



# 'ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter 19 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### Summer Fayre

It was wonderful to have our Summer Fayre on Friday afternoon. Thank you to everyone involved for making it such a special event. It was great to see parents, grandparents, friends, family, past pupils and members of the parish come to support us. In addition to raising funds, it was fantastic to come together as a school, parish and local community.

Many thanks to the PTA, parents, grandparents and staff for their generosity in donating raffle prizes and multi-day contributions, and for volunteering their time to make the Summer Fayre such a happy and successful afternoon. We raised a magnificent **£2173.54** which is an incredible amount and very gratefully received. Organising an event like this is no easy task and Louise Kitchen has worked incredibly hard over the past weeks and months to coordinate all the different components involved in the Fayre. She has worked closely with Mrs Hill throughout the process and I would like to thank them both for all their efforts.

Finally, thank you to Miss Jennifer (DBA School of Dance), Craig Manchester (Piano Teacher), Southport Trinity Football Club, UNITE and the Police for their involvement on the day too.

### Music Assemblies

Last week, children enjoyed performing for each other in our Music assemblies. Each class from Reception to Year 5 showcased what they have been learning in their Music lessons. It was wonderful to hear children singing and playing instruments, as well as watching them dancing and putting actions to songs. Well done everyone! Please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/news/detail/music-assemblies-1/> for some photographs of the performances.

### Headteacher Award – Wider Curriculum

Children explore different talents and interests through the foundation subjects in school, including: Music, Art, PE, Computing, Design & Technology, French, Geography & History. Class teachers chose children who excel in these subjects to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Congratulations children!

Albie F - Rec S	Billy N – 1S	Maria W – 2S	
Felicity G – Rec P	Arthur J – 1P	Georgia T – 2P	
Darragh C – 3S	Nicola Z – 4S	Thea P – 5S	Aura K – 6S
Lukas S – 3P	Luca P – 4P	Molly M – 5P	Olivia J – 6P

### Summer Reading Challenge

Last week we welcomed Mike from Southport Library into school to talk to us about the Summer Reading Challenge. This year's challenge is called Marvellous Makers and there are stickers and some other goodies to collect along the way. To take part in the challenge, children need to read six books during the summer holidays, taking out two books at a time and then returning them to complete each section of the challenge. Children who complete the challenge will receive a certificate on return to school in the autumn term. We can't wait to see how many of you take part!

### Trips

Year 6 went to Rock & River Outdoor Pursuits on Thursday as a celebration of all their hard work this year. They had a fantastic time, enjoying different activities including canoeing, climbing, low ropes and a zip wire. We are so proud of all our Year 6 children and it was great to see them having so much fun. Children in Years 1&4 are looking forward to their upcoming trips to Mere Sands and Brockholes.

### Southport Learning Partnership (SLP) Event

Congratulations to Raphael P, Luca P, Darcy-Rose B and Riley B-M who represented school brilliantly at a recent event for School Councillors from different schools across Southport. The children shared the work that we have been doing throughout the year to support different charities with members of the local community and were absolutely tremendous. Thank you to the children and to Mrs Williams who works so hard with our School and Eco-Councils and accompanied the children to the event.

## Sporting Endeavours

**Football:** Congratulations to the boys and girls in Year 6 who took part in a football tournament last week. This was an opportunity for children who had not been part of the school teams to enjoy a competition with other schools from Southport. We were very proud of everyone who took part, with all players doing a tremendous job. Thank you to Mrs Garlick for organising this and to Mr Jacques who also accompanied the children to the tournament.

Girls in Years 3&4 had the opportunity to take part in a 5-a-side school football tournament on 28<sup>th</sup> June and lots of girls put themselves forward for this. All the teams were terrific and a good time was had by all.

Many thanks to Mrs Grant and Mrs Farley for organising the tournament. Please see

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

**Cross Country:** We are aware that a number of children missed out of competing in the Cross-Country Competition that was originally scheduled for 23<sup>rd</sup> May. With this in mind, we have organised a school event which will take place on the field at Stanley High School on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm. We will be sharing more information about this in the next few days.

## Feast of St Peter & St Paul

We talked about the Feast of St Peter and St Paul in our assemblies on 28<sup>th</sup> June and discussed how we are trying to follow in Jesus' footsteps just like these two great saints. Amongst other things, this involves making good choices and setting an example to others with our behaviour and attitudes towards learning. Class teachers chose children who have been doing this particularly well to receive the Headteacher Award. It was a pleasure to hear about why each child was chosen. Keep up the good work, children!

Harper U - Rec S

Michelle L – 1S

Victoria K – 2S

Alicia H – Rec P

Lula R – 1P

Olivia B – 2P

Oliver B – 3S

Felicity B – 3P

Archie D – 4P

Finn M – 5S

Sophie G – 6S

Maggie W – 5P

Fraser K – 6P

## With You Always

We sent out a letter from Fr John last week, 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.

Fr John is currently recovering from a knee replacement operation so we are keeping him in our prayers very specially at this time. Fr John is a much-loved member of our school community and we wish him a speedy recuperation. A little reminder that the **Leavers' Mass** has been rescheduled for **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 10.00am**.

Please see below for the current weekend Mass times during Fr John's absence:

**St Marie's:** 8.30am and 10am on Sunday

**St Patrick's:** 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 **2S** who had 100% attendance last week, closely followed by **3P** and **5P**. 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 have attached a letter to parents, issued by Sefton, with more information about this.

## Croatian Teachers

Alongside other schools in the Archdiocese, we welcomed 3 Croatian teachers to school last week. They enjoyed learning about education in England and shared information about life in Croatia with some of our KS2 classes.

## Year 6 Events – Dates

**'Shakespeare Rocks'** – 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> July at 6.15pm

**Leavers' Mass** - 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 10.00am (St Patrick's Church)    **Leavers' Assembly** – 24<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am

