

Loving one another. Learning for our future.

'Our school community is inspired by the parable of the Good Samaritan from the Bible (Luke 10:25-37), where we are encouraged to love one another with courage and compassion. Through friendship, kindness and thoughtfulness, we will nurture each other to learn and flourish as individuals.'

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Living our Vision

17 July 2020



Year 6 Blog



Welcome back to Year 6's blog! Keep on reading to find out what we have been doing this week...

In English, we have been writing letters to the Prime Minister. We have also been watching a video of a man fishing out facemasks from the ocean. The reason why is because people keep dropping their gloves and rubbish on the ground, so it gets picked up by the wind and transported to the ocean. As for people, they don't really care! But we wanted to find a solution to stop this. So, we wrote two drafts: an informal and a formal letter - writing about what has been happening to the creatures. Do you want to find a solution too?

In Music, we are learning about refugees. We have also listened to music that lasted for a minute; we were suggesting how we felt while we were listening to it. Some suggested relaxing while others felt uneasy. Also, we have learnt about an instrument made from a bamboo stick. It's mostly used to hypnotise snakes into coming out of their nests. The instrument is called a Pungi, but people call it a snake charmer! *Anaheed Y6*

Our Board Games: What an amazing week we've had in Year 6! We have finished making board games and ate pizza last Friday, but today I'm going to talk about the fantastic cardboard board games that we have made. Firstly, we had to plan them out on a piece of scrap paper; we had to draw a grid with a ruler and we drew six dots on the side (like a dice) and the same on the top. The idea was that we would have coordinates, and then you had to find the coordinates on the grid and there would be a question waiting for you. It could be a question about any subject or even a general knowledge question! Secondly, we got to make the board games, and we could design them any way we wanted: we could even make our own branding! We could either keep it as a black or white design or we could add colour. This was a very fun activity and we have all been excited to play them with our family members! *Dion Y6*

DT designs: Today we have been starting to make our very own face masks so we can stop using disposable masks. Did you know that 129 billion masks and gloves are being dumped every month into the environment? That's a lot of plastic! Millions of wild species are now dying and choking due to our human littering. Our Year 6 class, are trying to help by making fabric reusable face coverings. We started by choosing our fabric from a selection and used a template to trace around it, then eventually we cut out the shape we wanted. We are currently still making our masks. I hope you enjoy this blog, as it's probably the last we will make... have a wonderful day! *Ellias Y6*



SPECIAL DATES

- **Last day of school this summer term: Tuesday 21st July**
- **2nd, 3rd and 4th September 2020 Inset Day School closed to pupils**
- **Autumn term starts Monday 7th September 2020**
- **Week beginning 14th September for new Nursery and Reception children**

We have been making our own face masks to help solve the crisis in our oceans.



Year 3 Blog



In Year 3 there has been very little amount of children -max 8 min 5. We have been learning about the rainforests in Geography. Today we were drawing animals from the rainforests. Miss Martina brought in a step by step animal drawing book and after a few steps we had to guess the animal she was drawing. We drew a gorilla, chameleon, parrot and hummingbird.

In Maths, we were learning about fractions (equivalent fractions) and we made a fraction wall using colourful strips. We made $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and other fractions. We also did an activity using cut paper circles and made fractions. In English, we read an interesting article about the longest tongue in the world. Did you know? The blue whales tongue can weigh as much as an Elephant. In Music, we listened to Folk music from other countries. We used different instruments to create Folk music. In PE, we played Ship, shark, shore. Serena and Judah won the competition!

