



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 5

15th November 2024

Children have made a great start to the half term and have been very busy over the last fortnight. Please see the Class Pages <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/class-pages-2/> to find out more about children's learning and see photographs of them in action.

Parents' Evenings

Thank you to all parents who have attended Parents' Evenings over the last two weeks. We are very proud of how hard children are working and were delighted that so many parents were able to see children's books and chat with class teachers. Many thanks also to everyone who completed a Parental Questionnaire. As we work together to support our children, we are very grateful for your views and feedback.

Headteacher Award - Behaviour

Excellent behaviour and positive attitudes towards learning are key components of school life. On the first day back after half term each class spent some time focusing on these in preparation for the weeks ahead. Class teachers chose children who have been setting a good example for others to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Well done children!

Ellis T – Rec S	Grace M – 1S	Emmy M – 2S	
Thea P - Rec P	Eloise H – 1P	Ethan D – 2P	
Madeleine R – 3S	Penny B – 4S	Darcy-Rose B – 5S	Lenny M – 6S
Sophia H – 3P	Sapphire M – 4P	Sabrina M-T – 5P	Joseph D – 6P

Anti-Bullying Week – Respect

We have been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week this week, with the theme this year being 'Respect'. Throughout the week children have been participating in different activities to reinforce that bullying, including online, is always unacceptable and should not be tolerated. It was great to see children and staff in their odd socks on Tuesday as a reminder that we are all unique and should feel proud of who we are. Children shared their learning from Anti Bullying Week in our assemblies this morning and did a fantastic job. Class teachers chose children who have embraced the week's activities about 'Respect' to receive the Headteacher Award today. Congratulations children!

Xanthe M – Rec S	Theo R – 1S	Nancy G – 2S	
Finley K - Rec P	Maia P – 1P	Theo R – 2P	
Victoria K – 3S	Ruby L – 4S	Xavier W – 5S	Macie T – 6S
Ava M – 3P	Teddy N – 4P	Jack M – 5P	William F – 6P

Grandad Wheels

Children thoroughly enjoyed a visit from the author Brian Abram, aka Grandad Wheels, on Tuesday. Throughout the morning he spoke to children from all classes, reading them some of his stories and telling them about his adventures. Following this, children were given the challenge of designing an amazing new wheelchair for Brian. Brian took time to visit each class and he talked to the children about their designs. A number of children bought some of Brian's books, raising a tremendous £429 for the charities Brian supports. Thank you Grandad Wheels! Please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/english/> for some photographs of the visit.

A big **'THANK YOU!'** to everyone at
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School

"By working together we've raised
£429!
for two great charities that help
disabled people like me!"

Grandad Wheels!

back up transforming lives after spinal cord injury
sia spinal injuries association for life after spinal cord injury

Remembrance Day

Children learnt about the significance of Remembrance Day on Monday with each class having a minute's silence as a mark of respect for the sacrifices made by so many over time. Thank you to everyone who bought poppies or other merchandise to support The Royal British Legion. So far, we have raised an incredible £385.96. We will receive the final figure when the money raised by selling paper poppies is added to this total. Many thanks for your generosity.

Crazy Hair Day

Pupil voice is a very important part of our school and our children have lots of wonderful ideas, one of which was Crazy Hair Day. There were some very creative hairstyles in school today – thank you so much for your support with this. We were absolutely delighted to raise £305.12 for children and families in need in the local area, especially after parents have been so generous with the Poppy Appeal and Grandad Wheels.

Thank You Parishioners of St Patrick's & St Marie's

We are very fortunate to have such close links with the Parishes of St Patrick's and St Marie's. Children love to visit Church and experience the peace this brings. A huge thank you to the parishioners from St Patrick's and St Marie's who have donated £1225 to school so that we can buy some new Bibles. Within each Bible will be the name of the parishioner who has donated the money for it. What a wonderful gift!

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

Attendance

Thank you for supporting children to have good attendance. So much happens within the school day and children really miss out when they are not in school. Congratulations to 1P, 4S and 6P who all had 100% attendance last week. What a brilliant start to the half term! We recognise that as the weather changes 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 be found on <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> Staff are able to administer medicine in school, as needed. Please complete a form at the school office if your child needs to have medicine within the school day.

Swimming

A little reminder that children in **Year 5** have now had their final swimming lesson. **Year 4** will be going swimming from **Thursday 21st November**. Children are required to wear a swimming hat as well as their swimming trunks/costume and are welcome to wear goggles if they wish to do so.

Support for Parents – Sefton Mental Health Team

Staff from the Wave 8 Sefton Mental Health Team provide invaluable support to staff and pupils in school and are also offering some support for parents on the following dates:

Thursday 5th December: A coffee morning to discuss mental health and any associated concerns

Thursday 23rd January: A session about 'The Anxious Child'

Thursday 13th March: A session about 'Sleep and Screen Time'

All parents are welcome to attend these events which will run at school from 9.00am until 10.00am.

Christmas Performances

A little reminder of the dates for the upcoming Christmas Performances:

Reception S: Tuesday 3rd December – 2.00pm

Reception P: Wednesday 4th December – 2.00pm

1S: Tuesday 10th December – 2.00pm

1P: Wednesday 11th December – 2.00pm

2S: Thursday 12th December – 2.00pm

2P: Friday 13th December – 2.00pm

Years 3&4: Monday 9th December – 2.00pm / Tuesday 10th December – 6.15pm (St Patrick's Church)

