



St. Patrick's R.C. Primary School - Newsletter

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WEEKEND MASSES - Come to the table, everyone is welcome!

Saturday: Vigil Mass -6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick's

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If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Canon Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Canon Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Our statement next week is: 'I try to be accepting of others.'

COMPASSION: In Sunday's Gospel, we encounter God through Jesus yet again, healing a man with leprosy. Jesus healed the man but also showed him compassion. He opens up his heart to the man and feels pity and love towards him. Compassion is when we share in someone's sadness or grief, reaching out to help them in a desperate situation.

"The compassion of God, his suffering with us, gives meaning to our struggles and our sufferings."

(Pope Francis)



Ash
Wednesday

ASH WEDNESDAY: We are delighted that our community will get to experience Ash Wednesday in school next week with Mass at 9.15 a.m. and the children will learn all about this tradition which starts the season on Lent. Our GIFT team will lead our Mass and our Charity reps will be ready to tell us all about their plans for fundraising. Our Lenten morning Masses will resume each Thursday morning in church at 8.15 a.m. As always, all are welcome!

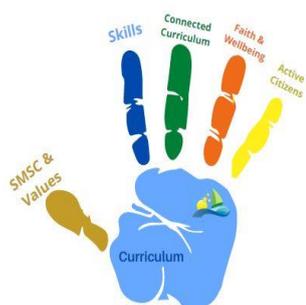
ATTENDANCE MATTERS: Thank you to our families who were here every day and on time last week. Our overall attendance was 93.7% so some way off from hitting our target of 97%. Congratulations to Years 4 & 6 who were the joint winners with 97% and enjoyed an extra 5 minutes on their playtimes every day this week! What an inspiration! We had two winning classes for the month of January - Year 6 & Year 3! Our Attendance Ambassadors from Y6 rewarded these classes with an ice-cream treat this afternoon. Who is going to be an attendance HERO next week? (Here Everyday Ready On time) The results for last week are here below.



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| Nursery - 90.3% | Reception - 92.6% | Year 1 - 93.3% | Year 2 - 90% |
| Year 3 - 94.4% | Year 4 97% | Year 5 - 94.3% | Year 6 - 97% |
| Overall total 93.7% | | | |

PUNCTUALITY: Can we remind parents that our gates open to pupils at 8.40 a.m. until 8.50 a.m. and children are expected to be in class and ready for registration at this time. Please work with us so that your child isn't late for learning!

OUR OWN CENTRAL LIBRARY: Our children are very fortunate to have a school library and our reading leaders keep a keen and watchful eye to ensure we're all looking after this beautiful space so that we can all enjoy our reading for pleasure. Our children really love reading the vast array of picture books we have on offer because the illustrations and stories are of fantastic quality. These books help children to practice their reading skills and gives them an opportunity to use a variety of voices for characters.



CURRICULUM NEWS: Even though it's been assessment week in school this week, it hasn't stopped our children enjoying all of the usual lessons! Children in Year 3 were enjoying their fitness topic - building on their speed, strength, balance and agility. Year 6 are on fire with getting more members into the 40 club - you'll have to ask the children about this and Mrs Clinton is turning a blind eye to the reward! Year 5 have been refining their compositions ready to perform on their glockenspiels.

ON-LINE SAFETY: Our digital leaders have been busy this week, carrying out surveys to see what our children get up to whilst online. Learning has included the dangers of impersonation & fraud as well as the power of influencers. The Year 4 class also participated in some online training about how to lead assemblies on current affairs. They joined other children from across the country and are going to have a go at putting an assembly together for our younger pupils.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: Families who are on the Sacramental Programme...2 things:



1. The next step for children on the Sacramental Programme will be when they make their Sacrament of Reconciliation which will take place on Tuesday, 12th March at 7.00 p.m. at St. Patrick's Church. Please put this date in your diary. Sister Anne will soon be in touch regarding any meetings to help parents to prepare for this.
2. Father Paul and Father Moses are really keen to get to know our families better and ask if they could carry out a short visit to your home over this year. It wouldn't be a long a visit and your children would love to welcome them. We will be calling parents to get consent to pass on your contact details to the priests.

CHINESE NEW YEAR: Congratulations to all in our Chinese community as you start your celebrations this weekend for the Year of the Dragon! KUNG HEI FAT CHOI!



SO PROUD OF YOU!

#PROUD: It's not long until our celebration evening for our #PROUD children. Some very proud parents will be receiving their invitations shortly after half term to invite them into school on Wednesday 6th March. Fingers crossed for all the children!

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS: Although we already have a number of clubs: sports, music and band, some of our pupils want to start others. So, after half term, we're going to give it a go... Miss Aulton & the Craft kids are setting up a craft club for our Year 2 children, Miss Lowrie wants to dance lunchtimes away with her Year 1 children, Miss Cusick wants to boost children with their reading and maths and Miss McGrath is going to start a choir!!! Watch this space!! More details to follow....



FSM VOUCHERS: Manchester City Council has again approved funding for supermarket vouchers for the February half term break to help with the financial pressures that many of our families will face. Families with children eligible for free school meals (FSM) will receive a £15.00 e-voucher from Wonde on Wednesday, 14th February. This voucher can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice.

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Information & Support



NURSERY PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER: Are you looking for a nursery place or know someone who is? Is their date of birth between 01.09.2020 and 31.08.2021? If so, we have places within our nursery available for your child to start in September! For more information about the admissions process, please call in at the school office.

NON-UNIFORM DAY: Next **Friday, 16th February,** will be the last day of the half term. As always, this will be a non-uniform day in aid of school fund. All monies collected will be put towards reducing the costs of enrichment activities and school trips for the children as the academic year progresses. We are asking for a donation of 50p per pupil/£1 per family. Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity.



HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: The BBC have a really useful website with lots of information that can help households with the cost of living crisis. Get support with:



- Mortgages
- Energy bills
- Household costs
- Childcare costs
- Income support
- Saving money
- Pension rules

Visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cljev4jz3pjt> for more information



FACEBOOK: If you aren't doing so already, please 'like' our page on Facebook so you can keep up to date with all of the latest news! Teachers will be posting about what the class are up to during the week and they'll post photos also! Search us as **St. Patrick's Manchester** and we should pop up!

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Mike McGuire (RIP) and the McGuire family, Angeline Holt, Oliver O'Leary, Alice Ritchie, Leanne Clegg, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul & Father Moses, the Presentation Sisters, our children and staff, all those working with environment agencies, the homeless & rough sleepers, CAFOD, the Lalley Centre and all other private intentions at this time.



2024 THE YEAR OF PRAYER: Pope Francis has declared 2024 as a special Year of Prayer. Here is a bedtime prayer for you to say with your children this week: *Dear Lord Jesus, please increase our faith in your love and compassion and strength to help us care for all those who are left out. Amen*

Stay with us, Lord...on our journey.