



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 6

24th November 2023

Children have been involved in lots of different activities over the last two weeks. We are very proud of how hard children are working and the progress they are making. Many thanks to all parents for your support with reading, spellings and the different homework tasks that children bring home. If you have any questions about your child's learning, please speak to your child's class teacher who can resolve any queries you might have.

Thank You – Mufti Day/ Cake Sales

Children enjoyed coming into school in their own clothes last Friday and we were delighted with how many cakes came into school for the Cake Sales that Pablo H-J (6P) had organised. In addition to the large number of cakes that were donated, we also raised £300 in school which was tremendous. The Cake Sales themselves raised a fantastic sum of £828.10, giving a grand total of £1128.10. What a fantastic achievement! Thank you so much for your help and support with this. Well done to Pablo, Mateo H-J (1P), Joseph S (6P) and Charles K (6S) for selling the cakes over the weekend. Great job!

If you sent cakes into school in a cake tin or box from home, you can collect these from Mr Holmes' classroom which is the portacabin on the right in the Junior playground.

Anti-Bullying Week

Children celebrated Anti-Bullying Week in school last week with the theme for this year being, 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. Children enjoyed a range of activities throughout the week, reinforcing the message that bullying is never acceptable and should not be tolerated. Children shared their learning with each other in assemblies at the end of the week and it was wonderful to see what each class had been doing. Please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/news/detail/anti-bullying-week-1/> for some photographs of the assemblies. Class teachers chose children who really embraced the week to receive the Headteacher Award. Congratulations children.

Amelie F – Rec S

Charlotte S – 1S

Phoebe H – 2S

Felicity G - Rec P

Poppy C-M – 1P

Billy H – 2P

David G – 3S

Mia H – 4S

Grace K – 5S

Ava S – 6S

Aleks J – 3P

Connie B – 4P

Esmé Y – 5P

Nathan S – 6P

Online Safety

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, children revisited the importance of respectful online communication and how to keep themselves safe in the digital world. As the world of online communication and social media is continuously expanding, online safety is an integral part of the Computing curriculum for all year groups. If you would like more information about online safety, please speak to your child's class teacher or refer to 'thinkuknow', a national online safety programme that has resources for parents and children.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle – Christmas Jumper Swap

We are looking to hold a 'Christmas Jumper Swap' event, providing an opportunity for parents to donate any surplus Christmas jumpers that children may have grown out of and choose another jumper, free of charge. Christmas jumpers can be expensive and have a limited use so recycling them in this way has multiple benefits. If you have any children's Christmas jumpers that you no longer need, please bring them to school on **Thursday 30th November**. The 'Christmas Jumper Swap' will take place on **Tuesday 5th December** in the school hall at **3.15pm – 3.45pm**. Any jumpers that are left over following this event will be donated to charity. Many thanks in advance to the parents who have agreed to help with this.

Christmas Jumper Day / Santa Dash

Christmas Jumper Day is **Thursday 7th December** and children will be completing a 'Santa Dash' during the day, weather permitting. All children will need to wear their PE kits and they are also welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or Christmas accessories (e.g. Christmas socks) to help them feel festive during their run.

The Wider Curriculum

Children access a broad curriculum each week in school enjoying foundation subjects, such as Music, Art, Science, Geography, History, PE, Design & Technology and Computing. It is wonderful to see children flourish in different ways as they develop their talents and interests. This week, class teachers chose children who shine in the wider curriculum to receive the Headteacher Award. Well done children!

Paisley Q – Rec S	Evelyn U – 1S	Flynn B – 2S	
Benjamin M - Rec P	Ellie L – 1P	Elias H – 2P	
Darragh C – 3S	Logan W – 4S	Thea P – 5S	Isabelle A – 6S
Alfie R – 3P	Ethan B – 4P	Joshua P – 5P	Molly McA – 6P

If you would like to find out more about the curriculum taught across school, please visit <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/curriculum/> You can access information about each subject by clicking on the appropriate icon at the bottom of the page.

Exploring the Local Environment

As part of their Geography lessons, Year 1 enjoyed some fieldwork last week when they went on a walk around the local area. Children were using street maps to identify significant buildings within the locality and did a fantastic job. Well done Year 1!

