



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/>

St Patrick's Day

Children enjoyed some St Patrick's Day festivities at the beginning of the week. Children from Years 2-6 attended Mass with Fr John and everyone reflected on the work of St Patrick in their Celebration of the Word sessions. Miss Katherine taught some Irish dancing and lots of children played Irish bingo in addition to learning about different Irish traditions. Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/st-patricks-day/>.

Our School Masses are very special and we are always delighted when parents are able to join us in Church. Thank you to those who came to Mass this week and thank you to Fr John for giving us this opportunity.

If you would like to attend Mass, 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

Lenten Reflections

Children in Years 5&6 visited Church to share a Lenten reflection with Fr John and Linda last week. As we approach Easter, each class will spend some time in Church and think about how the saints, such as St Patrick, can help them on their Lenten journey. In this Jubilee Year we are trying to be Pilgrims of Hope and these reflections are helping us to do this. After each reflection, children are bringing a banner of St Patrick back to their classrooms and are preparing some artwork to be displayed in Church over the Easter period. Thank you to Fr John and Linda for giving their time so generously to make these reflections possible.

Headteacher Award – Resilience

Developing resilience is an important life skill and, just like St Patrick, children show resilience on a daily basis. Last week, class teachers chose children who have shown resilience in a range of ways to receive the Headteacher Award. Well done children!

Alice P – Rec S

Thazveen S – 1S

William B – 2S

Harley S - Rec P

Felicity G – 1P

Pheobe H – 2P

Emil P – 3S

Benjamin A – 4S

Emmie B – 5S

Yesmika V – 6S

Billy H – 3P

Miles C – 4P

Evie H – 5P

Emily S – 6P

Support for Parents

It has been great to see a number of parents attend the coffee mornings that we have held since September with the final one taking place last week, focusing on 'Sleep & Screen Time.' We are aware that children, parents and families can face a number of challenges and are keen to support with these in any way we can. We are delighted to be part of an initiative called Team Around the School (TAS) with other local schools. The idea behind this initiative is to bring together a team of professionals that will work with us to identify and offer families early help and support. The TAS can support with concerns on behaviour, school attendance, or emotional health and wellbeing. Diane and Samantha, our TAS colleagues will be in school again on **Tuesday 25th March** from 1pm – 3pm and are keen to speak with any parents who feel they might benefit from some informal help and support.

Advance notice that **Talbot Family Hub** (St Andrews Place, PR8 1HR) and **Linaker Family Hub** (Linaker Street, PR8 5DQ) are running a number of events throughout the Easter holidays. Please see posters for more details.

First Aid

Children in Years 5&6 had an exciting time on Tuesday afternoon when Jonathan and Freya from Southport Community First Response Team came to school to deliver some first aid training. After watching some demonstrations, children had an opportunity to practise some first aid procedures and did a terrific job. Thank you to Jonathan and Freya for making time to come and lead such an interesting and informative session. Please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/news/detail/first-aid-afternoon/> for some photographs of our budding first aiders!

World Maths Day

World Maths Day falls at the weekend this year so each class celebrated it this afternoon. Children have been busy designing Maths themed T-shirts for a competition that Mrs Taylor is running in school. Children have also been counting how much money they have raised in their Hungry Jars so far and researching ways in which they can use this to help others on the CAFOD World Gifts page online. (<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/collections/all>)

Children who have been working particularly hard in Maths received the Headteacher Award this week. Congratulations children!

Ryan S – Rec S	Albie F – 1S	Elliot J – 2S	
Archie H - Rec P	Alicia H – 1P	Micah H – 2P	
Adrian H – 3S	Leighton S – 4S	Lily-Rose U – 5S	Zach C – 6S
Herbie M – 3P	Lucy G – 4P	Raphael P – 5P	Liam B – 6P

Congratulations Footballers

The girls' and boys' football teams have given their all again this week, playing a number of games on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. We are very proud of both teams who have faced some stiff competition. The boys' team were triumphant in last night's match and have made it through to the semi-final.

Well done to all our players for being tremendous ambassadors for St Patrick's. Thank you to Mrs Garlick, Mrs Farley and Mr Jacques who have given their time so generously to coach the teams and attend the matches.

Mufti Day – Macmillan

PDS Coaching have worked in school for a number of years supporting with the delivery of PE lessons and some of our After School Clubs. Neil Hulme, from PDS, is running the London Marathon this year to raise funds for Macmillan. To help Neil raise as much money as possible for this worthy cause, we are having a mufti day in school on **Friday 4th April**. Neil will be speaking to all the classes in Key Stage 2 next week to share with them some of the tremendous work that Macmillan do for so many.

Attendance

Many thanks for your support with children's attendance. So much happens within the school day, academically and socially, and children miss out on lots of opportunities when they are not here. Congratulations to 2S and 4P who had 100% attendance last week and to 4S & 6P who had 100% attendance this week. Well done children!

A little reminder that, in line with statutory guidance, we are unable to authorise term time holidays and parents may receive a Penalty Notice (fine) from the Local Authority if they take their child/ren out of school for this purpose. Since September 2024, the processes in place regarding the issuing of Penalty Notices have changed meaning that if parents are eligible for a Penalty Notice on 3 occasions within 3 calendar years, their case will proceed directly to Sefton Council's Corporate Legal Services for prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure in the Magistrates Court.

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