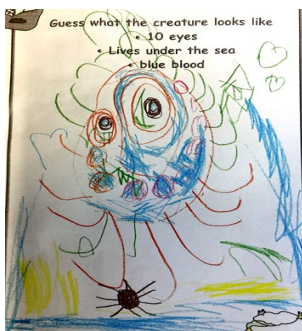
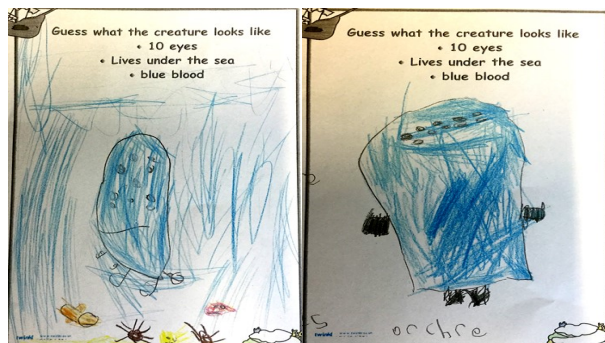
On Monday Adam came back to school. He was so happy that he did a funny dance! On Friday we are going to have our end of year class party. We are so excited about it! That is all for now from *Judah, Christelle and Isabelle from Year 3*



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"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

Henry Stanley Haskins



Reception children had a go at imagining the creature with 10 eyes and pale blue blood from last week's quiz: a Horseshoe crab!

ANSWER to Last Week's Quiz: Horseshoe crab!
For decades we've needed them, and their blood, to help us discover human medicines.

HEADTEACHER'S LETTER

Dear St Cuthbert children and parents,

Our 2019-20 academic year is drawing to a close, and with that comes the joyful thought of summer holidays, yet also the sadness of saying farewell to familiar friends, families and staff members.

Once again, it's time to bid our Y6 pupils a safe life-journey as they head out into our wider world! We commend you all on the effort, resilience, perseverance and dedication that you have given to your studies and friendships over your past years in our Primary School. Your paths ahead are filled with new challenges – some great, some small – but for each of them, you will once again need to dip into these bags of effort, resilience, perseverance and dedication in order to do your best. However, you have all had a few years of Primary School rehearsal now, so we know you will succeed!

An old Chinese proverb says, 'A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step' and so, as you step out of school for the last time on Tuesday, we hope you will also go 'armed' with courage, thoughtfulness, kindness, compassion and friendship to flourish along your exciting new journeys. And along the way, when you look over your shoulder at everything you have done, put the good times in your pocket and let the bad times make you strong. We wish you everything of the very best!

To those pupils and families returning in September, we wish you all a happy holiday and look forward to seeing you back with us, refreshed and ready for our autumn term.

With best wishes,

Miss Putterill and the St Cuthbert Teaching Team



Year 4 Blog

Maths: In maths we have been dividing by tens and hundreds for example, 375 divided by 10 is 37.5.

We also added two fractions together, for example, $\frac{4}{8} + \frac{2}{8} + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{9}{8}$. We also did subtracting fractions like $\frac{40}{8} - \frac{7}{8} = \frac{33}{8}$.

English: In English, we learnt about direct speech and indirect speech. Direct speech is when you put an inverted comma and speech marks before and after someone is speaking. Indirect speech is when someone says something, but the text doesn't show speech marks. We had to correct sentences by adding direct speech and on our work sheet, on the last question we had to write if the boy was correct or not. The boy was wrong because he put the first speech marks at the beginning when the sentence said, a knight shouted.

PE: In PE, we played Ship, shark and shore, which was a game where we had to run to three different lines and the last one to the line was eliminated or if the PE teacher said the line that you are already on, and you take both feet off the line then you are also eliminated. And we also played a game where you have to find a partner and go to a cone and the PE teacher gives you a number and when calls out your number, you run around another cone and you play a game of football and the first team to score gets a point for their team.

Worry and a wish: A few weeks before, we had to give a worry and a wish. Aby said her worry was that her family might get sick because of the COVID-19 and her wish is to go back to Madagascar. Frankie said his worry was that maybe he couldn't play football for a long time and his wish was to play football again.

