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Welcome back. I trust you all had an enjoyable half-term break with your children. Monday's assembly was led by three of our Year 5 girls: Sofia DiFede, Maryse Fisher and Summer Peddle. Sofia had prepared a presentation about World Thinking Day (held yesterday). They put a huge amount of effort into preparing for the assembly. They borrowed a special Brownie blanket from their Brown Owl as well as historic uniforms. The girls certainly ensured that we all had a very interesting assembly on our first day back at school.



World Association
of Girl Guides
and Girl Scouts



Thank you to all the children who opted to wear their organisation uniforms to school yesterday to mark World Thinking Day.

During Monday's assembly, Mrs Monksfield and Mr Watson were on hand to present prizes to the winners of the Spirit of Danbury and the Tidy Room Awards. This was the first chance we had to congratulate the winners in a whole school assembly.



We were also treated to a wonderful assembly this morning by Year 6 during which they shared their personal accounts of their favourite parts of the Danbury experience.

As part of Monday's assembly, I told the children that Holy Family's former headteacher, Sr Mary Barry passed away on Friday 16th February. We all prayed for her. Her funeral will be held in Derby on Thursday 8th March at 11.00am. Her remains will be received into St Mary's Church, Bridge Gate, Derby at 5.00pm on Wednesday 7th March. May she rest in peace.

E.R.I.C Enjoyable (Everyone) Reading In Class The teachers have been promoting reading and the love of books throughout the school. Every class is setting aside time for E.R.I.C and the response from the children has been extremely positive. This morning, two of our governors, Mrs Hill and Mrs O'Shaughnessy, dropped in on some classes to ask the children about E.R.I.C. The children they spoke to were enthusiastic about E.R.I.C and clearly appreciate the time for silent reading. In Year 2, the children have special buddies who enjoy reading too!



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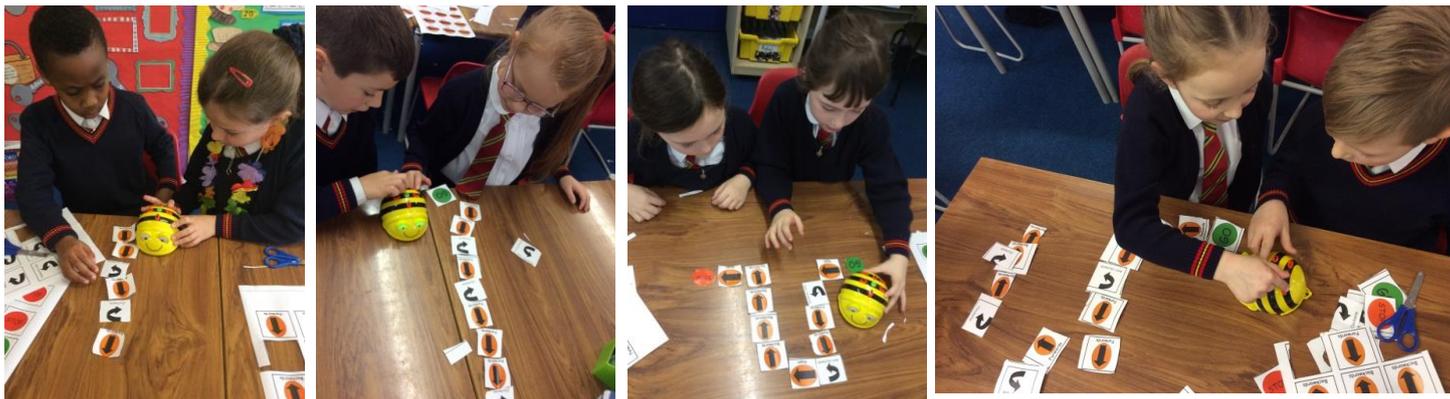


E.R.I.C. Y1

As well as joining in with E.R.I.C. our Year 1 pupils have been busy in other ways. This week they have been learning about the weather and had a go at being weather presenters.



Year 2 have also gone off in different directions...quite literally! The children have been combining maths and computer programming to programme Bee Bots to follow paths, tracks and directions.



PGSA Thank you to everyone that attended the PGSA meeting in the school hall on Monday evening. Those present were keen to organise more events for the school community. Unfortunately, due to a lack of adequate support, the KS2 Disco that should take place later today has been cancelled. Sadly, the **Strictly Evening** scheduled for tomorrow night has also had to be cancelled due to a lack of interest. The PGSA is open to all parents and carers. It is hoped that future meetings may take place in venues other than the school—perhaps a meeting at the **Bread & Cheese** would be better attended?

Thought for the Week “We all suffer for each other, and gain by each other’s suffering; for man never stands alone here, though he will stand alone hereafter; but here is he as a social being, and goes forward to his long home as one of a large company.” Cardinal Newman.



The Holy Family

Prayer to the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendour of true love; to you we turn with trust. Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches. Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division; may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing. Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family and its beauty in God’s plan. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer. Amen

Saint of the Week Next Tuesday is the anniversary of the martyrdom of one of our most local, but perhaps least known saints: St Anne Line. She was an English martyr from Dunmow, Essex who was disowned by her father when she married a Catholic, Roger Line. Roger was imprisoned for his faith and was exiled and died in 1594 in Belgium. Anne stayed in England where she hid Catholic priests in a London safe house. In this endeavour she aided Jesuit Father John Gerard until her arrest. Anne was hanged in Tyburn on February 27, 1601. Pope

Paul VI canonized Anne Line in 1970 as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales. There is a Catholic school in Basildon dedicated to her memory.



Statue of St Anne Line, St Anne Line School, Basildon

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RF 98.3% 1F 96.5% 2T 97.6% 3W 89% 4HW 93.3% 5LB 98.7% 6F 88.6%. Well done to Year 5 for best attendance in the week before half term.

Mr P. O'Kane

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Thursday 1st March

Friday 2nd March

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Thursday 8th March

Tuesday 13th March

Thursday 15th March

Friday 23rd March

Sunday 25th March

Thursday 29th March

Thursday 29th March

Friday 30th March

Sunday 1st April

Monday 2nd April

Tuesday 3rd April—Friday 13th April

Monday 16th April

Monday 7th May

Monday 14th May 2018

Monday 28th May—Friday 1st June 2018

World Book Day

Year 5 Appleton Day

Year 1 Class Assembly, 10.15am

Year 3 Class Assembly, 10.15am

Parental Contact Evening, 3.30—6.00pm

Parental Contact Evening, 5.00—7.30pm

Year 2 Class Assembly, 10.15am

Palm (Passion) Sunday

Year 4 Solemn Easter Presentation, 2.15pm

Holy Thursday

Good Friday (School Closed)

Easter Sunday

Public Holiday (School Closed)

Easter Holidays

First Day of Summer Term

Public Holiday (School Closed)

Beginning of SATs Week

Half-term Holiday