

St Alban and St Stephen Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 6th November 2020

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On Tuesday 3rd November , Fr Michael joined us in school to bless our brand new Chaplaincy Team as they begin their mission this year in our school. He prayed that they may lead the school well through prayer, good example, charitable works and by generally showing a love for their neighbour as Jesus asked us to do. It was a very moving ceremony and the children are all very excited about the year ahead. Many congratulations to them all!



Our New School Prayer—Composed by the Chaplaincy Team

Dear God,

Bless all the children and staff in our school.

May we all work together to learn valuable lessons.

Bless all our loving parents, our school community and parishioners.

We thank you for all our kind friends and hardworking teachers.

Let us follow the shining examples of St Alban and St Stephen.

Help us to be the best that we can be and guide us as we stay connected to you and Jesus in all that we do.

As a school, we live, love and learn with God in our hearts.

Amen.

Congratulations Joel

In St Alban and St Stephen School, we are very proud to grow and develop the young minds of the future. We are absolutely delighted to tell you about an amazing achievement of one of our pupils, Joel Arun.

Joel Arun was awarded 1st place by NASA's Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate for his submission to NASA's Lunar Loo Junior challenge, hosted by HeroX.



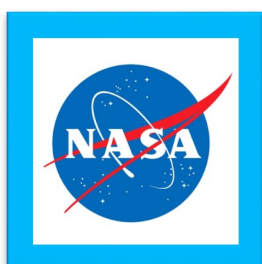
With the Artemis program, NASA will land the First woman and the next man on the Moon in 2024 - The Lunar Loo challenge was to design a compact, easy to use toilet, integrated into Lunar Landers, and operating in both microgravity and lunar gravity.

Joel's entry, the Artemis Easy Loo (AEL), used a seat shaped like a horse's saddle, with an adjustable guard, suction, one-way flaps, smart sensors, disinfectant and anti-stick spray, and stacked bags that are vacuum-sealed for storage. The innovative design focused on making the toilet very easy for astronauts to use, unlike the current space toilets.

The challenge was widely participated in, with nearly 900 creative submissions from individuals and teams around the world.

What a fantastic achievement Joel! He wishes to be an inventor when he grows up and we have every faith that this dream will come true! Well done Joel!

Below are some screen shots from his live presentation.





Super Talents!

Well done to Annie who managed to receive the highly coveted Blue Peter badge for her beautiful singing. What a fantastic achievement. You should be so proud of yourself!

Certificate of Catholic Practice

Unfortunately, recent Government restrictions mean that Fr Michael will be unable to sign Certificates of Catholic Practice on 11th November as planned. Instead, Fr Michael will be available at the Presbytery on Wednesday 9th December from 4-6pm. No appointment is required and forms will be provided by Fr Michael. It is not necessary for children to be present.

A message from Mrs Flatt to the PTA

Dear PTA,

I would just like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for your generous donation that allowed us to buy some new instruments for the children in both KS1 and KS2. Not only were we able to top up the quality of percussion instruments on the music trolley, but we were also able to purchase a Samba drum kit comprising of 3 big Samba drums, agogo bells, smaller drums and claves as well as a class set of boomwhackers. Some of the children have had a chance to play some of the new instruments already and I hope that the rest will do later this term. The children have been very excited to use them and it makes such a difference to their enjoyment and success in music to have good quality classroom instruments.

We have also been able to purchase enough Ukuleles for a whole class and Year 3 are currently learning to play them in addition to their weekly music lessons. They are loving it and making really good progress.

So thank you once again. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by myself and the children.

Congratulations to Miss Knight!

We are delighted to let you know that Miss Knight got married during the October half term break. Miss Knight is now officially Mrs Last and the class will be known as 1L from next week.

On behalf of all the staff and governors at St. Alban and St. Stephen Catholic Primary School and Nursery we wish Mrs Last every possible happiness in this new chapter of her life.

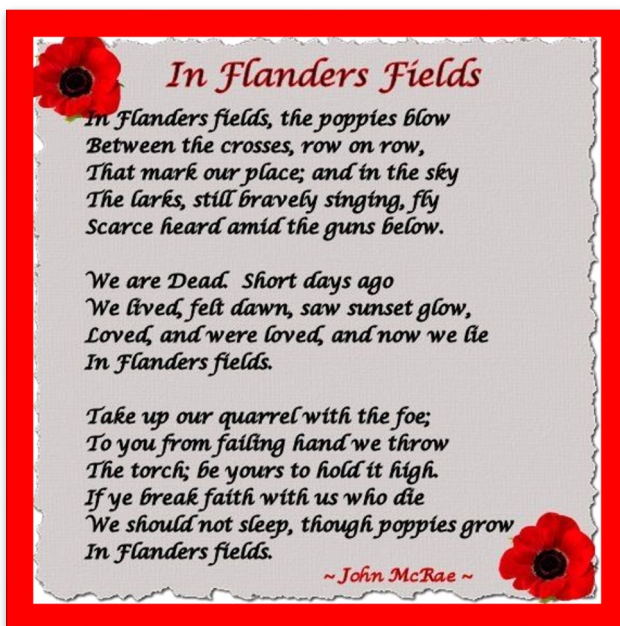


November—The Month of Remembrance

We began the month with the Feast of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls. November is the month in which we think of those who have departed us. We also take the time to pray for all those soldiers who died and served in both World Wars and also conflicts in more recent times.

This Sunday would have marked Remembrance Sunday. It will be a very different affair this year, however the message will still remain. The children will do some work next week and will reflect on those who gave up their lives to serve their country. On Wednesday, we will hold a 2 minute silence at 11.00am in our classrooms. We will pray for peace in our world and that we may move further away from conflicts and learn to live as one global community.

“At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.”



Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

God bless.

Mrs Moore, Mrs Porter, and all the staff of SSAS.