



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 5

10th November 2023

Children have made a great start to the half term and have been very busy over the last fortnight. Please see the Class Pages on the school website <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/class-pages-1/> to find out more about children's learning and see photographs of them in action.

Parents Evenings

Thank you to all parents who have attended Parents Evenings over the last two weeks. We are very proud of how hard children are working and were delighted that so many parents were able to see children's books and chat with class teachers. Many thanks also to everyone who completed a Parental Questionnaire. As we work together to support our children, we are very grateful for your views and feedback and are currently in the process of collating the information.

School Values – Friendship

Following on from our Mission Day earlier in the year we are focusing on one value each half term. In September, children decided which values are particularly important in our school and our focus until Christmas is on Friendship. Class teachers chose children who have been a good friend to others to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Well done children!

Lucy R – Rec S

Emmy M – 1S

Jack B – 2S

Lola E - Rec P

Phoebe H – 1P

Francesca H – 2P

Josh M – 3S

Arthur B – 4S

Elsie A – 5S

Niall J – 6S

Teddy F – 3P

Edward K – 4P

Lucas D – 5P

Pablo H-J – 6P

Anti-Bullying Week – Make A Noise About Bullying

We will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week next week, with the theme this year being 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. Throughout the week children will be participating in different activities that reinforce that bullying is always unacceptable and should not be tolerated. As in previous years, children are invited to start the week with **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 13th November** to recognise we are all unique as individuals and should feel proud of who we are. I look forward to seeing children wearing odd socks around school.

Black History Month

October was Black History Month. The theme for the month was 'Celebrating our Sisters,' emphasising the vital role black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change and building communities. Children enjoyed conducting research about key individuals and they accessed a range of tasks linked to their findings. Please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/history/> for more information.

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge in conjunction with The Atkinson. Sue Boyle came to present children with their certificates on Monday and it was wonderful to see so many participants. Many thanks to all parents who have supported children with this throughout the summer holidays. Thank you also to Sue and The Atkinson for inspiring our readers.

Congratulations Berry C!

It is wonderful to hear about all the amazing things that children do outside of school and I am so proud of Berry C (Rec S). Berry recently raised £382.50 for Lancashire Teaching Hospitals Charity Children's Appeal. Berry raised this money by completing the 'Preston My First Mile' event. Well done Berry!

All Saints' Day

Children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 visited Church on 1st November to celebrate All Saints' Day. Key Stage 2 attended Mass in the morning and Key Stage 1 had a special reflection in the afternoon. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed these experiences and it was lovely to come together for the celebrations. . Please see <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/news/detail/all-saints-day-1/> for some photographs.

Year 6 also visited Church this week for a Question & Answer session with Fr John about Vocation and Commitment, as part of their Come & See topic. Thank you to Fr John for making these opportunities possible for children and staff.

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

Remembrance Day

Children have been learning about the significance of Remembrance Day today, discovering more about the sacrifices made by so many over time. Thank you to everyone who bought poppies or other merchandise to support The Royal British Legion. So far, we have raised an incredible £365. We will receive the final figure when the money raised by selling paper poppies is added to this total. Many thanks for your generosity.

Inspiring Each Other To ExcellenceCongratulations Pablo!

Unfortunately, the atrocities of war are continuing in the Middle East causing devastation to thousands. Keen to raise money to send to those most in need, Pablo H-J (6P) is organising **Cake Sales** after each Mass at St Patrick's Church on **Saturday 18th November (6pm)** and **Sunday 19th November (11.30am)**. As a school community we would like to support Pablo's mission and will be having a **mufti day** on **Friday 17th November**. Children can come into school in their own clothes and are invited to bring in £1 or some cakes for the Cake Sale. We recognise that this coincides with Children In Need and children are welcome to wear appropriate accessories to acknowledge this if they wish. Thank you for your support with this.

Prayer is another powerful way in which we can help those who are suffering. Fr John and Linda have shared the following prayer which we are saying every day in school.

Hand Prayer



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

Healthy Relationships

As we prepare children for life in the wider world, we follow the Journey in Love programme as recommended by the Archdiocese of Liverpool. Children across school follow this programme which is delivered each term. The content is divided into sections: Social & Emotional, Physical and Spiritual to support children's knowledge and understanding of all aspects of relationships at age appropriate levels. Please see <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-patricks-catholic-southport/UploadedDocument/5740ee95-dcab-49d0-8cc9-0623b5f3c68f/st-patricks-summary-grid-for-journey-in-love.pdf> for an overview of the programme. More information about curriculum content is available at <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/st-patricks-catholic-southport/UploadedDocument/5d84e871-ced7-4989-bcef-6ff4a892e9fb/rshe-booklet-for-parents-and-carers.pdf> The booklet for parents provides more detail about what is taught in each year group. If you would like more information about the delivery of this programme or the content covered, please speak to your class teacher.

Headteacher Award – Maths (Barvember)

Children learn different strategies to help them with their Maths work and this includes using apparatus and pictorial representations. Throughout the month of November children are completing daily Maths challenges using Bar Models. Congratulations to children chosen to receive the Headteacher Award this week for being Maths superstars.

Darcy M – Rec S	Michelle L – 1S	Kevin C-B – 2S	
Charlotte M - Rec P	Oscar T – 1P	Herbie M – 2P	
Lucas T – 3S	Harry R – 4S	Joseph C – 5S	Oliver G – 6S
Lukas S – 3P	Sabrina M-T – 4P	Aidan M – 5P	Sofia T – 6P

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

Attendance

Thank you for supporting children to have good attendance. So much happens within the school day and children really miss out when they are not in school. Congratulations to 4P who had 100% attendance last week and to 2S, 3P and 5P who have all had 100% attendance this week. Well done!

We recognise that as the weather changes children can be particularly susceptible to coughs and colds. If children are a little under the weather and you are unsure about whether to send them into school, please see the NHS guidance for parents regarding when to keep children off school in relation to health matters. This information can be found on <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Swimming

Advance notice that children in **Year 5** have their final swimming lesson next week on **Thursday 16th November**. **Year 4** will be going swimming from **Thursday 23rd November**. Children are required to wear a swimming hat as well as their swimming shorts/ costume and are welcome to wear goggles if they wish to do so.

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.

