



FCJ Primary School

Jan - March 2025

Red Nose Day



Once again, FCJ turned red in support of Comic Relief. We had an array of red accessories and noses as well as Red Nose Day activities, with so many wonderful donations too. We managed to raise £249. Thank you for all of your support!

Dignity



Dignity is treasured in the school community, nurtured in the individual and enhances the life of the school. Everyone is genuinely listened to and what they say is heard. This sense of dignity and respect provides opportunities for each person to recognise and celebrate their own self-worth. It demands, when challenging circumstances arise, that we seek dignified solutions for all concerned.

PEOPLE WHO HELP US



We have had another exciting and fun half term in pre-school! We have been learning all about 'People who help us'. Some of our wonderful families came in to join in with our learning. We also had a visit from a vet, a

nurse and we went to the fire station! We learnt why all these people with their wonderful jobs are so helpful. Some of our children have already decided that they would like to be a doctor, lifeguard or a police officer when they grow up.



CREATIVE LIFE

Reception have enjoyed being creative over the last few weeks. They have sewn a lovely bag using a metal needle and thread to create a running stitch to sew the sides together. They then added a handle in the same lovely material.



Using the 'paint' programme on the computer, Reception explored the different settings available on the programme. They used the mouse to create a Traditional Tale character of their choice. They thought carefully about the colours and the style of pen they wanted to use.



English & Easter

In English, Year 1 have been learning all about instructions. The children read different sets of instructions to complete everyday tasks and learnt about all of the key features, including: using a verb to start, numbering each one and writing the steps in chronological order. In class, they worked together to follow the recipe to make and bake biscuit dough; then each had the opportunity to decorate their own biscuit. The children then made their own Easter basket and wrote their own set of instructions to explain to someone else how to make a basket step by step. Whilst making their baskets the children also realised that you have to include adverbs such as 'neatly' and 'carefully' to make the best basket that you can.



Sensational Safari

This term, Year 2's Geography topic is 'Sensational Safari'. We have been learning about Africa. To start with, we used an atlas to explore where Africa is and learnt about its climate. We researched the Big Five and wrote a non-chronological report based on the facts we had learnt. We looked at the island of Madagascar and compared this to Jersey.



We were very lucky to have two visitors from Durrell Wildlife Trust, who taught us about all the work they do to save endangered animals. We learnt about the animals Jersey Zoo have that are from Africa. We then had a look at some artefacts, including some animal skins and bones.

Sensational Safari



Later in the term, we visited Durrell Wildlife Trust to learn about food chains. We learnt some key words and got to play a game to visualise what a food chain is, like in the wild. We then went exploring to spot animals from Africa and around the world!



In Year 3, Mandy from Child Accident Prevention came in to talk to us about how we can be safe whilst using the road. The lesson was split into four sections: helmet safety, road safety, water safety and home safety. This learning links to our right to be safe (Article 19 of the UNCRC).

We asked lots of questions and were very interested about this topic. Afterwards, we created our own posters about what we'd learnt from the session. Each child was given a comic book to take home and teach their families about how we can be safe living in Jersey.



Invasion Games



In Year 4, we have enjoyed our PE lessons, focussing on invasion games and circuits this half-term. It has been fun to develop our sportsmanship skills, working together as a team, as well as developing and improving our fitness. In our invasion games we have been thinking about how we can improve our tactics, teamwork and how we can transfer skills from one sport to another. In circuits, it has been fun to work with a partner. We have worked hard to improve each week and develop our technique, as well as our skills and endurance.

During a lovely sunny afternoon Year 5 took part in an experience activity in the playground that focused on repentance. The sun symbolised God's love shining down on us, feeling the warmth of his love on our faces. The parachute represented when we had sinned by providing a shield/wall that covered our faces from the sun. We discussed examples of sins that we had made that week and ways we can repent to God to win his love back. While we held the parachute in the air, we thought about those ways in which we can repent and then we lowered the parachute down on the ground symbolising that God's love is always there for us especially when we apologise for our wrong doings.

