Collective Worship value in school. As we head towards Christmas (yes – it won't be long now!), we're going to be focussing on 'Trust'.



And it coincides with the beginning of the Church's season of remembrance. But I'm not only thinking about the remembrance of all those killed and injured in our nation's wars and conflicts. This Sunday at 9.30am we're going to be celebrating not only the Feast of All Saints - that day when the global Church gives thanks for the lives of the thousands of men and women who, over two millennia, have lived lives of great faith, and who, in many cases, were killed because of their beliefs – but also, at 3pm, the Feast of All Souls when we'll be remembering our own departed loved ones: all those whose lives aren't necessarily recorded in the history books but whose memory we continue to cherish and whose loss we still tearfully grieve.

It's only on Saturday 11th that we'll begin our commemoration of what many think of as 'Remembrance', with a two-minute silence at 11am at the town's war memorial in the churchyard on both Armistice Day (Saturday 11th) and Remembrance Sunday (12th), followed at 3pm on Remembrance Sunday by our town's Civic Service of Remembrance.

We'll be touching on many themes and values over the next few weeks during these remembrance moments. But, at the heart of it, for Christians, is 'trust'. Trust that, whether we've died on the battlefield or whilst on the more mundane walk of life, death is not the end. That's not to say that Christians don't fear death. The process of dying brings us all a certain level of apprehension, if not very real fear - a fear which even Jesus himself experienced whilst praying in the Garden of Gethsemane before his execution.



But our trust that there's something beyond this mortal coil gives us the opportunity to be thankful. Thankful not only for the lives of those we've known but see no longer and thankful for those who've sacrificed their lives for the benefit of all those of us who come after them, but the opportunity for us all to live grateful, sacrificial lives for the benefit of all and our community.

Yours in Christ,

Fr Simon

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK AND OVER THE HALF-TERM BREAK



Sapphire
Wren

Diamond
Sienna R



STARS OF THE WEEK

Ruby

- ✚ Elle for joining in and working hard in phonics.
- ✚ Petru for listening carefully to adults.

Sapphire

- ✚ Annabelle for great improvement in her handwriting.
- ✚ Samuel for excellent work on subtraction.

Emerald

- ✚ Grace for her brilliant focus in all her learning.
- ✚ Johnny for fantastic effort and progress with reading.

Diamond

- ✚ Sienna R for an amazing end of unit piece of writing.
- ✚ Billie for super work in history.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

**Whole School
Attendance – 96.41%**

Whole School Target Set – 96%

Please contact school every day of any absence. This can be done by calling **01279 723 204**, **Option 1** and then leaving a message on the absence line.

If you are going to be late, please also advise the school office to ensure a meal is ordered in time.

MENU w/b 6th November 2023

Day	Menu
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs (Red) ❖ Bean & Vegetable Grill (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Chicken Pie (Red) ❖ Mild Vegetable Curry (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Roast Beef (Red) ❖ Potato Topped Vegetable Pie (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Quorn Hot Dog (V) (Red) ❖ Beany Pasta Bake (Ve) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Fish Fillet Fingers (Red) ❖ Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V) (Green) ❖ Jacket Potato (Yellow) ❖ Cheese Roll (Blue)

NOTICES

- ✚ **Parents Evening** is on **Tuesday 7th November** from **1.00 to 6.30 pm**. Bookings are now available in Arbor. Please click on **Guardian Consultations** and follow the prompts to select a suitable time.
- ✚ **PTA Annual General Meeting** holds in school on **Wednesday 8th November** from **7.45 pm** for an **8.00 pm** start. Parents are welcome to attend.
- ✚ **Maths Homework Parent & Child Workshop** starts on **Wednesday 8th November** from **3.20 – 4.20 pm**. Please see the flyer below for more information.
- ✚ **Reception RWI Parent Session** - Reception parents are invited to a workshop on **Thursday 9th November** at **3.15 pm** in the hall. Please return the slip sent out to confirm attendance.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event
07/11/23	Parent Consultations
09/11/23	Reception RWI Parent Session – 3.15 pm
08/11/23	PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM)
29/11/23	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
01/12/23	Occasional Day – School Closed
07/12/23	Pantomime – South Mill Arts
11/12/23 – 15/12/23	PTA Christmas Gift Shop
11/12/23	Nativity – 1 st Performance @ 2.30 pm Ruby & Sapphire
12/12/23	Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day
13/12/23	Nativity – 2 nd Performance @ 2.30 pm Ruby & Sapphire
13/12/23	Emerald Class Last Swimming Lesson
15/12/23	PTA Christmas Carols – 3.30 pm
16/12/23	Leventhorpe Tag Ruby
17/12/23	Children in Need Day
18/12/23	Christmas Service @ Great St Mary's Church – 2.15-3.00 pm
20/12/23	Last Day of Autumn Term 23
04/01/24	Inset 3
05/01/24	Inset 4
08/01/24	First Day Back
16/01/24	Young Voices @ O2 Arena (Diamond)
19/02/24 – 23/02/24	Half Term
26/02/24	First Day Back
28/03/24	Last Day of Spring Term



15/04/24	First Day Back
06/05/24	Early May Bank Holiday
27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Inset 5
23/07/24	Last Day of Summer Term

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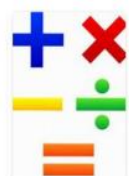
For Ages 5-11
years

Date:

Weekly starting on Friday 3rd
November 3.20 - 4.20

TO BOOK

www.carolineclarkartist.com or
Caroline Clark (Caz)
07847269734



Maths Homework Parent and Child Workshop

If you would like any support or help with understanding primary school maths and explanations as to the approaches we use to teach maths, Mrs Cook and Mr Fisher will be running an after school drop-in session every Wednesday for parents and children who would like any advice or support with maths homework.

All year groups are welcome.

Bring your homework book with you.

Starts Wednesday 8th November

3.20 - 4.20pm

every week



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- Solar calculators

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