



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 20 19th July 2024

School Reports & Transition Morning

Class teachers sent home children's end of year school reports yesterday. All the children have worked very hard this year and have accomplished so much. As we approach the final days of the school year, I am very proud of each class. Children spent yesterday morning in their new classrooms with their next teacher. This was a lovely opportunity for children and staff to get to know each other a little, ahead of September.

Headteacher Award – School Values

At the beginning of the year, children across school created a set of values that they felt were important for our school community: Helping Others (Altruism), Friendship, Courage, Respect, Trust and Loyalty. We have focused on one value each half term but last week, class teachers chose children who have consistently demonstrated all the values to receive the Headteacher Award. Congratulations children!

Millie M - Rec S	Nancy G – 1S	Sofia S – 2S	
Benjamin M – Rec P	Poppy C-M – 1P	Sophie A – 2P	
Lucas T – 3S	Lily-Rose U – 4S	Finn M – 5S	Niall J – 6S
Bobby S – 3P	Evie H – 4P	Paschalis A – 5P	Max B – 6P

Shakespeare Rocks!

Year 6 wowed us last week with their end of year production, Shakespeare Rocks!. Each performance was absolutely tremendous, thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children did a wonderful job with their singing, acting and dancing, not to mention the staging and props that they helped to create too. A huge thank you to the children and staff involved, led by Mrs Garlick and Mr Kelleher. Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/shakespeare-rocks/> for some photographs of the children in action.

Next week, we are looking forward to celebrating all that Year 6 have achieved at the following events:

Leavers' Mass - 23rd July at 10.00am (St Patrick's Church)

Leavers' Assembly – 24th July at 10.00am

Parents are most welcome at these events.

Cross Country

61 children from Key Stage 2 participated in a Cross Country Event on Monday, with children in Years 3&4 running 1000m and children in Years 5&6 running a mile. All runners tried their best and were keen participants. Congratulations children! Many thanks to Mrs Grant for organising the runners and to all the staff who ensured the event ran smoothly. A special thank you to the high school students who acted as 'hares', leading the runners around the track. Please see

<https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/photographs-1/> for photographs of the competitors.

kNOw Knife Crime – Mini Marathon Relay Event

We have received an update regarding the funds raised from the Sefton Mini Marathon Relay Event that took place in April. The grand total raised by schools is a fabulous **£19688.58** and the campaigners who ran the London Marathon in support of the kNOw Knife Crime initiative raised **£10480.75**. Together this makes an amazing total of **£30,169.33**. As a result, participating schools across Sefton will receive a bleed control kit and cabinet to place outside their school and be available to the local community. Thank you again to children, staff and parents who contributed to this worthy cause.

HSBC UK Smart Money Award 2024

As part of our PSHE curriculum, staff from HSBC have been coming into school to work with different year groups, educating children on the importance of financial literacy. Children in Years 2,5&6 have accessed these sessions and, subsequently, we have received the HSBC UK Smart Money Award 2024. A huge thank you to the staff from HSBC for supporting our children and presenting school with this award.

Sunflower Competition

Mrs Bedwell was delighted to have lots of entries into the Sunflower Competition again this year. Despite some rather mixed weather, several children managed to grow sunflowers that were over 1 metre tall. Well done!

Rec – Bethany B, Edward C, Rosie T **Y1** – Elliot J **Y2** – Phoebe H, Maria W
Y3 – Imogen C, Aleks J **Y5** - Lois McG, Maggie W

Parent Pay

Due to popular demand, we are excited to be rolling out ParentPay as our online payment system from September. From then, we will no longer be accepting cash payments at school. On Tuesday 16th July, an email from platform@parentpay.com was sent to the primary contact for your child/ren containing their activation details. Thank you to those of you who have already activated their accounts. All children will need to be registered for ParentPay, regardless of whether they are currently taking school dinners. This is because the system will be used for other purposes, including the collection of trip money, throughout the year. If you have any queries, please contact the school office. Many thanks.

With You Always

A little reminder that we sent out a letter from Fr John at the beginning of July, via email, to all parents of children in Year 3 with regards to the With You Always programme. This is the programme that children participate in in preparation of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist (First Holy Communion). If your child is in Year 3 and you have not received this communication, please contact the school office and Mrs Jones can forward you the letter accordingly.

Food for Thought

All classes have enjoyed lots of opportunities to visit our Church and spend time with Fr John this year and these occasions are very special for children and staff. Thank you to Fr John for making these visits possible.

If any parent who is not a Catholic would like to find out more about the Church, that St Patrick's School is such a special part of, please contact Fr John for an informal chat on stpatricks.southport@rcaolp.co.uk or ring on 531229. Parents whose children will be preparing for their First Reconciliation and Holy Communion after the summer may find this particularly helpful.

If you would like to attend Mass during the week or at the weekend, please see below for the current times:

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

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

Attendance

Thank you to everyone who is committed to ensuring that their child is in school as much as possible. Congratulations to **3P** who had 100% attendance this week, closely followed by **5P**. Since September, class attendance figures are as follows:

Rec S – 95.7	Rec P – 95.7%	1S – 95.1%	1P – 95.9%
2S - 97%	2P – 95.6%	3S - 96.8%	3P – 96.3%
4S – 93.9%	4P – 95.2%	5S - 96.4%	5P – 97.1%
6S – 95.2%	6P - 97%		

Well done to **2S**, **5P** & **6P** for having the highest attendance figures of the year. What a fantastic achievement!

A little reminder that a new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, is being introduced following changes to the law. These new Government regulations will come into effect from 19 August 2024, and will affect when penalty notices are issued in Sefton. We sent a letter to parents, issued by Sefton, with more information about this with the last newsletter. If, for some reason, you did not receive this letter, please contact the school office and Mrs Jones will be able to forward you a copy.