God's Shining Love





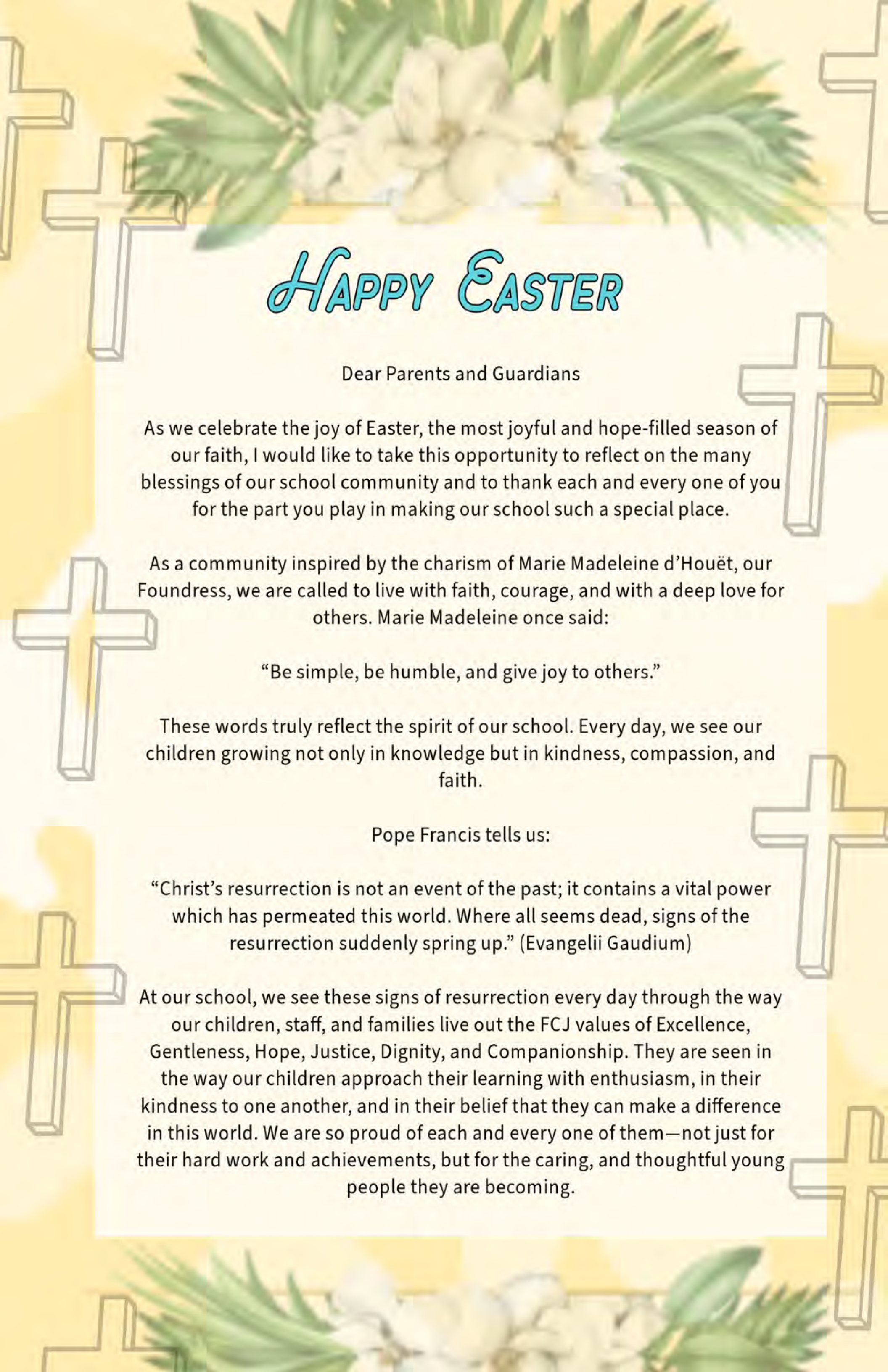
Pupil *of the* Month

JANUARY



Congratulations to all the pupils who have
received this award.

We are very proud of you all!



HAPPY EASTER

Dear Parents and Guardians

As we celebrate the joy of Easter, the most joyful and hope-filled season of our faith, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the many blessings of our school community and to thank each and every one of you for the part you play in making our school such a special place.

