



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter 3

### 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

There have been lots of different things happening in school over the last fortnight. Please see the Class Pages on our website <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/class-pages-2/> to find out more about children's learning and see some photographs of the children in action.

#### **Hello Yellow! – World Mental Health Day**

We celebrated World Mental Health Day in school yesterday with children (and staff) wearing yellow accessories with their school uniform. This year we had a whole school focus on 'Resilience.' All children reflected on how they have overcome different challenges and also learned about the challenges faced by others, over time. Children from each class shared their learning in our assemblies this morning and did a super job. Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/hello-yellow-1/> and also the Class Pages for a snapshot of the day's activities.

#### **School Values - Helping Others / Harvest Fast Day**

Helping others (altruism) is our school value for this half term and children do this in so many ways. As we faithfully follow in the footsteps of Jesus, class teachers chose children who set a great example to their peers by helping others to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Well done children!

Myla F – Rec S	Maisie H – 1S	Evie N – 2S	
Ronnie O'S – Rec P	Harlow H – 1P	Phoebe H – 2P	
Lilah H – 3S	Josh M – 4S	Isaac H – 5S	Adam H – 6S
Georgia R – 3P	Alfie O – 4P	Lily B – 5P	Esmé Y – 6P

A huge thank you to everyone who donated tins and packets of food last Friday on Harvest Fast Day. We were delighted to receive so many dried goods and greatly appreciate everyone's generosity. <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/harvest-fast-day/> Jim and Sheila (members of the SVP) came into school on Monday to collect the donations. They met some of our School Councillors from Years 5&6 and discussed the work that the SVP do to help others in the local and wider community.

#### **Headteacher Award – Progress in Handwriting**

Children work very hard in school each day and their workbooks are a real credit to them. From learning to form letters correctly in Reception to using cursive writing in Key Stage 2, handwriting is a daily focus in every class. Children have to be joining their handwriting consistently to achieve the Expected standard in Writing at the end of Key Stage 2. Class teachers chose children who have made good progress with their handwriting to receive the Headteacher Award this week. Congratulations children!

Oscar D – Rec S	Finley N – 1S	Evelyn U – 2S	
Rory S – Rec P	Harrison O'S – 1P	Jenson C – 2P	
Alana S – 3S	Alfie H – 4S	Lily-Rose U – 5S	Joseph C – 6S
Jack A – 3P	Mackenzie M – 4P	Bella S – 5P	Noah T – 6P

#### **Key Stage 2 Competition Time – Antarctic Flags Project!**

This year we are excited to invite children to take part in The Antarctic Flags project which takes place as a celebration of Antarctica Day. Antarctica Day marks the signing of the Antarctic Treaty on December 1st 1959, a document declaring that Antarctica would be off limits to military activity and setting it aside as a place for peace and scientific discoveries. Since 2010, 1<sup>st</sup> December has been celebrated each year to mark this milestone of peace and to inspire future decisions. Children are invited to design a flag for the Antarctic. We will send off the winning design from St Patrick's to be put forward for the project. Miss McAteer (Geography Leader) will be launching this competition during the Housepoints Assembly next week and talking to the children about what is involved. Please see <https://polarnetwork.org/2023/11/antarctic-flags-project-2022-2023-round-up/> to see previous entries and read more about the project.

### Parents' Evenings

Class teachers are looking forward to meeting parents after half term to discuss how children have settled into their new classes. This is also a lovely opportunity for parents to see children's work. We will be sending letters out next week with more information about booking appointments.

### Summer Reading Challenge

It was a pleasure to welcome Kevin and Sue back into school on Tuesday to share the results of the Summer Reading Challenge. We were absolutely delighted to see that the number of children who completed this challenge had increased significantly this year, so much so that we won the trophy for the most participants! Congratulations to all our keen readers and a big thank you to parents for supporting their children with this throughout the summer holidays. Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/english/> for the children who completed the challenge.

### Religious Education

Children completed their first topic in Religious Education last week. Children across school have been exploring the theme of 'Family' for the last four weeks, spending last week reflecting on and celebrating their learning, some of which can be seen on <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/display/> This week, children have started exploring the theme of 'Belonging' and will be learning more about Baptism and Confirmation.

### Mass Times & Year 6 Class Mass

All our children enjoy seeing Fr John in school and we love taking them to Church where they feel very much at home. 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

A little reminder that children in **Year 6** will be attending Mass at St Patrick's Church on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am**. Parents and family members are most welcome to attend too.

### Black History Month

October is Black History Month with this year's theme being 'Reclaiming Narratives'. Throughout the month children are learning about the experiences and contributions of people from communities across the UK. Children will be using different media to showcase their learning, with work being displayed later in the year.

### Phonics Information Evening

Advance notice that Mrs Shirley and Mrs Palmen will be hosting phonics information sessions for parents of children in Reception during the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> November. They will be writing to parents with more information about these sessions before half term.

### Coats

A little reminder to send children into school with a waterproof jacket or coat each day. We have already had some very changeable weather and we do endeavour to take the children out to play every day so that they get some much-needed fresh air and exercise.

### Homework

Lots of children have done a great job completing their homework, which we started earlier in the term. Homework provides an opportunity for children to embed their learning and secure key knowledge, concepts and skills. Homework is given out on Mondays and children have a week to complete it. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or queries about this.

### School Health Attend Anywhere

The School Health team are holding an 'Attend Anywhere' drop-in session on 17<sup>th</sup> October between 12.30 and 3.30pm. There is no appointment necessary. Please see the associated information for more details.

