



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Children have been very busy enjoying lots of different activities over the last fortnight. Please see the Class Pages on the school website to find out more about your child/ren's learning and see some photographs of them in action. <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/class-pages-2/>

Lenten Reflections

Children in Years 1-4 have visited Church over the last fortnight to share a Lenten reflection with Fr John and Linda. Lent is a time where we strive to become closer to God through our prayers, actions and almsgiving. In this Jubilee Year we are trying to be Pilgrims of Hope and these reflections are helping us on our Lenten journey. Thank you to Fr John and Linda for giving their time so generously to make these reflections possible. Children in Reception will be visiting Church on Tuesday afternoon next week.

If you would like to attend Mass during this Lenten season, please see below for the current Mass times:

St Marie's: 12 noon Tuesday to Saturday, 8.30am and 10am on Sunday

St Patrick's: 10am Thursday, 6pm Saturday, 11.30am Sunday

Mufti Day – Macmillan

Children thoroughly enjoyed coming to school in their own clothes today to support Neil Hulme in his bid to raise money for Macmillan. Macmillan Cancer Support is one of the largest British charities and provides specialist health care, information and financial support to people affected by cancer. It also looks at the social, emotional and practical impact cancer can have and campaigns for better cancer care. Neil is running the London Marathon to raise money for Macmillan and we wish him the very best of luck. We were delighted to raise £362.63 today to support his fundraising efforts.

World Maths Day

Congratulations to the winners of the World Maths Day T-shirt competition. It was so difficult for Mrs Taylor to select a winning design from each year group due to the quality of entries. Well done children!

Year 1 - Millie M 1S

Year 2 - Freddie F 2S

Year 3 - Winniemae C-K 3P

Year 4 - Benjamin A 4S

Year 5 - Tony D 5S

Year 6 - Mason S 6P

Each class has done a fantastic job collecting loose change in their Hungry Jar throughout Lent. To date, we have raised £262.46 which will be used to support people overseas through purchasing World Gifts from CAFOD. (<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/all>) A special thank you to 1P who raised the most money as a class, a tremendous £67.38. Super job 1P!

Headteacher Award – A Positive Attitude

There is lots of research about the power of a positive mindset and we encourage children to have a positive attitude towards all aspects of school life. This is not always easy but really does make a difference. Last week, class teachers chose children who demonstrate positivity in a range of ways to receive the Headteacher Award. Well done children!

Charlie B – Rec S

Bethany B – 1S

Evelyn U – 2S

Sam K - Rec P

Isabelle A – 1P

Reggie H – 2P

Emil P – 3S

Margot W – 4S

Arthur B – 5S

Joseph T – 6S

Beth G – 3P

Archie H – 4P

Max R – 5P

Emily S – 6P

Positive Communication

It can be challenging to stay positive when we have concerns or queries about things that impact our children. However, a little reminder that we expect all adults within the school community to communicate respectfully at all times. As outlined within school policies, in the event that communication from parents (via email, telephone or in person) is not respectful, staff will not respond to questions or concerns raised. If a parent's communication is persistently disrespectful or a singular communication is deemed unacceptable, these may be directed to the Governing Body.

Progress

As we approach the end of the spring term, it is wonderful to see how much progress children have made since September. Children work so hard each day and achieve so much. Class teachers chose children who have made excellent progress to receive the Headteacher Award this week.

Congratulations children!

Alicia K – Rec S	Rory J – 1S	Olivers U – 2S	
Rory S - Rec P	Callum R – 1P	Ophelia L-J-C – 2P	
Flynn B – 3S	Lucas T – 4S	Connor W – 5S	Thea P – 6S
Ewa G – 3P	Lukas S – 4P	Amelia H – 5P	Antoni K – 6P

Sporting Achievements: Football & Swimming

The boys' football teams were victorious this week, winning their semi final match against Farnborough Road Juniors. We are excited about the cup final which will take place after the Easter holidays. Well done to all the boys and staff involved. The team have faced some tough competition and we are very proud of them.

A huge thank you and well done to the children from Years 5&6 who represented our school at the Swimming Gala last week. All our swimmers did a brilliant job, including Lucy L (5P) who won the girls' backstroke race and Joshua P (6P) who came second in the boys' backstroke race. St Patrick's finished in 3rd place overall and children came back to school with bronze medals. What a tremendous achievement!

Year 4 Design & Technology (D&T)

Year 4 had an exciting visit from Jo Hodge last week as part of their D&T lessons. Jo came in to lead a workshop to link Computing and D&T by using Computer Aided Design (CAD) to design and make a zip pull. The children designed their product on Tinkercad, which was then constructed using a 3D printer. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and are very proud of their individual designs. Thank you to Jo for sharing her time and expertise. See <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/artdt/> and <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/artdt-1/>

Year 2 Book Club

Our Year 2 Book Club has been looking at the story Cereal Superfan by Julia Donaldson. They have had some great sessions discussing the text and all enjoyed their favourite cereals during a special celebration last Thursday when they finished the book. Last Friday, two children (accompanied by Mrs Shirley) attended an event at Churchtown Primary School. This was a great morning when children met with peers from other schools and explored the book in further detail and took part in some fun activities.

Attendance

Many thanks for your support with children's attendance. It is so important that children are in school each day so that they can embrace all the academic and social opportunities the school day holds. Congratulations to 6S and 6P who had the highest attendance last week and to 4P & 6S who have had 100% attendance this week. Well done children!

A little reminder that if your child is absent for more than one day, parents need to contact the school office each day to update us on their progress. Staff are able to administer medicine in school, as needed. In the event your child is well enough to attend school but requires medicine within the school day, please complete a form at the school office. Waiting for an appointment with a doctor can be a lengthy process and a number of pharmacies (including Boots in Churchtown) are part of the NHS Pharmacy First Service, offering people the opportunity to seek advice and potential treatment from a pharmacist, negating the need to wait for a doctor's appointment.

If you feel that you would benefit from some help with your child's attendance, please contact school so that we can work together to support you.