As a community inspired by the charism of Marie Madeleine d'Houët, our Foundress, we are called to live with faith, courage, and with a deep love for others. Marie Madeleine once said:

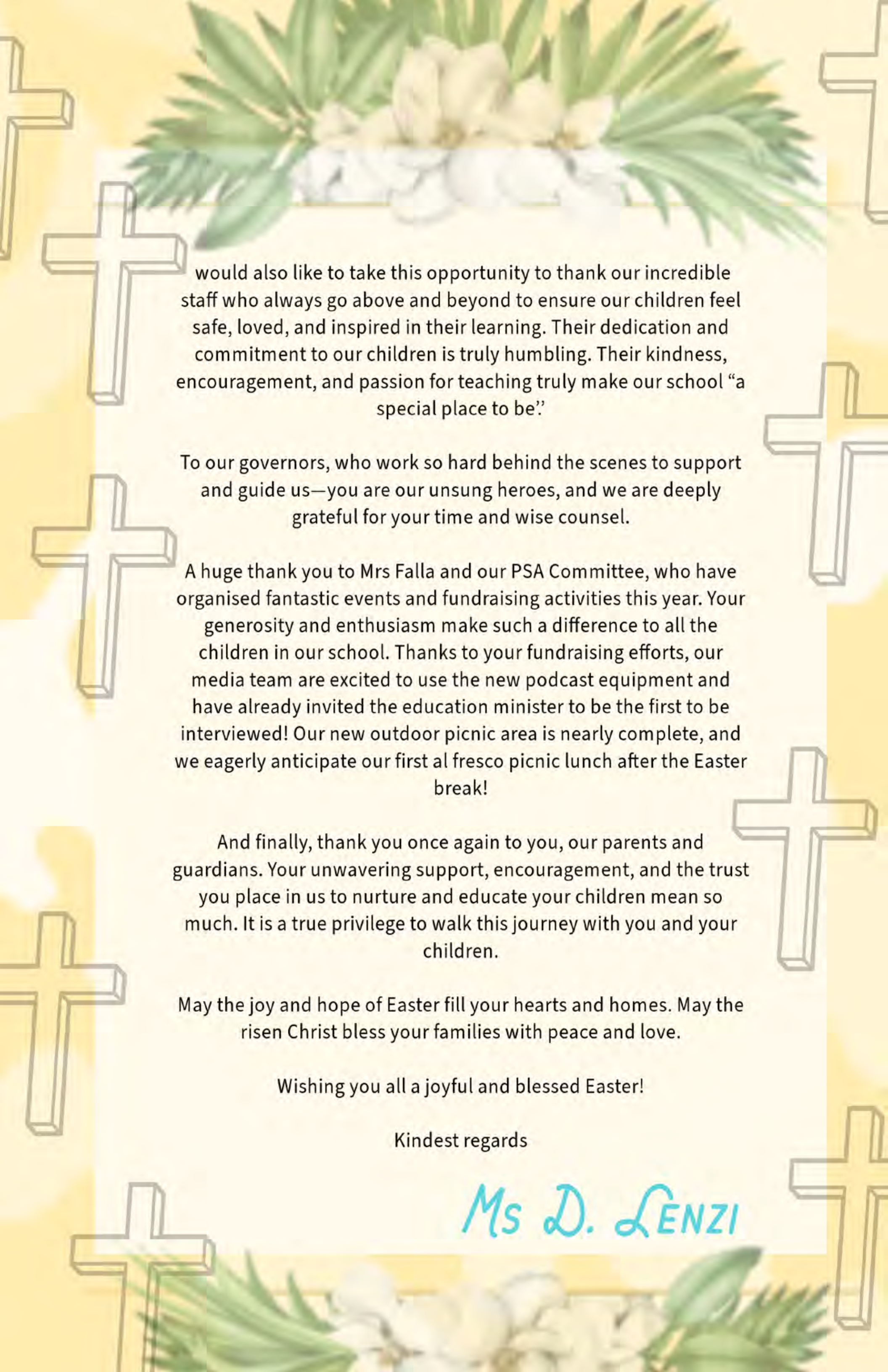
“Be simple, be humble, and give joy to others.”

These words truly reflect the spirit of our school. Every day, we see our children growing not only in knowledge but in kindness, compassion, and faith.

Pope Francis tells us:

“Christ’s resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up.” (Evangelii Gaudium)

At our school, we see these signs of resurrection every day through the way our children, staff, and families live out the FCJ values of Excellence, Gentleness, Hope, Justice, Dignity, and Companionship. They are seen in the way our children approach their learning with enthusiasm, in their kindness to one another, and in their belief that they can make a difference in this world. We are so proud of each and every one of them—not just for their hard work and achievements, but for the caring, and thoughtful young people they are becoming.



would also like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible staff who always go above and beyond to ensure our children feel safe, loved, and inspired in their learning. Their dedication and commitment to our children is truly humbling. Their kindness, encouragement, and passion for teaching truly make our school “a special place to be”

To our governors, who work so hard behind the scenes to support and guide us—you are our unsung heroes, and we are deeply grateful for your time and wise counsel.

