



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 7

13th December 2024

We have had a lovely start to December in school and children have been very busy. Please see the Class Pages on the school website <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/class-pages-2/> to find out more information about your child/ren's learning.

Santa Dash

Keeping active is important for children's mental and physical health and children enjoy a range of sports throughout their time at school. Children had lots of fun yesterday as they took part in a Santa Dash with their friends. This was a great way to get some exercise and fresh air. Thank you for your support to help children look and feel festive. Please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/class-pages-2/>

Christmas Performances

School has been filled with the sound of Christmas music throughout December and children from Reception up to Year 4 have performed brilliantly in their Christmas nativities over the last fortnight. Thank you to all parents and grandparents who have come to watch each performance. Children and staff have been very busy putting the nativity performances together and each one was a resounding success. Well done!

British Values – Tolerance of Those With Different Faiths and Beliefs

We actively promote fundamental British Values in school in a range of ways. Children in Years 1-6 have recently been learning about Judaism, whilst Reception enjoyed learning about the Hindu festival of Diwali. As we faithfully follow in Jesus' footsteps whilst preparing children for life in a diverse society, the importance of respect and tolerance is paramount. Children have enjoyed a range of activities within these lessons.

Headteacher Award – Progress

Since September, we have now been in school for 15 weeks and children have made so much progress during this time. They work hard in all subjects across the curriculum and we are so proud of how far they have come. Class teachers chose children who have made excellent progress in one or more subjects to receive the Headteacher Award last week – congratulations children!

Alexander O – Rec S	Joshua W-H – 1S	Fleur V – 2S	
Benjamin S – Rec P	Theia McC – 1P	Ellie L – 2P	
Francis W-M – 3S	Ruby L – 4S	Ruby P – 5S	Caden G – 6S
Olivia B – 3P	Felicity B – 4P	Ariana D – 5P	Bobby G – 6P

Advent Reflections

Children in Reception and Years 2&3 have enjoyed visiting Church with Fr John and Linda over the last fortnight. These have been lovely opportunities for children and staff to spend time together reflecting on the wonderful gifts of Advent and Christmas. Children in Year 1 will be visiting Church next week. Following each visit, children have been illustrating acts of love on angels that will be displayed in St Patrick's and St Marie's Churches over the Christmas period. Many thanks to Fr John and Linda for giving their time so generously to make these reflections possible.

Advent Service – Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

Some of our Year 6 children represented St Patrick's last week at an Advent Service at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. Children saw a live nativity performance and enjoyed being part of this celebration with other schools from Liverpool Archdiocese. Thank you to Mrs Garlick and Mr Kelleher who accompanied the children. Well done children and thank you for representing our school so brilliantly! Please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/news/detail/advent-service-liverpool-metropolitan-cathedral/>

Sacrament of Reconciliation

A number of children in Year 4 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last week as part of their preparation on the With You Always programme. The children were terrific and this was a very special celebration. Thank you to Fr John and the Catechists for all their work with children on the With You Always programme.

If you would like to visit Church and 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

Fr John is available before each weekday Mass at St Marie's and before every Mass at St Patrick's if anyone would like to celebrate this Sacrament.

Headteacher Award – Serving Others

As we strive to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, serving others is a wonderful way to mirror Jesus' example. Class teachers chose children who have been serving others in different ways to receive the Headteacher Award this week. Well done children, you are such wonderful role models for us all.

Aibhlínn G – Rec S

Millie M – 1S

Michelle L – 2S

Iris P - Rec P

Alicia H – 1P

Poppy C-M – 2P

Halle F – 3S

Charlotte M – 4S

Arthur B – 5S

Reggie L – 6S

Martins U – 3P

Mackenzie M – 4P

Leila M – 5P

Lois McG – 6P

Two children in 1S have been serving others in a very special way. Edward P completed a 3K Santa Sprint and raised £260 for Queenscourt Hospice. Berry C also completed a sponsored run and raised £798 for the Lancashire Teaching Hospital Trust Children's Appeal. Congratulations Edward and Berry – fantastic job!

Each class has also been busy making Christmas cards that will be given to some of our parishioners who are vulnerable. This is lovely way in which we can spread some Christmas cheer and help others who may not receive many cards this year.

Serving Our Neighbours

A little request to be mindful of our neighbours at the beginning and end of the school day. Radnor Drive is very busy at these times and it can be challenging to find somewhere to park. Patience and consideration of others is essential. A little reminder that it is illegal to block a person's driveway or a dropped kerb.

Christ the King – Faith in Action

Thank you to Dennis, the chaplain at Christ the King High School, who brought students, including 2 past pupils, from their Faith in Action group to spend some time with our children last week. Children loved chatting with Dennis and the students at lunchtime.

Christmas Party Day

A little reminder that children will be having Christmas parties during the afternoon of **Thursday 19th December**. Children are welcome to wear mufti clothes for the day. As children will be playing out at break times as usual, please ensure they are wearing sensible shoes or trainers and have a waterproof coat.

Attendance

Thank you for ensuring children have good attendance. So much happens within the school day and children really miss out when they are not in school. Congratulations to 4S & 6P who had 100% attendance last week and to Rec P & 4P who have had the highest attendance this week. Well done!

We recognise that, at this time of year, children can be particularly susceptible to coughs and colds. If children are a little under the weather and you are unsure about whether to send them into school, please see the NHS guidance for parents regarding when to keep children off school in relation to health matters. This information can found on <https://www.cheshireandmerseyside.nhs.uk/your-health/helping-you-stay-well/super-bodies/>

