



Friday 21st June, 2024

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

It is lovely to have some sunshine on this Summer Solstice! Pupils have been enjoying the fresh air and fairer weather this week, which is great to see. Thank you for making sure pupils are prepared for the warmer weather with a large refillable water bottle that they can refill before school and at lunchtime if required. I would like to thank parents and carers of Year 10 for supporting their child in securing their work experience placement taking place Monday-Thursday of the last week of term. The vast majority have uploaded their information onto Unifrog which enables all of the safety checks to be completed. If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact our careers coordinator via the house emails below.

Prayer Theme

“This is what the Kingdom of Heaven is like; It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the Earth”

Mk 4:26-34.

- We have prayed together as a community:

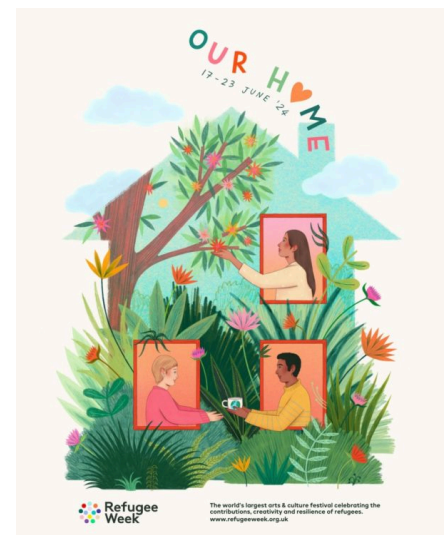
Dear God,

We thank you for the help and support you give us in life. We ask you to continue to nurture us so we can build your kingdom on Earth into mustard trees.

Amen

Refugee Week

- As a Catholic School we are committed to ensuring all members of our community feel welcomed and valued.
- Our school is a home to our pupils, families and staff alike and we would welcome any visitors or newcomers seeking refuge with the love of God in our heart.
- The Golden Rule to ‘love our neighbour’ extends beyond our school.
- Our Personal Development Pop Up has focused on Refugee Week this week and pupils have embraced learning about the challenges refugees face.
- We have held a ‘Refutea’ fundraising coffee and cakes morning in school today too.



Year 6 Transition

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- It was great to welcome some of our incoming Year 7 pupils to school this week as part of their transition from primary to secondary school.
- Our LS department was thrilled to meet them and are looking forward to working closely with pupils in September.
- Pupils had a tour of the school, took part in some team building activities and enjoyed the juice and biscuits!

Year 12 End of Year Assessments

- Our Year 12 pupils begin their end of year examinations this Monday 24th June.
- This is an excellent opportunity for pupils to demonstrate their progress over the first year of their Key Stage 5 studies.
- Pupils have been studying hard and using revision materials and time well. Study leave during the examination period will enable them to continue this.
- Good luck to everyone!

RSE Consultation to parents/carers

- Please find below our annual RSE consultation letter.
- If you have any queries please respond via info@stthomasmore.org.uk by Friday 5th July



[RSE Parental Consultation June 24](#)

INSET Date final reminder

- Our next INSET day is Friday 28th June 2024.
- School is closed to all pupils on that day thank you.

Please follow us on social media (**Facebook and Twitter STM_CS_Blaydon**) where we share regular updates from our school community. As always if you have any queries please do not hesitate to get in touch using the pastoral email addresses below:

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Yours sincerely,
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