A huge thank you to Mrs Falla and our PSA Committee, who have organised fantastic events and fundraising activities this year. Your generosity and enthusiasm make such a difference to all the children in our school. Thanks to your fundraising efforts, our media team are excited to use the new podcast equipment and have already invited the education minister to be the first to be interviewed! Our new outdoor picnic area is nearly complete, and we eagerly anticipate our first al fresco picnic lunch after the Easter break!

And finally, thank you once again to you, our parents and guardians. Your unwavering support, encouragement, and the trust you place in us to nurture and educate your children mean so much. It is a true privilege to walk this journey with you and your children.

May the joy and hope of Easter fill your hearts and homes. May the risen Christ bless your families with peace and love.

Wishing you all a joyful and blessed Easter!

Kindest regards

Ms D. LENZI

FCJ'S GOT ★TALENT

2025



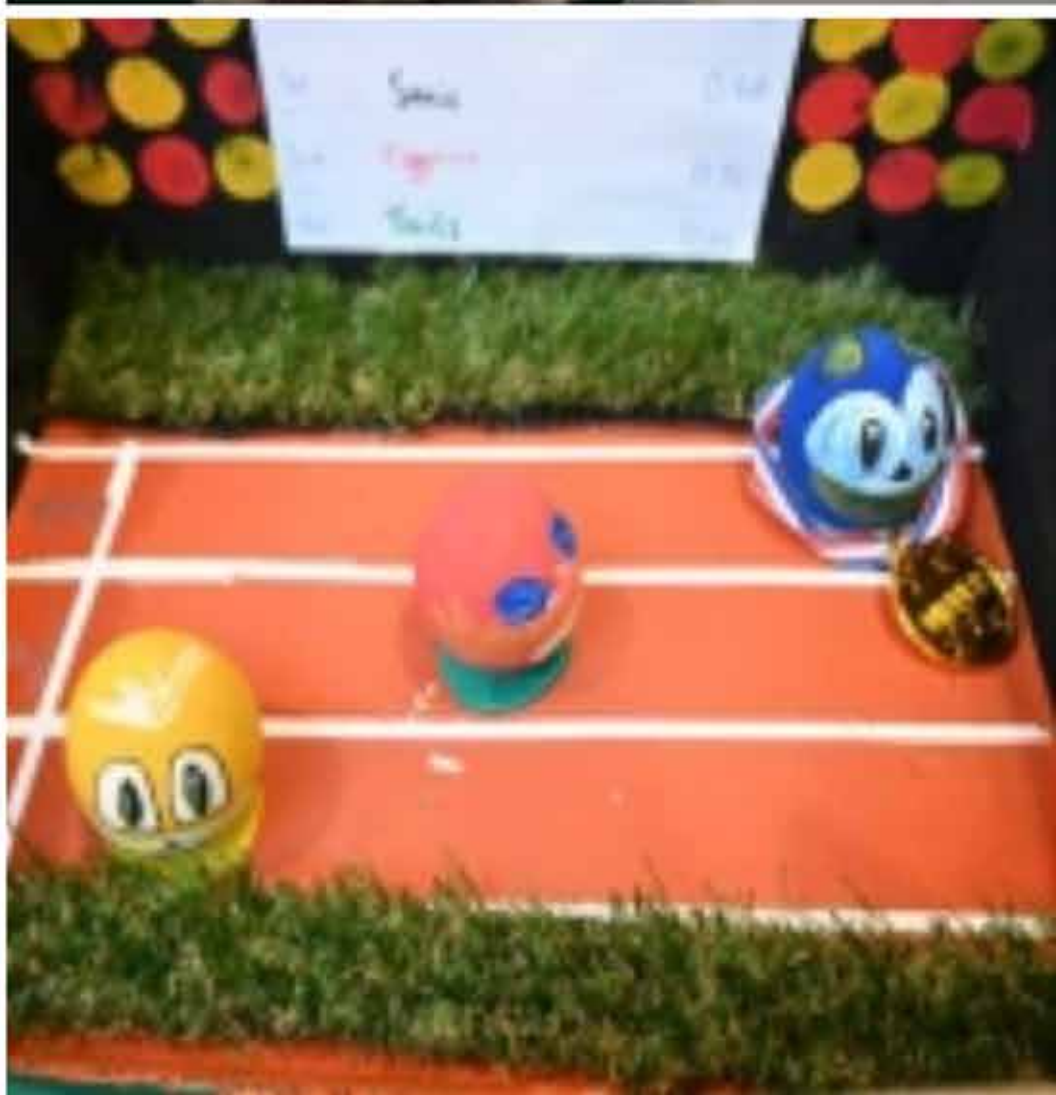
Eggshhibition















WINNERS



**Congratulations to all the pupils who won!
Enjoy them Chocolate Eggs!**





Head Teachers Award



Congratulations to all the pupils who have
received this award.