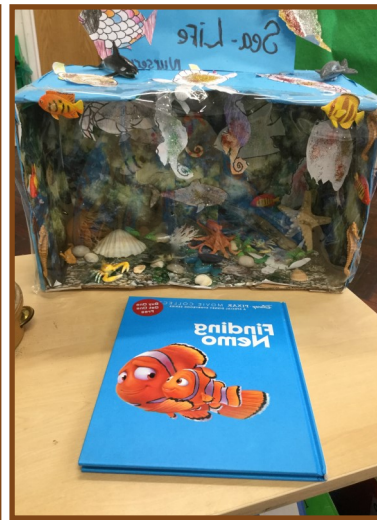
Environmental issues: There are over 169 million masks and gloves in the ocean and the plastic could end up killing turtles, whales and other fish in the sea. **YOU SHOULD START PICKING UP RUBBISH TO SAVE THE TURTLES AND OTHER SEA CREATURES.** By Aby and Frankie



Well done to Isabelle in Y3 for her Wonderful Rainforest project!

What beautiful drawings!





Nursery children had a wonderful time creating a superb aquarium! Look at all the sea creatures: 'crabs, a shark, starfish, a jelly fish and many beautiful shells!'

Y1 had fun designing their own dinosaur! Here is Youseff's design!

Year 5 Blog



Maths: In maths we have been learning about parabolic lines, it's lots of straight lines put into one simple curl or more. Parabolic lines are endless, for example a circle, or a right angle. All parabolic lines have to be equal, you have to label the numbers like a graph then you connect a line to the number like 1 and 1.

We also revised percentages and decimals.

We did a probability game about horse betting using dice. We discovered that when you roll two dice, there are 36 possible combinations. 7 is the most likely outcome as there are 6 possible combinations. Very high numbers and very low numbers (like 2) were very unlikely to come up.

English: We did a reading assessment – we had to read the whole text twice through ideally and then read the questions carefully and answer them to the best of our ability.

Thunks: This week our thunk was: is something boring because of it or because of you? In the end the class opinion was rather split, with some falling in the middle.

This also led to a discussion about stereotypes.

By Sabeer and Illya



There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle -or the mirror that reflects it.
Edith Wharton

Our Farewells...



As we head to our summer term close after a rather unusual academic year, it is with sadness that we say farewell to some members of our 40-strong team!

For those leaving, there are exciting roads ahead: Miss McDermott and Miss Murphy are heading back to their homeland in Ireland, Miss Kennedy and Mr Crowley are transferring to very different school settings. We also say farewell to Mrs Nawaz who has been at St Cuthbert's for around 18 years! A big thank you to you all and very best wishes for your exciting new paths! We look forward to seeing you all again soon when you are able to pop in to say hello! Thank you all for the energy you have given to our St Cuthbert school to enable our children to progress academically and emotionally. We particularly thank Miss Murphy and Mrs Nawaz for their support with leadership over the past two years.

We also say good bye to our 1-1 LSA, Ms Mercurio, who will be taking on Early Years studies and to Jo our gardener, who will be taking on a full time teaching role in a secondary school - very exciting news for both of you!

We say
GOOD-BYE & GOOD LUCK to our dear Y6 class on Tuesday! What an unusual year they have had as a final year in Primary School!

We have postponed our special Y6 Leavers Rose Assembly to next autumn when we will see all Y6 children again!

Some agency staff who have been with us in temporary positions this year are moving on – thank you to Miss Tayla Lammert, Mr Cecil Daniels, Ms Khalida Begum and our SENCO, Mrs Stirling. Thank you to you all for all the support for our St Cuthbert children over the past year!



But also a big ...

THANK YOU & HAPPY HOLIDAY wish!

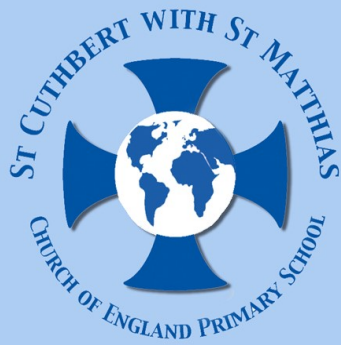
We wish our St Cuthbert pupils, families and staff team a wonderful summer holiday. Thank you to our staff team for their hard work for St Cuthbert pupils this year—we wish you all a wonderful break!