Congratulations Girls' Football Squad

The girls' football teams had a tremendous start to the season last week when they won a football tournament at Christ the King High School, competing against other teams from local primary schools. Their performance on and off the pitch was exemplary and we are very proud of everyone involved. Well done girls! A big thank you to Mrs Farley who organises and coaches the teams.

Marine Lake Events Centre – Regeneration Project

The school councillors from Years 5&6 had an exciting day at the Marine Lake Events Centre last week, taking part in some activities linked to its regeneration. Children from different schools in Southport were involved in designing some of the hoardings that surround the Centre. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and were terrific ambassadors for school. Many thanks to Mrs Williams for leading the School and Eco-Councils and accompanying the councillors to this event. Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/marine-lake-events-centre-regeneration/> for photographs from the event.

Art Council

Thank you to all the children who applied to be part of this year's Art Council. Mrs Palmen was delighted to receive so many applications. Well done to the following children who will be working on different projects throughout the year:

3S – Niamh T	3P – Ruth W	4S – Xavier W	4P – Connie B
5S – Thea P	5P - Meredith P	6S – Charles K	6P - Pablo H-J

Plants for Peace

Children in Year 4 have been working with Clive over the last few weeks on a very special project. Each child has decorated a plant pot, in which they have then planted an acorn from the oak tree in the car park of St Patrick's Church. Children have written messages of peace on their pots in different languages. The pots will be brought into St Patrick's and St Marie's Churches and then given to families within the community who are grieving or to the sick and housebound. Children have enjoyed working on this with Clive, who has given his time very generously to do this. Thank you, Clive.

Each class will be visiting Church over the next few weeks to take part in Advent reflections with Fr John and Linda. Children feel very much at home in our Church and look forward to these visits.

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

Prayer for Peace

Prayer is a powerful way in which we can help those who are suffering. We are continuing to say the following prayers each day in school.



Thumb - closest to our hearts - pray for peace

Pointer finger - for attacks to stop

Middle finger - tallest finger - may they stand strong knowing that Jesus is with them

4th finger - wedding ring finger - for families who are separated

Little finger - for all children who are injured and living in fear

Dear Jesus,

So many people are feeling sad right now.

Please help world leaders to make the war stop as it hurts so many people.

We pray for all children who are in dangerous places right now that they may not be hurt.

If they have to leave their homes protect them on their way.

May they find a place of safety where they don't have to be afraid.

Help them to feel our prayers and to know that you are with them always.

Amen

The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ambition, a national survey of children and young people across England. The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important. In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England. Children or parents can complete the survey via the following link:

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition Further resources are available on

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition/>

Flu Spray

A little reminder that the Immunisation Team will be in school on **Thursday 30th November** to administer the Nasal Flu Spray to all children whose parents have given consent. If you would like your children to have the Flu Spray please visit <https://econsent.mersecare.nhs.uk/> to opt in. If your child is receiving this at the GP, the team have requested that you let them know by contacting 0151 247 6130. Many thanks

Christmas Performances

Children are starting to learn different songs for their Christmas performances and it is a joy to hear them singing. We will be sending more information out about tickets for each performance next week. Please see below for a little reminder of the appropriate dates and times:

Reception: 7th December: Reception S - 2.00pm **8th December:** Reception P - 2.00pm

Year 1: 14th December: 1S - 2.00pm

15th December: 1P - 2.00pm

Year 2: 12th December: 2S - 2.00pm

13th December: 2P - 2.00pm

Years 3&4: 11th December: Years 3&4 - 2.00pm in St Patrick's Church

12th December: Years 3&4 - 6.30pm in St Patrick's Church

After School Clubs

The following clubs will be running this half term up to and including the week beginning 11th December.

Drumming Club: Years 4&5 – Tuesdays (3.30pm – 4.15pm)

Multi Skills: Year 2 – Wednesdays (3.15pm – 4.00pm)

Gymnastics: Year 2 – Thursdays (3.15pm – 4.00pm)

Children can be collected at the main entrance of school at the end of each club.