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2025 Jersey Eisteddfod

Festival of Creative Arts

As a school we entered the Jersey Eisteddfod Festival of Creative Arts. We are delighted to announce that two of our very talented students are winners and have received some prestigious awards. Scarlett in Year 6 won The Rose Curry Trophy (for critical studies using works of artists and designers) and Claribel in Year 6 won the award for the best overall individual piece of work. We are also extremely proud of all of our other students in years 2,3,4,5 and 6 who all achieved silver, gold, platinum or diamond certificates for their work.



2025 *Eisteddfod*

Festival of Creative Arts



We were delighted that so many pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 decided to enter the French Eisteddfod this year. They all learnt a poem in French from memory and recited it in the Great Hall at Highlands in front of an adjudicator and many participants from other schools. Many of the children said they were delighted to have entered and really enjoyed the experience, even if it was a bit daunting initially!

We are so proud of their achievements and FCJ did amazingly well with so many wonderful certificates. Many of our pupils featured in the Jersey Evening Post and Jonathan in Year 5 was also the runner up for the trophy!

Félicitations!

2025 *Jersey Eisteddfod*

Festival of Creative Arts



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Knights of Saint Columbanus

COMPETITION 2024 WINNERS

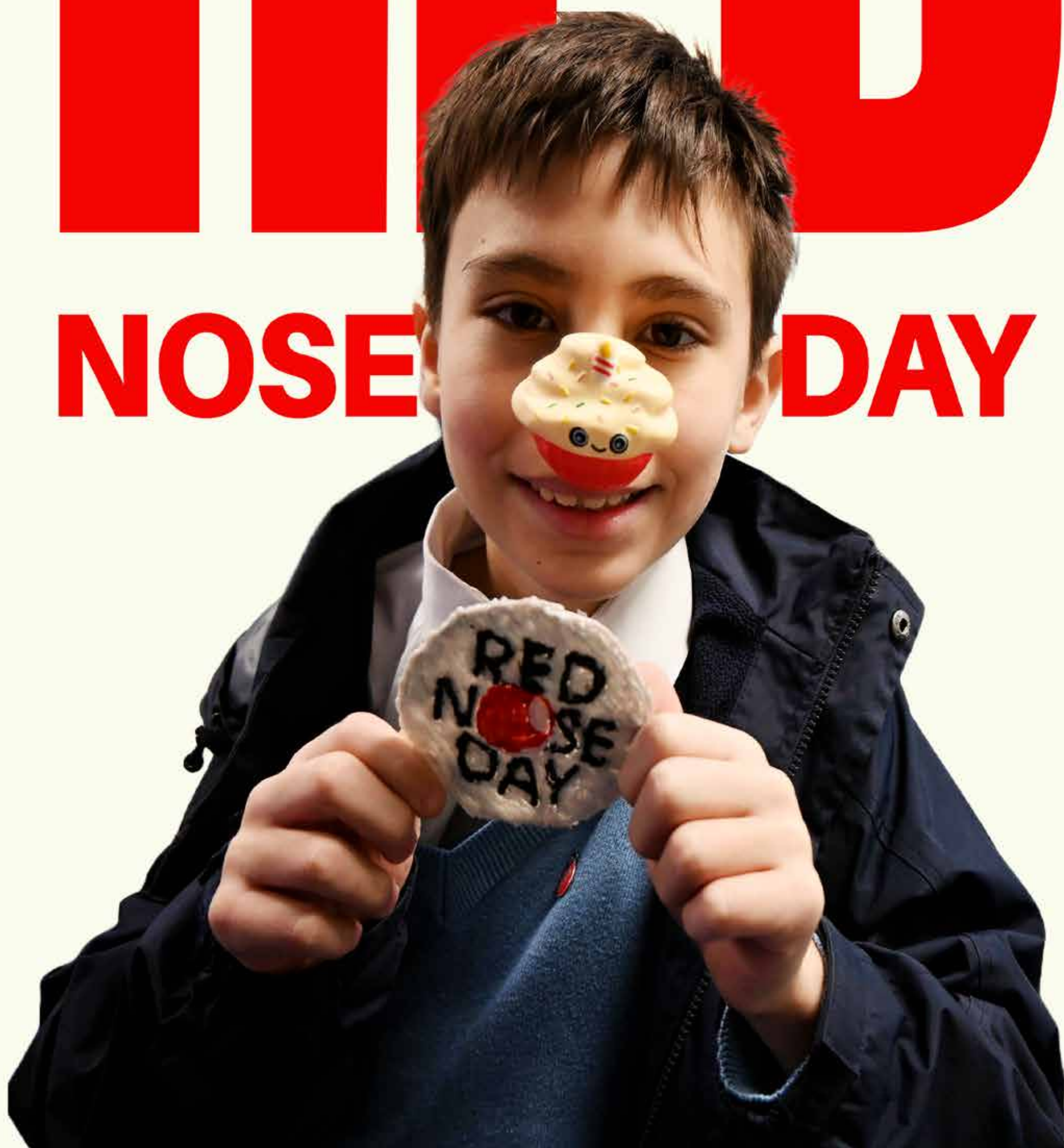
We were delighted to announce the winners of two Christmas competitions organised by the Knights of St Columba. We had three girls placing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Nativity drawing competition and two boys who came joint 1st by sending in wonderful photographs of their grandparents' cribs. Many congratulations!

