



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Newsletter 3

13th October 2023

There has been lots of different things happening in school over the last fortnight. Please see the Class Pages on our website <https://www.stpatrickschurchtown.com/class-pages-1/> to find out more about children's learning and see some photographs of the children in action.

Hello Yellow! – World Mental Health Day

We celebrated World Mental Health Day in school on Tuesday with children (and staff) wearing yellow accessories with their school uniform. This year's theme was 'Stand Out & Show Up' and all classes explored different ways to stay mentally healthy. Each class has selected a Wellbeing Ambassador who has an important role to play in school as a buddy to others. Other children will also have this opportunity throughout the year as we work together to raise awareness of young people's mental health and support each other in our school community.

Wellbeing Ambassadors:

Rec S: Lewi N

Rec P: Scarlett P

1S: Charlotte S

1P: Lula R

2S: Lottie G

2P: Lily W

3S: Niamh T

3P: Imogen C

4S: Mia H

4P: Oscar H

5S: Mary W

5P: Jonas C

6P: Sophia-Rose W

6S: Ava S

Thank you to Nikki Connolly-Kelly who recently worked with Year 6 on behalf of Talk the Talk Education. Her work included exploring different strategies for children to use to develop resilience and support their personal growth. We really appreciated having the opportunity to access these sessions, which were hugely worthwhile.

Local History – Little Ireland

Children in Years 3 and 5 have been exploring some history linked to a project taking place in the local community. NW Heritage CIC is currently restoring the fogbell on Marshside Road as a community heritage asset. Once complete, it will be a micro museum dedicated to the history of life along our coast. Children enjoyed researching about 'Little Ireland' and finding out about the origins of St Patrick's Church and School. Some of their work will be displayed within the micro museum. If you would like to find out more about Little Ireland, please see https://www.stpatrickssouthport.org.uk/index_files/ParishHistory.htm for more information. Many thanks to Mrs Molyneux for liaising with NW Heritage and organising this opportunity for our children.

School Values - Helping Others

CAFOD: Children have been helping others in a number of ways, as we focus on one of our School Values each half term. Classes accessed the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day resources, learning that one in three people around the world have gone hungry in the last year. We were delighted to receive a letter from CAFOD thanking us for sending £420.00 at the end of July to support the tremendous work they do around the world.

Collective Worship: Praying for those less fortunate than ourselves has been the theme of our Collective Worship sessions this week and class teachers chose children who are particularly reverent and reflective during Collective Worship to receive the Headteacher Award this week. Collective Worship sessions take place every day and are special times for children to gather together and reflect on God's Word. Well done children – keep up the good work! Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/times-of-worship/> for photographs of Worship.

Rec S – Joshua W-H

Rec P – Callum R

Natalia R – 3P

Ruby M – 3S

William B – 1S

Annabelle S – 1P

Emmie B – 4S

Ariana D – 4P

Isla C – 2S

Joshua S – 2P

Joseph C – 5S

Jonas C – 5P

Aura K – 6S

Pablo H-J – 6P

Soup Kitchen: We were thrilled to be able to support people in the local community by sending some more produce from the Veggie Patch to the Soup Kitchen this week. Clive Baines came to school to help the children in Year 4 harvest some leeks and onions. Many thanks to Clive who has transformed the area of the school field which is home to the Veggie Patch. Year 4 are very much looking forward to working with Clive throughout the year. Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/helping-others-vegetables-for-the-soup-kitchen/> for photographs of the children in action.

Mass Times & Year 6 Class Mass

All our children love seeing Fr John in school and we are looking forward to taking them to Church where they feel very much at home. If you would like to 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

A little reminder that children in **Year 6** will be attending Mass at St Patrick's Church on **Thursday 19th October at 10.00am**. Parents and family members are most welcome to attend too.

Headteacher Award - Behaviour

Excellent behaviour and positive attitudes to learning are promoted in a number of ways in school. Children have created their own Class Charters, agreeing on rules and routine within their class to help everyone have high expectations for themselves and others. Class teachers chose children whose behaviour is exemplary to receive the Headteacher Award last week. Well done children!

Rec S – Edward P

Evie N – 1S

Sofia S – 2S

Rec P – Alicia H

Lula R – 1P

Lily W – 2P

Teddy N – 3P

Macie D – 4S

Ella M-N – 5S

Charles K – 6S

Ruby L – 3S

Jack M – 4P

Maggie W – 5P

Sophia-Rose W – 6P

Key Stage 2 Art Council

Mrs Palmen is organising an Art Council for pupils in Key Stage 2. The Art Council will meet every half term to discuss and help implement art projects both within the school and beyond. If your child would like to be considered for the role, they should submit a short statement detailing why they would be the perfect candidate by Tuesday 31st October. One pupil from each class will be chosen to take on the role for the rest of the academic year. This is an exciting opportunity for any Key Stage 2 pupil who is passionate and enthusiastic about art. Thank you to Mrs Palmen for creating this exciting opportunity for budding artists.

Congratulations Footballers

Congratulations to the boys' football team who have played in the next round of league matches this week at Larkfield Primary School. They were very excited to win all three of their games, a tremendous achievement. Well done to all the players! Thank you to Mrs Garlick and Mr Jacques for organising and coaching the team and to Mr Kelleher for accompanying the team to their matches this week.

BUPA – Dental Health Visit

Children in Years 1-3 had a visit from staff at Bupa Dental Care last week. Staff worked with each year group, teaching children about the importance of dental health. They showed children how to keep teeth and gums clean and healthy and gave children a little pack to take home. Many thanks to the staff involved. This was an enjoyable and very useful visit for everyone.

Harry Potter Book Day

There was a sense of great excitement in school yesterday as children celebrated Harry Potter Book Day. We have many Harry Potter fans in school and, as part of our English lessons, children enjoyed a range of activities. Classrooms were a hive of creativity and it was wonderful to see children so enthused. Thank you to Mrs Shirley for organising this event.

Phonics Information Evening

Mrs Shirley is hosting a Phonics Information Meeting via Zoom at 6.00pm on Thursday 19th October for parents of children in Reception. Emails inviting parents to join the meeting were sent out earlier in the week. If your child is in Reception and you haven't received this email, please contact the school office.

Parents Evening Appointments

Many thanks to all parents who have contacted class teachers to request Parents Evening appointments. Class teachers are looking forward to discussing how well children have settled into their new classes and sharing their work with you. Appointment times will be emailed out to parents in the middle of next week.

Local Offer Live

We have been advised that there is an event at the Family Life Centre on Ash Street on 22nd November at which parents can find out more information about services for children with Special Educational Needs and their families. Please see [Local Offer Live is Back on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at 9:30am to 5:30pm | The Sefton Directory](#) for more information.

