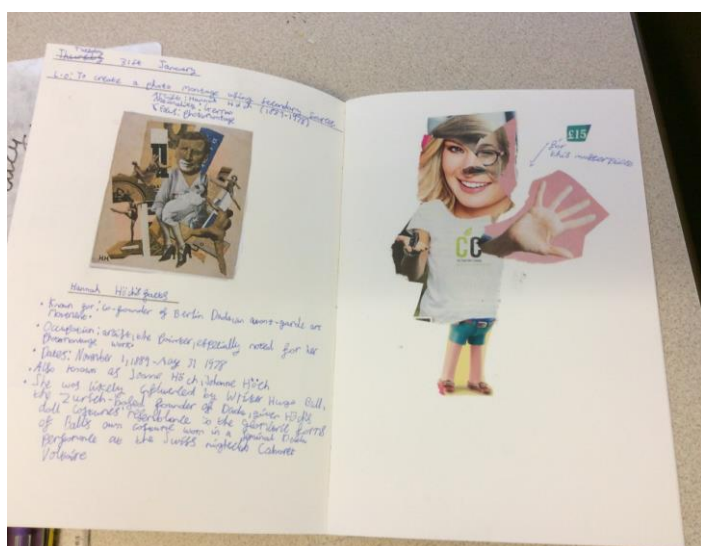


ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY NEWSLETTER – 3rd FEBRUARY 2023

SCHOOL NEWS

This week in school we have been busy developing our art and design, and design and technology skills. Here is a sample of some of our fantastic work:



EVENTS NEXT WEEK

Bacup Borough Football Club are visiting on Monday to work with some of our older children and to deliver some free football sessions in school. It will be interesting to discover who our budding football stars are!

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Y1's class assembly is on Tuesday at 9.15am in the hall followed by refreshments with the children, and Y4's class assembly is on Wednesday at 9.15am in the hall. We look forward to seeing you supporting your child's class if you would like to join us for their assembly.

ONLINE SAFETY

It has come to our attention this week that there has been an issue with inappropriate messages being sent between older children on their mobile phones using apps such as WhatsApp and Snapchat. Please ensure that you are aware of your child's online activity. Snapchat is for children aged 13+ and WhatsApp's recommended age is 16+.

Next Tuesday is the national 'Safer Internet Day' with the theme this year being about issues that matter to children entitled '**Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online**'. We will be exploring some of the issues raised on Tuesday in our own online safety lessons throughout school.

The **UK Safer Internet Centre** has some useful advice for parents if you click on the following link: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

HEADLICE

We have had quite a few incidents of headlice being seen in children's hair this week and we would request that you please check your own child's head for eggs or headlice and treat appropriately. If ALL parents check hair and treat quickly, further spread will be prevented. It is increasingly annoying for parents who have treated their own child's hair to have to keep on doing this when other children have not been checked properly at home, or treated. Thank you for your support.

The NHS link gives some useful advice on treatment: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery – Princess Ritchie
Reception – Lily Biernat
Year 1 – Ava Dempsey
Year 2 – Reece Nuttall
Year 3 – Shayla Burke
Year 4 – Natalia Poynton
Year 5 – Dominic Johnson
Year 6 – Jay Drinnan



GROWTH MINDSET

Well done to our winners this week who have won certificates for an '**I CAN DO IT**' attitude.

Nursery – Ava Murphy
Reception – Baariz Khan
Year 1 – Koby Goodill
Year 2 – Becky Alves-Okafor
Year 3 – Lily Dwyer
Year 4 – Ellie-May Gregory
Year 5 – Maizy Dearden
Year 6 – Alan Lasek

For next week's theme we will be '**LEARNING FROM OUR MISTAKES**'.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Here are our attendance figures for this week. The winning class will receive £10 for class treats. Well done to the Johnson family who were the lucky winners of the Attendance Hamper (again!)

Reception – 95.3%

Year 1 – 91.3%

Year 2 – 95.8% (Winner)

Year 3 – 95.8%

Year 4 – 88.8%

Year 5 – 95.5%

Year 6 – 91.0%

Weekly Overall School Attendance is 93.2%



BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK –

This week we have been learning about the Beatitudes, and also celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, honouring the time when Jesus was presented in the temple as a young baby. This feast day is also known as Candlemas.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, they will be called children of God.”

