

Centre for Literacy in Primary Education

The Centre for Literacy in Primary Education is a charity working to improve literacy in primary schools. Their work raises the achievement of children by helping schools to teach literacy creatively and effectively, putting quality children's literature at the heart of all learning. Our staff attended training on Monday to explore ways of planning creative English lessons around texts.



Their website offers a wealth of information for teachers and parents alike, including excellent book lists, poetry and pictures, and reviews of new literature. Do take a look if you have time this weekend.

Year 4's class assembly has now moved to the earlier day of Thursday 7th February. Please change the date in your diary!

IXL Maths

Most classes use the IXL maths programme as part of homework. The school's annual subscription is due to be renewed, but teaching staff have decided to postpone the renewal while they research other possible ways of improving maths with the budget available. Other maths homework will be issued in the meantime. Thank you for your patience.

Uniform

Please do remember to clearly label your child's uniform with their name. In a busy school, children are likely to go home with someone else's uniform occasionally. If your child's clothes are clearly named, it is much easier to return items to the right owner.

Secondary School interviews

If your child is attending interviews and examinations at other schools, they must only be absent for the morning or afternoon they are required. It is not acceptable to keep your child at home to prepare for interviews or study for entrance exams. Our school will take a very serious view of any unnecessary absences for this reason. It places undue pressure on the child, and causes them to be socially and academically unsettled on their return to school. We must see appointment letters for all school interviews attended. Thank you in advance for complying with these important expectations.

Orchestra

Our orchestra has space for more members! If you play an instrument at Grade 1 or above, please join Miss Martin on Wednesday lunchtimes in the hall. Orchestra is a great way to practise your instrument and learn how to play alongside others.

It is a wonderful opportunity- don't miss out!

God's Love

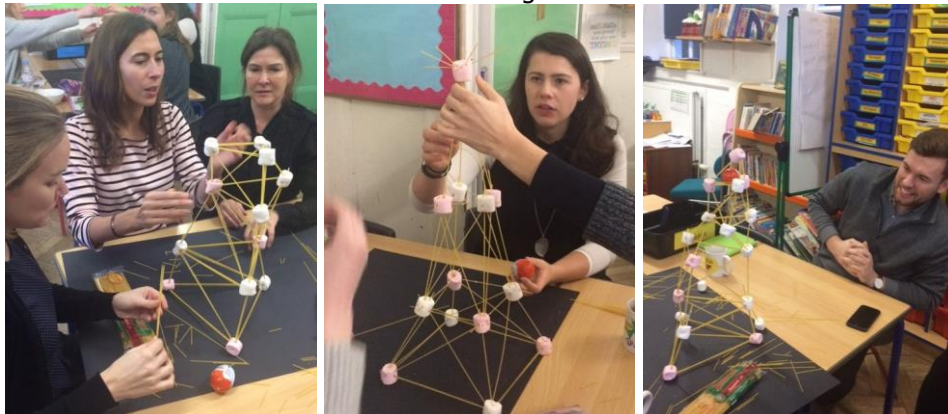
Today in Assembly, we thought about St Paul's letters. He told us how the love of God is too big to measure and too vast to describe. Something that it is comforting to remember as we make our way into this New Year:

Greater than the vast regions of space, deeper than the inky depths of the sea, higher than the tallest building, wider than the span of the earth, is the love of God.



STEM week: 21-25 January

We are having our STEM week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) very soon and we are looking forward to many hands on workshops and tasks to improve the children's skills of critical thinking and analysis in these areas. Our teachers have already started to plan ideas for their classes. You can see them here competing to make the tallest structures using spaghetti and marshmallows in our staff meeting this week.



If any parents or and carers within our school community have STEM experience we would love to hear from them. Any volunteers willing to lead hands on activities or Q&A sessions linked to their career would be most welcome.