



St Bernadette Catholic Primary School Monday 19 September 2016 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the new academic year!

The social and spiritual importance of the environment is held in common by all Indigenous people and is beautifully expressed by Chief Seattle in 1855 to President Franklin Pierce on the occasion of the sale of native lands to the American Government: "How can one buy or sell the air, the warmth of the land? That is difficult for us to imagine. We do not own the sweet air or the sparkle on the water. How then, can you buy them from us? Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but the thread of it. Whatever we do to the Earth, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together, all things connect; whatever befalls the Earth, befalls the children of the Earth."

Native peoples had no separation of Church and State, because the earth was their Church. In a sense, they saw themselves as citizens of the Earth and the Earth was the Government. If they were to become disruptive and overthrow the Government, they would have chaos and order would be put out of balance. God's Spirit was in everything and if they were to misuse creation, it would be an insult to God. They had no superior attitude to nature and the environment, but were humble and respectful and lived in harmony with the Earth.

So, how about Christians and the spiritual dimension of our relationship with the Earth? Christians believe that the created world is God's masterpiece that He created over a period of time, stage by stage. After each stage God pondered it carefully and saw "that it was good"; it was good because it reflected His character. God then created humans and gave them the responsibility to use His masterpiece wisely, to be like Him: creative, caring and controlling how the resources are to be used to benefit all His creation.

Perhaps each of us needs to look more carefully at our habits of consumption, for care for the environment is care for ourselves. "To claim to love God, the Creator, but to abuse the world in which we live, is like claiming to be fans of Shakespeare whilst burning his plays." Author unknown.

For us to love God and to be like Him is to care for the things that He cares for. For Christians, this should be an added incentive to take responsibility for the world around us as referred to in Pope Francis prayer for the day last Friday.

God, our Father, Creator of all, let Your Spirit be felt in the beauty of nature around us. Amen.

L. Barton (Mrs)

INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS: THURSDAY 22 September 2016.

All parents/carers are invited to attend our information evening to hear at first hand from your child's class teacher about the expectations and what the year holds in store.

Reflection:

What should the role of the Bible be in a Christian's life?



Important dates for your diary...

HIGHLIGHTED TEXT denotes parents/carers welcome to attend



Week Beginning 19 September 2016

Thursday 22 Sept Mass for a blessing on the new academic year at 1.45pm

Thursday 22 September 7.00pm Information Evening for Parents

Week Beginning 26 September 2016

Monday 26 September 9.00am School Council Investiture

Monday 26 September Y5 and 6 Transition talk at 9.45-11.00am

Friday 30 September 2016 Phonics Workshop 2.00-3.00 led by Mrs Dominguez for all Nursery and Reception parents

McMillan Cake Sale led by a group of Year 5 pupils.

Week beginning 3 October 2016- BOOK WEEK – books on sale after school

Thursday 6 October at 2.30pm - an invitation to attend a new company's presentation about teaching instruments in school—known as Rock Steady. Parents welcome to attend

Friday 7th October 2016 Phonics Club at 2.00-3.00pm led by Mrs Dominguez.

Our prayer...

This is our school
Let peace and friendship live here.
Let our classes be places
Where we grow together in
Knowledge, faith and love.
Love of one another.
Love of life itself.
Love of God.
Let us remember that
As many hands build a house
So, many hearts make a school.
Amen

THANK YOU!

Sincere thanks to all those who made our Vintage Day such a wonderful and enjoyable event. There was a convivial atmosphere and it was a great way to start the academic year by bringing the whole community together. A brilliant idea! Well Well done, FABs team!



NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE LAUNCHED!



We launched our new school website last Friday afternoon. We hope you like the new look and will recognize your suggestions in the layout. We hope you will find it easier to access. We are now archiving old material. If you found it difficult to access the homework on Friday, don't worry! We were assured it was a seamless transition but that wasn't the case, is it ever!

SCHOOL COUNCIL INVESTITURE CEREMONY – MONDAY 26 September 2016 at 9.00am

We are delighted that Mr Linnane, Headteacher of Nicholas Breakspear Catholic Secondary School will present the badges to our newly elected council. Parents of all those on the School Council are more than welcome to attend.

Y5 and Y6 TRANSITION MEETING

This meeting will follow the Investiture Ceremony on Monday 26 September 2016 at 9.45am and will finish at 11.00am approximately. Please inform the office of your attendance.



Work of the week ...

This week, I would like to commend Lilly Glennon on her speech which she presented to the school advocating her reasons as to why she should be selected for the school Council.

It was an exemplary piece of persuasive writing which resulted in Lilly being voted to her chosen position.

Well done, Lilly!

SINCERE THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO MADE OUR VINTAGE DAY SUCH A WONDERFUL AND ENJOYABLE EVENT!