



# ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter 13 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Happy St Patrick's Day!

We celebrated St Patrick's Day in school today, starting with a Mass this morning with Fr John. Children from Years 2-6 attended Mass and it was a very special occasion for all involved. Children enjoyed a range of activities throughout the day and it was a lovely way to end a busy week. Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/st-patricks-day-celebrations/> for some photographs. Children have been reflecting on the life of St Patrick in their Collective Worship sessions this week. One of St Patrick's great qualities was resilience in the face of challenge. Resilience is such an important life skill, essential for children to develop. Class teachers chose children who have shown resilience in different ways to receive the Headteacher Award this week. Well done children!

Marco Z – Rec S	Rowan W – 1S	Eddie T – 2S	
Harlow H - Rec P	Freddie B – 1P	Elias H – 2P	
Kacper M – 3S	Nicole C – 4S	David C – 5S	Sophia-Rosa W – 6S
Sapphire M – 3P	Raphael P – 4P	Noah T – 5P	Jacob D – 6P

### Swimming Gala Trials

It was wonderful to have 25 children from Years 5&6 put themselves forward for the swimming gala trials yesterday. There will be 5 girls and 5 boys representing school in the swimming gala which takes place on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** at Dunes Leisure Centre. All the children who took part in the trials did a tremendous job and we are very proud of them. Mrs Grant will be speaking to children who entered the trials next week to confirm the final team.

### Congratulations Footballers

Boys' Football Team: The boys' football team did a tremendous job in their league games last night. They remained unbeaten and finished second place in the top league for local primary schools. Fantastic job boys!

Girls' Football Teams: The girls' football teams also played extremely well in their league games on Tuesday. They did a sterling job and showed tremendous team spirit. Well done girls! Thank you to Mrs Garlick, Mr Jacques and Mrs Farley who have given their time so generously to coach the teams and organise the matches.

Year 3 Girls' Football Tournament: Some of the girls in Year 3 took part in a football tournament last Friday, playing against teams from different schools. The girls gave it their all and were terrific ambassadors for our school. Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Dagger from Southport Trinity Football Club who coached the team ahead of the tournament.

### Bikeability

A number of Year 5 children have taken part in Bikeability Level 1&2 training this week with staff from BikeRight. Children started their training on the school playground before going out onto the road with the instructors. The training undertaken to date has been very successful. Unfortunately, due to staff sickness within the BikeRight team, some of the training has had to be postponed until next week. Many thanks to the children and parents involved for their patience and understanding with this.

### La Fiestaval

Some of our Year 4 children have been working very hard in French Club with Mrs Farley, preparing for La Fiestaval. La Fiestaval is an event for primary school children to celebrate languages and showcase their learning. Children will be attending a dress rehearsal on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** ahead of the event which takes place on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**. Well done children – I know you will be excellent representatives for our school.

## World Book Day

A great day was had by all last Thursday 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/news/detail/world-book-day-1/> for some class photographs.

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

Rory J – Rec S	Freddie F – 1S	Khaleesi S – 2S	
Scarlett P - Rec P	Logan M – 1P	Ava M – 2P	
Emme D – 3S	Darcy-Rose B – 4S	Finnbar C – 5S	Amanda Z – 6S
Imogen C – 3P	Anya K – 4P	Jakub M – 5P	Jacob D – 6P

Children explored a range of texts on Friday linked to International Women’s Day. They enjoyed learning more about inspirational women who have had a positive impact on society in lots of different ways.

## Lenten Reflections & Resurrection Gardens

Children in Years 2&3 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

Clive has been busy with children in Year 4 this week creating some ‘Resurrection Gardens.’ Children have loved working with Clive and will be completing their creations next week. Thank you, Clive, for giving our children these opportunities.

## Uniform Sale

A little reminder that the School and Eco-Councils are working with the PTA to organise a Uniform Sale which will take place on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm** in the hall. The sale is an excellent opportunity to recycle uniform that is in good condition but may no longer fit your child/ren. We have started collecting uniform and will continue to do so **until Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** in preparation for the sale. Thank you to everyone who has donated items so far. During the sale we are asking for a small donation for the purchase of any uniform, e.g. 50p per item of clothing.

## Sefton Schools – Mini Marathon

Advance notice that, after Easter, schools in Sefton are working together to raise funds for ‘bleeding control kits and cabinets’. These will help to keep our communities safe and well-resourced in the event that someone needs medical assistance. Children will be participating in a mini marathon event at school during the week of 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Throughout the week, all pupils will be running 2.6 miles around the school grounds. On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April representatives from Years 5&6 will be involved in a relay event with other local schools passing on a ‘bleed control kit’ as a baton to show how we are working together to support our community. We will be sharing more information about this event next week.

## Attendance

Many thanks for your support with children’s attendance. So much happens within the school day, academically and socially, and children miss out on lots of opportunities when they are not in school. Congratulations to 6P who had 100% attendance last week and to 4P who have had 100% attendance this week. If you feel that you would benefit from some support with your child’s attendance, please contact school so that we work together to make the necessary improvements.