We are thrilled to be entering an Easter competition too so watch this space for the results!



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Sports Pupil Of The Month

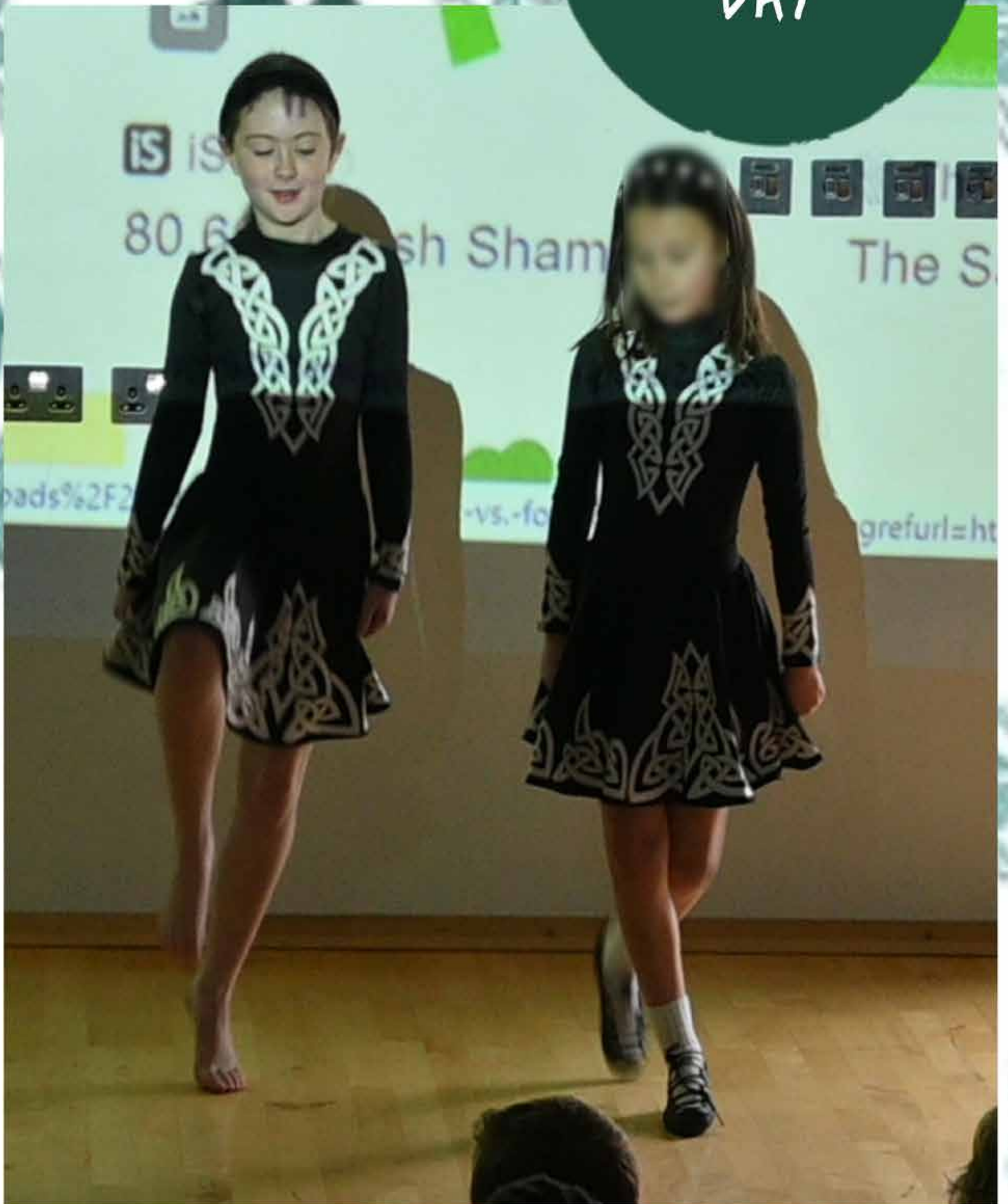
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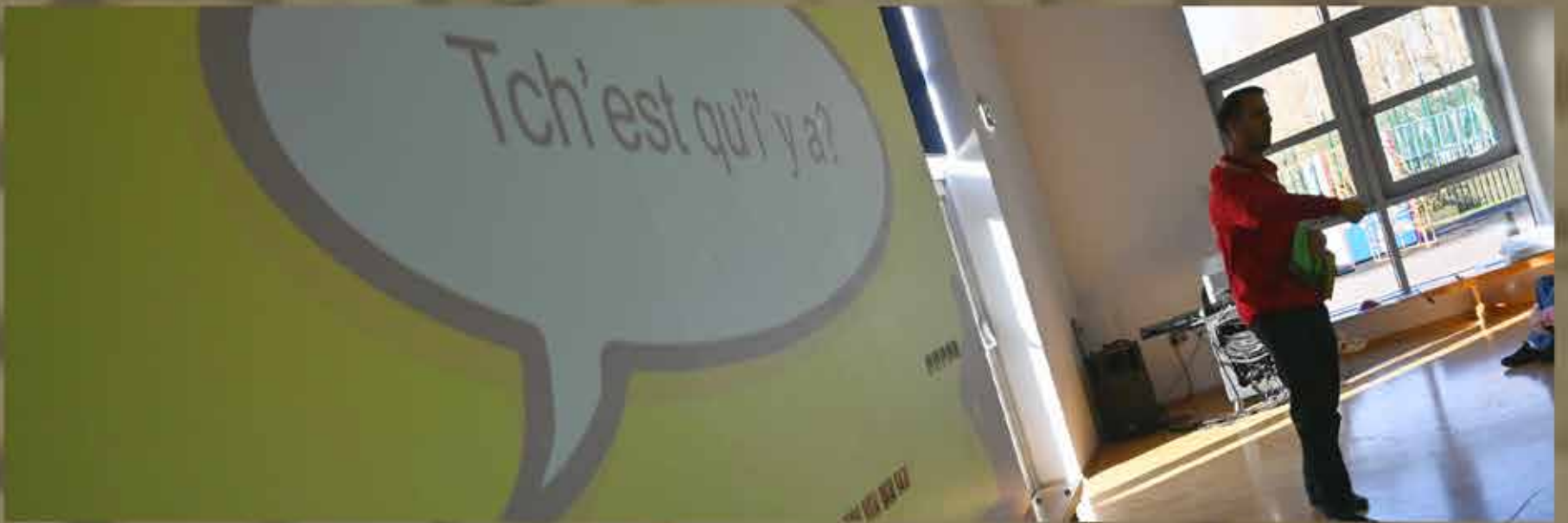


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HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY



World Book Day



World Book Day



This year we celebrated words, and the children all came to school dressed as a 'word'. It was lovely to see the children all dressed up and spending time discussing the word they had chosen to come as. Thank you to you all for your amazing effort and variety of vocabulary on display.

We were lucky enough to have numerous visitors in throughout the day: guest readers, the mobile library and Usborne books. We started celebrations off with a Jèrriais reading of Lé Giant l'mus habilyi (The Smartest Giant in Town). We also ran a sponsored read as well as 'Treasure Book Map' activities. The winners of these activities all received a book of their choice. We were delighted to receive numerous free books from Usborne Books as a result of the children's book purchases. All in all, it was a fabulous day of word exploration.



