



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Parents' Evenings

Many thanks to everyone who attended Parents' Evenings over the last fortnight. Class teachers have really appreciated the opportunity to talk through children's progress and achievements. So much happens within the school day and we are enormously proud of the children and their work. They are a credit to you.

World Book Day

A great day was had by all yesterday as we celebrated World Book Day. School was filled with children and staff either wearing costumes of their favourite characters or pyjamas with their favourite bedtime stories. Everyone looked amazing! Children thoroughly enjoyed a range of activities to celebrate the joys of reading and the wonders of a good book. Please see

<https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/gallery/?pid=1&gcatid=13&albumid=594>

Class teachers chose children who have been working hard with their reading to receive the Headteacher Award this week. Congratulations children – keep up the good work!

Caelan B – Rec S	Blaine M – 1S	Edward P – 2S	
Leila D-B - Rec P	Alice A – 1P	Orla H – 2P	
Nancy G – 3S	Emilia C – 4S	Teddy D – 5S	Arthur B – 6S
Pheobe H – 3P	Elias H – 4P	James B – 5P	Raphael P – 6P

Teddy and Evie N (5P&3S) received a very special Headteacher Award each last week after they brought their very own books into school to share with their friends. To be published authors at such a young age is quite an achievement – well done!

Year 4 Dodgeball Tournament

Congratulations to all the Year 4 children who represented St Patrick's in a dodgeball tournament at Christ the King High School, this morning. Children were split into teams and were competing against teams from other local primary schools. We were absolutely delighted to win the tournament. Children's performance on and off the court was exemplary and we are very proud of all the participants. Fantastic job!

Year 5 - Cristal Palace

Since half term, children in Year 5 have been enjoying working with Miss Jennifer in their Monday afternoon PE lessons. They are currently learning about the Charleston and have been practising some of the dance steps with a view to putting together a dance routine in this iconic style. We have been asked to share a 'one minute video' of our Charleston with Sefton Council who are compiling a video reel of children dancing from all the local schools. This will be played in Southport town centre as part of the upcoming Cristal Palace event. Please see <https://www.southport2026.com/events/>

Headteacher Award – Serving Others

The liturgical season of Lent started with Ash Wednesday on 18th February. During this season, we are encouraged to think more deeply about how we can follow in Jesus' footsteps. Serving others is a key part of our Mission Statement and helps us to do this. Class teachers chose children who have been serving others to receive the Headteacher Award this week. Well done children!

Dorian P – Rec S	Lottie B – 1S	Harriett R – 2S	
Charlie H - Rec P	Grace D – 1P	Theia McC – 2P	
Evelyn U – 3S	Flynn B – 4S	Ollie G – 5S	Tony D– 6S
Annabelle S – 3P	Sofia S – 4P	Alfie O – 5P	Evie H – 6P

Well done Ruth!

A special well done to Ruth W (5P) who donated some of her hair to The Little Princess Trust during half term. The Little Princess Trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people up to the age of 24, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. What a fantastic way of serving others, Ruth!

Big Lent Walk

We are excited to take part in the Big Lent Walk this year and each class has made a terrific start to this challenge. In Key Stage 2, each year group will be walking 200km throughout Lent whilst the children in Reception, Years 1&2 are working together to walk 200km as a Key Stage. At the beginning of each PE lesson, children are walking several laps of the playground as their warm up activity to build up their distance walked. We are having a special **Big Lent Walk Day** on **Friday 20th March** when everyone is invited to have a Crazy Hair/ Outfit Day to finish their walk. Children are welcome to wear mufti clothes and are asked to bring £1 donation which we will be sending to CAFOD who do such tremendous work.

Lenten Reflections

Children in Key Stage 2 have visited Church over the last fortnight to take part in some Lenten reflections with Fr John and Linda. These have been lovely opportunities for children and staff to visit Church and enjoy the sense of peace that this brings. Thank you to Fr John and Linda for making time for these reflections which are very powerful. Children love being in our Church. 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

Unplugged Day

Today is Global Unplugged Day. This initiative is designed to promote improved mental health, better sleep, and deeper, in-person, real-world connections. To mark this occasion, we have had an 'Unplugged Day' in school. Children have accessed lessons that have not required technology and have been involved in some mindfulness activities. As part of their day, each class has decorated a prayer stone to decorate our vegetable garden as we prepare to use this as a reflection area in the spring and summer months.

Swimming Gala Trials

It was wonderful to have 23 children from Years 5&6 put themselves forward for the swimming gala trials last week. The 5 fastest girls and 5 fastest boys will be representing school in the swimming gala which takes place on **Tuesday 24th March** at Dunes Leisure Centre. A huge well done to all the children who took part in the trials. Everyone did a tremendous job and we are very proud of them.

A little reminder that children in Year 3 will be starting their swimming lessons on **Thursday 19th March**

PTA Meeting

Many thanks to everyone who has expressed an interest in supporting the PTA. We recognise that life is incredibly busy and are very grateful for any time that people are able to give to support school. Every little helps so even if you are able to devote a very small amount of time this will still be much appreciated. The next PTA meeting is at **2.30pm** on **Friday 13th March**. If you would like to get involved and are able to attend the meeting, we would be delighted to see you.

School Trips

School trips are such memorable experiences and really bring children's learning to life. The cost of the trips has risen dramatically over time and are heavily subsidised by school. On average, 56% of each trip has been covered by school over the last 2 years. This is not sustainable. In the first instance, we have increased the amount we are asking from parents to £15.00 per trip for the rest of the academic year. This will be reviewed ahead of next academic year.

Vehicle Naming Competition

Sefton Council are running a competition open to all Sefton residents. They are looking for creative, family friendly names for their new food waste trucks, with a food waste or recycling theme. The winning names will be proudly displayed on the vehicles, and winners will be invited for a special photo opportunity with their named truck. For more information, please scan the QR code on the poster attached.

Good luck children!

