



*"With Christ as our guide we let our light shine."*

### *A Message from Mrs. Blincow...*

Dear Parent/Carers,

With the arrival of March, we began to explore our new Virtue, 'Love and Charity'. Listening to the word of Matthew 22:37-39, we heard that the greatest commandment of all is to, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' And that the second was to, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Going forth, the children were asked to think about what little acts of kindness and love they could show to those around them, thus living out the Virtue.

On Thursday we had lots of fun, delving into the world of books, as we celebrated World Book Day. Please do check out the school website where we will post more photos of the fun packed day.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Turkey / Syria Earthquake Appeal. Your generosity has raised £319 thus far. If you would still like to make a donation, please log in to Parent Pay, where you will find the link.

We look forward to seeing you all at Patent Consultations on Wednesday and Thursday. Please check your child's bag for confirmation of your appointment time.

Link to Lenten Walk - <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/st-mary-s-catholic-primary-sch-northampton-d9ca3>

*Have a wonderful week*

*Mrs Blincow*

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## Term Dates

### Lent Term

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Year 4 St. David's Day Assembly

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Year 3 St. Patrick's Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Lenten Walk

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Term Ends

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 3.15PM

## World Book Day



Thursday saw the school awash with brightly coloured costumes, as we all celebrated World Book Day together.

First held in the UK in 1998, the aim of the day is to nurture a love of books in children. Each year, school children all over the UK are given a £1 Book Token, which they can use against the cost of a book or, to buy one of the specially published £1 books.

## World Book Day



In school, we celebrated with a special World Book Day Assembly, with two of our School Librarians describing their favourite books and explaining why they loved reading so much. Back in class, the children 'lost themselves' in books as diverse as *Elmer* and *The Rainbow Fish* to *The Boy at the Back of the Class* and *Oliver Twist*. With a variety of writing, drama and art activities to accompany the books, everyone had a fantastic day.

## St. David's Day Assembly



Year 4 held a special Assembly this week, eloquently telling the story of their class saint, St. David, a monk who spread the message of Christianity, and encouraged his followers to care for the natural world. The children then re-enacted a famous battle, where the Welsh used 'leeks' to distinguish them from the enemy, hence the veg. becoming a national symbol of Wales. They finished by reciting some poetry, including *Daffodils*, by William Wordsworth, rounding off a wonderful celebration of Wales' Patron Saint.



More photos are available on the school website.

## Lenten Promises

We continued on our Lenten journey this week, with the children each writing a Lenten promise, which we then hung from our ornate tree. During our Collective Worship, we will refer to these promises to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the events of Holy Week and the sacrifice Jesus made to save us.



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