We welcome our lovely new staff members to our school in September!

Our staffing for next year!

Nursery	Miss James
Reception	Ms Moreno
Y1	Ms White
Y2	Miss Barker
Y3	Miss Rusk
Y4	Ms Szaz
Y5	Miss Andrews
Y6	Miss Putterill



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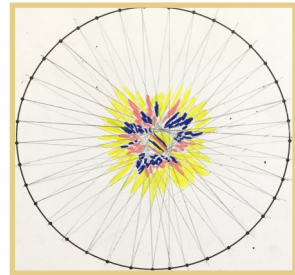
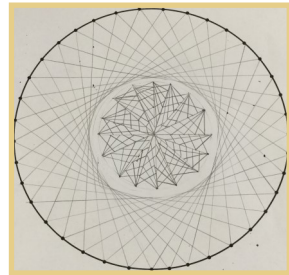
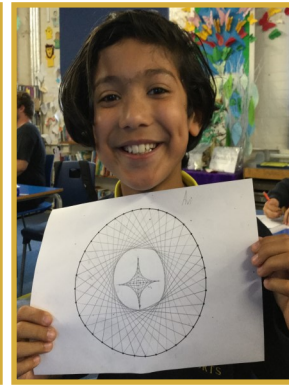
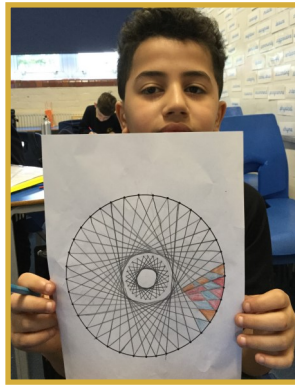
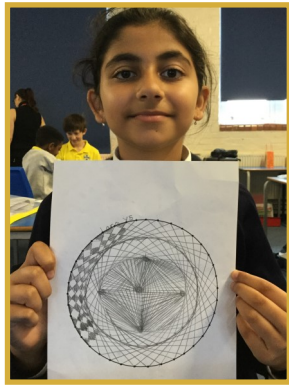
Originally founded as a choir school for St Matthias Church, our school has a rich heritage of education within the context of a Christian framework.

Our school can look back at over a century of providing an excellent education for the children of our community. We have the highest expectations of each one of our children and we work to ensure that every child leaves our school having gained all the important skills and knowledge that will help them become successful in their future life.

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**Lara, Ramy
and Avi**

(Y5)

**'We made
straight lines
into curves
and it is very
unusual—it is
an optical
illusion. The
lines inter-
sect. The
spaces on the
outside have
to be evenly
spaced. They
are called
parabolic
curves'**

LETTER FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Dear Parents,

These have been a challenging few months for us all, and certainly for our St Cuthbert's community—children, staff, parents and carers, all of whom have had to deal with both the practical difficulties of lockdown, as well as having to be separated from family and friends. Despite this, I believe we have kept our school vision in firm sight, and kept alive friendship, kindness and thoughtfulness; though we have been separated in person, we have continued to help each other to learn and flourish.

On behalf of the governing body, I first of all wanted to thank and pay tribute to Miss Putterill and all our staff, who have worked hard to ensure children at home have been supported in their learning with interesting and engaging activities. Of course, the school has continued to remain partially open, and has supported those children who had to continue attending each day. We also wanted to thank you, our families, for all your effort, and patience, in helping provide home schooling in such difficult times.

Though we have not been able to meet in person, governors have kept in regular, close contact with the school through emails, phone calls and virtual meetings. Many of the decisions taken have been in direct response to Government, Department for Education and RBKC directives, and the school has ensured that every procedure is followed correctly in order for children and staff to be kept safe and well during the school day.

As of writing, we look forward to September, when St Cuthbert's will once again be fully open to all children. In the meantime, I offer you best wishes from all of us on the Governing Body, and I hope you and your families are able to continue to stay safe and well, and have a pleasant and peaceful summer.

Hamish Adourian, on behalf of the Governing Body of St Cuthbert's

