

St. Monica's School Weekly Newsletter

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'Strive to succeed in the presence of God'

TOGETHER as a Catholic community **EVERYONE** – children, parents, staff and parish – **ACHIEVES** in their own unique way and strives to be **MORE** like Jesus.

♥♥ ASSEMBLIES ♥♥

On Monday, Mr Ross spoke to the children about Operation Christmas Child - our shoebox appeal. Please consider taking part - we sent 326 shoeboxes across the world last year. Can we beat that number this year? On Tuesday, Miss Kennedy spoke to the Juniors about the up and coming Junior Poetry Competition, refer to email sent this week. The closing date for entries is Friday, 4th November. On Wednesday, Mr Ross spoke to the Infants about St Francis of Assisi who is the Patron Saint of the Environment and they looked at ways to REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

Class Assembly

4Y's assembly on Thursday was all about Black History Month. People should be valued and respected irrespective of colour, race or creed.

RECEPTION 2017

There will be open afternoons on Tuesday 8th November 2016, Thursday 24th November 2016 and Wednesday 11th January 2017. All open afternoons will start **promptly** at 1.30pm. It is **essential** that you call the school office on 020 8886 4647 to book an appointment to attend one of the open afternoons.

CHURCH VISIT

During the week Fr. Paulo took Year 2 on a tour of St Monica's Church. He showed them the tabernacle, vestments, the various statues and told them about the stories behind the stained glass windows.

Quiz Night

Last Friday night's quiz was another resounding success for the Friends of St Monica's. An amazing £1,471 was raised. Thank you all!!!

FOOTBALL

On Tuesday, our boys' football team played a very tough match against Merryhills Primary but won 2-1. They also played against Walker Primary and won 3-0. Well done boys!!!

Month of the Holy Rosary

During the month of October we pray a decade of the Rosary outside school each morning at 8.50am. All welcome. Please be aware of this taking place and walk into school quietly if you are not joining us. Thank you!

DIOCESE BUILDING FUND

Your Building Fund contribution of £45 per family for this academic year is now due. Your contribution goes towards the 10% cost we are obliged to pay for developing and maintaining our school buildings. Out of a possible £13,950 we have received £2,666. Only another £11,284 needed for our 10% contribution of £17,000 towards the current building work. Thank you to everyone who has sent in their contribution. Please, please keep sending in your contributions.

St Paul's Cathedral

Year 2 had an amazing day today on their trip to St Paul's Cathedral. An enjoyable and informative day was had by all.

LEGO WORKSHOP

Year 1 really enjoyed their Lego Workshop on Thursday. They had fun building a Lego village and learning how to construct a roof.

Healthy School Award

We are very proud to announce that we have achieved the Bronze Award for Healthy Schools London. This is in recognition of the work that we do to promote health and wellbeing. The areas included in the scheme are those of Healthy eating, Physical activity, Emotional health and well-being, and Personal, Social Health Education (PSHE). We are now putting things in place to apply for the Silver Award. Thank you to Ms Jackson and Karen Borley for their work toward this. Mrs Baptiste

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 18th October – Junior Rejoice Prayer Service at 9.15am, Year 6 parents are invited
- Tuesday 18th October – Netball match at Eversley Primary School, refer to letter
- Wednesday 19th October – Year 4 to Hatfield House, please pick up from school at 3.30pm
- Wednesday 19th October – Infant Rejoice Assembly at 9.15am, 2G parents are invited
- Thursday 20th October – 1Y Class Assembly at 9.15am, 1Y parents are invited
- Thursday 20th October – Gaelic Football Tournament at Greenford
- Thursday 20th October – Ladies Evening in main hall at 8.00pm
- Friday 21st October – Year 6 Young Shakespeare Workshop in school
- Friday 21st October Year 2 Great Fire of London Day

HOUSE FOR RENT

A beautifully decorated large four bedroom house on The Mall is available to rent. Please contact Bridget Thompson 07870 620212 if interested.

Prayer

Take time to work,
It is the price of success.
Take time to mediate,
It is the source of power.
Take time to play,
It is the secret of perpetual youth.
Take time to read,
It is the way of knowledge.
Take time to be friendly,
It is the road to happiness.
Take time to laugh,
It is the music of the soul
And take time to love and to be loved.

Have a lovely weekend!