EDUCATION MINISTER VISIT



Minister Ward and Mr Posner were welcomed by representatives from all our pupil committee groups, who explained what their roles were within the school. Minister Ward and Mr Posner were presented with FCJ Bears, and Minister Ward received an invitation from our Media Team to be interviewed for the new FCJ Blog. We are all grateful to Minister Ward for his dedication to improving education on our Island. His hard work and support help make students' learning journeys brighter and more exciting. Thank you for visiting the students at FCJ Primary School and for taking the time to encourage us to dream big!



We continue on our journey in FCJ with millions of people around the world as 'Pilgrims of Hope' in this special Jubilee Year. Our CAFOD Club shared some wonderful art work they created with footprints and quotes from Pope Francis. We also shared our Prayer Boxes which you will see around our school. These are for pupils, parents, staff and the whole community to write any prayer intentions. We share these prayers with the school during assembly.



How to Read ~~Emojis~~ INTERNET SAFETY



'CONTEXT' IS EVERYTHING

Emojis have evolved beyond simple pictograms, often serving as coded language among youth.

Before reading on, 'Context' is everything here. All of the below can be used in multiple ways, and do NOT always signify harm or concern.



Reference:



(Eggplant): male genitalia.



(Peach): buttocks

(Cherries): breasts or testicles.

(Sweat Droplets): arousal



(Tongue): Suggests oral love

(Red Heart): Love or deep affection.

(Purple Heart): Signifies sexual attraction or a casual relationship.

(Yellow Heart): Indicates friendship or a platonic interest.

(Pink Heart): Represents a crush or infatuation without sexual intent.



(Orange Heart): Offers reassurance or support.

(Clown Face): Used to label someone as foolish or to indicate self-deprecation.

(Eyes): Suggests the desire to see nude images or indicates being watched.

(Skull): Can denote something dangerous or deadly.

(Ghost): May refer to someone who is elusive or has disappeared from communication.



IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS:

Context Matters: The meaning of an emoji can vary based on the conversation. It's essential to consider the surrounding text and the relationship between the individuals communicating.

Evolving Language: Emoji meanings can change over time and may differ across communities. Staying informed about current trends is vital.

Open Communication: Engage in discussions with children and teenagers about their online interactions. Creating an environment where they feel comfortable sharing can help in understanding their digital language.



MARCH



HeadTeachers Award



**Congratulations to all the pupils who have
received this award.**

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MIXEL MANIA CLUB



Year 1 and 2 children had an amazing time this last term in our Mixel Mania Club. They were so imaginative, and they worked so well as teams or independently to create many unique 'creatures.' What a wonderful team of designers.





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Jersey Bulls





THIS TERM WE WERE REALLY EXCITED TO HAVE JERSEY BULLS FOOTBALL PLAYER KURTIS GUTHRIE COME INTO SCHOOL. KURTIS SPOKE TO THE SCHOOL ABOUT HIS CAREER AND HOW HE GOT INTO FOOTBALL . KURTIS VERY KINDLY PRESENTED OUR SPORTS PUPIL OF THE MONTH AWARDS TO RHEESA AND CARA, BEFORE MEETING THE SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAMS.

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO BE WORKING WITH THE JERSEY BULLS WITH THEIR COMMUNITY INITIATIVES IN THE FUTURE

THANK YOU KURTIS AND THE BULLS!



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Sports Pupil Of The Month

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Ogier

We would like to present our brand new playing kits, kindly sponsored by Ogier and supplied by Wheways. We have a fantastic new football kit, as well as netball dresses and athletics bibs for the various cross country and athletics events we have throughout the year. We look forward to playing in them for the rest of the year and into next season.



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Netball Matches



Year 5 and 6 have had a fabulous term of netball. The children have played a range of home and away matches resulting in either a win or a draw. All children have demonstrated excellence, companionship and dignity during the matches, even when at points we were losing. The children should be proud of how their netball skills have developed during the spring term!

Netball Tournament



On Friday 14th March, some of the Year 5 and 6 Netball Club took part in a friendly tournament at Les Ormes. The children had to play 10 different matches, all against different schools. As they played each of the matches, they exhibited resilience and fantastic teamwork. Mrs Harrison and Mrs Barraclough were proud of how the children worked together throughout the tournament.

A huge well done
to Mr. Wheatley
and Mr. Cardwell
for completing
the Hospice to
Hospice Half
Marathon!
A fantastic
achievement
for a great cause.

Congratulations!



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