



ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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We have had a busy fortnight in school. Children have been working hard and enjoying lots of different activities. 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.

School Values – Helping Others

Children help each other in so many different ways in school and it makes such a difference to our school community. Class teachers chose children who are particularly helpful to others to receive the Headteacher Award in our assemblies last week. Well done children!

Rec S – Polly D	Elliot J – 1S	Lottie G – 2S	
Rec P – Poppy W	Isla J – 1P	Amy A – 2P	
Mackenzie M – 3P	Lucas D – 4S	Rose B O'F – 5S	Jacob M – 6S
Oliver B – 3S	Ethan B – 4P	Bobby G – 5P	Tara McC – 6P

At the end of our assemblies, children had a 'Go Forth' activity linked to helping other children in a special way. Each class has decorated some bunting that will be sent to local hospitals to decorate children's wards at Christmas time.

Democracy – School and Eco-Council Elections

Key Stage 2 was a hive of activity on Tuesday as lots of children presented their manifestos for the role of School or Eco Councillors. The quality of children's manifestos and their presentations was tremendous, a real credit to everyone who put themselves forward. This shows great courage and we are very proud of everyone involved. Election results were announced in the Housepoint Assembly yesterday. Congratulations to all our winners!

School Council:

3S: Penny B & Yves V
3P: Pearl B O'F & Patrick K
4S: Riley B-M & Darcy-Rose B
4P: Luca P & Raphael P
5S: Mary W & Ella H-K
5P: Molly M & William F
6S: Teddy E & Sophie G
6P: Joseph S & Olivia J

Eco-Council

3S: Holly S & Charlotte M
3P: Alfie R & Teddy F
4S: Arthur B & Macie G
4P: Oscar H & Evie H
5S: Zachary C & Ella M-N
5P: Joshua P & Paschalis A
6S: Niall J & Charlie B
6P: Annabelle D & Pablo H-J

Southport War Memorial Re-Dedication

A number of Year 6 children represented our school today in an event to celebrate the Re-Dedication of the War Memorial in Southport. The Memorial stands on London Square on Lord Street and will be 100 years old, this year. The event involved members of the armed forces as well as many veterans and was also attended by HRH Princess Anne, The Princess Royal. The children were thrilled to meet HRH Princess Anne and were also very excited to be interviewed by the BBC.

The number of children allowed to participate in the Re-Dedication was restricted due to security reasons and organisational protocol. However, ahead of the event, all our Year 6 children were invited to enter a competition by producing a piece of work on the theme, 'To me, Remembrance is ...' The quality of children's work across the year group was excellent and we were absolutely delighted to hear that a poem written by Sofia T (6P) has been selected to be exhibited in The Atkinson. Well done to all the children who submitted work to enter the competition and thank you to those who attended the parade. A special thanks to Mrs Molyneux (History leader) and Mrs Garlick for organising the logistics and accompanying the children this morning. Please see <https://st-patricks-catholic-southport.secure-primariesite.net/news/detail/southport-war-memorial-re-dedication/> for some photographs.

Headteacher Award - Reading

Reading is at the core of our curriculum and is a priority in all classes. Children work hard to develop their reading fluency, comprehension skills and expand their vocabulary through a range of activities. They also enjoy a range of literature to promote a love of reading. Class teachers chose children who are working hard with their reading to receive the Headteacher Award this week. Well done children – keep up the good work!

Rec S – Peyton M	Nancy G – 1S	Francis W-M – 2S	
Rec P – Eloise H	Jenson C – 1P	James G – 2P	
Ruth W – 3P	George G – 4S	Anya C-B – 5S	Frederic F – 6S
Yves V – 3S	Leila M – 4P	Lois McG – 5P	Charlotte McG – 6P

With You Always

Lots of children in Year 4 are starting the With You Always programme this week at St Patrick's and St Marie's Churches. This programme prepares children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) later in the year. We keep the children and their families in our prayers as they start this journey together.

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

Advance notice 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.

Congratulations Footballers

Congratulations to the boys' football team who have played their first matches over the last two weeks. They took part in a football tournament at Stanley High School and have also played some initial league matches too. The boys have won several games and have made an excellent start to the season. They have been tremendous ambassadors for school on and off the pitch – well done! Thank you to Mrs Garlick and Mr Jacques for organising and coaching the team.

Fundraising - Christmas Cards

Advance notice that children will be designing their own Christmas cards over the next couple of weeks, which we will be selling to raise funds for school later in the term. You will receive an example of your child's design on a Christmas card and then have the option of ordering cards or gifts featuring their artwork. We will send out more information about this nearer the time but wanted to give plenty of notice ahead of any potential Christmas preparations.

Communication - Class Emails

A huge thank you to everyone for their patience with the class emails. We have had a few teething problems with these and we really do appreciate people's understanding in the event that emails have not delivered properly. Fingers crossed, we are hoping that the problems are now resolved.

Uniform

It is great to see children looking smart for school, wearing the correct uniform with school shoes as opposed to trainers. A little reminder that nail varnish is not permitted and children wearing earrings must only wear small studs, for safety reasons. Children's cardigans and jumpers are sold at Whittakers and are the only branded items of uniform that children are required to wear. Children are welcome to wear either the summer or winter uniform up until half term, following which everyone should be wearing the winter uniform. Many thanks for your support with this.

School Calendar

We are currently finalising a number of dates so that we can send out a calendar of some key dates for parents next week. These will include the dates and times of Parents Evenings and Christmas performances to help parents plan ahead and organise work schedules accordingly.



