



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Welcome back! It has been lovely to see everyone after the Easter break. The children have settled back into school life very quickly and we have an exciting term ahead. Please see the Class Pages on the school website to find out more about your child/ren's learning this term. <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/class-pages-1/>

Ofsted Inspection

We had a very busy start to the term due to our Ofsted inspection which took place on Tuesday and Wednesday last week. Many thanks to all parents who completed the online questionnaire on Ofsted Parent View. Your voice is very important and we are grateful for people making time to do this.

I am enormously proud of our children and staff who all work extremely hard on a daily basis. The inspectors enjoyed spending time in different lessons and speaking with children and adults about all aspects of school life. Following an inspection there are various processes that take place before schools are allowed to disclose the outcomes. Once the report has been published (this will take several weeks) we will share it with you.

School Values – Trust

Our first assemblies of the term were linked to 'Trust' which is the school value for this half term. We talked about earning people's trust and what it means to be trustworthy. Children also shared the people they considered to be 'trusted adults' who they can speak to if they have a concern. As we continue to prioritise safeguarding and ensure children know how to keep themselves safe, we also discussed the importance of not trusting people we don't know, online or in person. Children were excellent at articulating the risks involved with this – well done! Class teachers chose children who are trustworthy in different ways to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Congratulations children!

Alfie F – Rec S

George L – 1S

Alana S – 2S

Orla H - Rec P

Oscar T – 1P

Lucia M– 2P

Margot W – 3S

Daisy-Mae McC – 4S

Lenny M – 5S

Whole Class – 6S

Elvis P – 3P

Evie H – 4P

Antoni K – 5P

Whole Class – 6P

If you have a safeguarding concern at any point, please get in touch with the school office or email dsl@stpatricks.sefton.org.uk. Safeguarding concerns are shared on a 'needs to know' basis and information is stored confidentially. A little reminder that Mrs Halsall, Mrs Jones and Miss McAteer are the designated safeguarding staff in school who follow up on any concerns, big or small.

Mini Marathon Week

Children had a very active start to the term last week with all classes completing a mini marathon. Each class ran 2.6 miles around the school grounds and did a fantastic job. A group of children from Years 5&6 joined other schools across Sefton by participating in a marathon relay, passing on bleed control kits from school to school. Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/mini-marathon-week/> to see some of our runners. Well done to all the children involved and thank you to Mrs Grant, Mr Holmes, Mr Jacques and Neil who ran with our children. A celebration video of the relay can be accessed on <https://youtu.be/HNbLbs8IvGI?si=mEZ5rItW3K8jBNcW>.

Many thanks to everyone who sponsored their child or made a donation to raise money for bleed control kits. These kits can save lives in the event of anyone needing medical assistance. 82 schools in Sefton took part in the relay event and so far, the total raised is an incredible £12,059. This is a tremendous amount, demonstrating the impact of schools and communities working together.

Swimming Gala

Congratulations to the children who took part in the Southport Swimming Gala during the last week of the spring term. Children competed against swimmers from other local schools and did a fantastic job. A number of children received medals for their races and we were absolutely delighted that the girls' swimming team came first in the competition. Well done to all our swimmers!

Cards for Children in Gaza

As the atrocities of war continue across the world, there are so many children and families who are innocent victims living in the most desperate circumstances. Each class made a card last week to share their love and prayers with the children of Gaza. We are hoping that these cards will touch the hearts of the recipients as they face enormous challenges at this time.

Earth Day

We celebrated Earth Day on Monday and talked about this year's theme: Planet vs Plastics, in our assemblies. A special focus for the year is to phase out the use of single use plastics to protect our planet. In the words of Pope Francis, *'The Earth is our environment to protect and the garden to tend to.'* Children have been exploring different ways to look after our environment and have shared their ideas with the Eco-Council. Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/earth-day/> for some photographs of children's activities.

Individual Liberty – Responsible Choices

Individual Liberty is one of the fundamental British Values and with this comes the responsibility to make good choices. As we prepare children for life in modern Britain, supporting their decision making is paramount. Class teachers chose children who have been making responsible choices to receive the Headteacher Award this week. It was wonderful to hear about children who always make the right choice and about those who have been working hard to improve the choices that they make. Well done to everyone who received the award this week.

Amelie F – Rec S
Carter H - Rec P
Elizabella D – 3S
Alice A – 3P

Evie N – 1S
Marianne L – 1P
Lucas D – 4S
Eli J – 4P

Madeleine R – 2S
Sophia H – 2P
Betsy H – 5S
Lucas D – 5P
Noah A – 6S
Bonnie S-F – 6P

Sunflower Competition

Following the success of last year, Mrs Bedwell has launched another competition to see who can grow the tallest sunflower. Children are invited to grow sunflowers between now and **12th July**. Please see the posters in classroom windows for more details. Good luck everyone!

With You Always – First Holy Communion

It is an exciting time for the children in Year 4 who have been participating in the With You Always programme as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Children will be making their First Holy Communion on either 5th or 12th May and these will be very special celebrations for all those involved. We are keeping the children and their families in our prayers at this time.

Our children love going to Church, enjoying the sense of reflection and peace that this brings. If you would like to attend Church too, please see below for the Mass times at St Patrick's and St Marie's:

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

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

Advance notice that children in Years 2-6 will be attending Mass on **9th May at 10.00am** to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. Parents and grandparents are most welcome to join us.

PTA

We would like to have the next PTA meeting in school on **Tuesday 7th May at 2.45pm** for any parents or grandparents who feel that they would like to help with fundraising activities this term. We recognise that everyone has busy lives and do appreciate people making time to support school in this way. Please feel free to bring any children who are not yet at school with you, they will be most welcome too.

Parking

A little reminder of the importance of appropriate parking at the beginning and end of the school day. If you are parking on the road, please ensure you are not overhanging any of the local residents' paths. If you are parking in the Church car park, please park in the parking spaces provided and be mindful of the safety and welfare of others. We recognise that these are very busy times and appreciate people being considerate of others and setting a good example to our children. Thank you for your help with this.

