

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, staff, parents, carers and parish – ACHIEVES in their own unique way and tries to be MORE like Jesus.

ASSEMBLIES

On Tuesday, Mrs Tottle-Nugent spoke to the Juniors about the origins of pretzels which started over 1,000 years ago. See if your child can remember how they began!! On Wednesday, Miss Murphy spoke to the Infants about St Patrick and how he brought Christianity to Ireland. We now know that the shamrock represents the Holy Trinity - God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Class Assembly

On Thursday, **4Y** took us on a trip of the Emerald Isle. Their assembly was all about St Patrick's Day which falls on the 17th March. They wowed us with their Irish dancing, especially the Siege of Ennis. If you fancy a little exercise get your child to teach you the steps!!!

FOOTBALL

Our boys' football team played in a league cup match against Salcombe Preparatory School on Tuesday. They won 4-0 and finished the season top of the league. Well done boys!!!

LOST PROPERTY

Once again, our lost property boxes are overflowing with all sorts of weird and wonderful items. Next Tuesday, there will be a lost property table outside school, please have a look and see if there is anything there belonging to your child. Any items not claimed can be bought for a small charge.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Using a proper democratic process, children voted for one girl and boy to represent each class on the school council. The results were as follows:-

RG - Liam & Amy
RY - Leokii & Livia
1G - Conor & Amelia
1Y - Joe & Lily
2G - Giulio & Gracie
2Y - Ronnie & Olivia G
3G - Arianna & David
3Y - Luca & Kalechi
4G - Liam & Megan
4Y - Lucas & Lucy
5G - Richard & Molly
5Y - Connor & Grace
6G - Raluchi & Melissa
6Y - Romeo & Grace

Woburn Safari Park

On Thursday, **Year 1** had a fantastic day driving through Africa, North America, Russia and Asia meeting lots of animals along the way. They got to meet and touch an elephant, a cheetah, a snake and a zebra skin.

British Museum

Year 5 had a great day at the British Museum on Tuesday. They were amazed to learn that Sutton Hoo in Woodbridge, Suffolk was a very important burial site. Ask them to tell you about the Sutton Hoo Helmet!!

COMIC RELIEF DAY

The school council had lots of ideas about doing 'Something Funny for Money'. Next Friday is Comic Relief Day and in exchange for £1, each child in Years 1 – 6 can choose something funny to wear. Ideas were – wear pyjamas, wear clothes inside out or back to front, boys dress as girls/girls dress as boys, dress as your granny, the choice is all yours! Reception children will have their dress up day on Thursday, 23rd March.

Legoland

Today, **Year 2** had a fun-filled and energetic day at Legoland. Have their pyjamas ready as they will sleep tonight!!!

Diary Dates

- Monday 20th March – Year 5 to St Monica's Church for Mass, please be in school for 8.50am to leave promptly at 9.00am
- Tuesday 21st March – Maths meeting for Years 4, 5 & 6 parents at 7.00pm
- Thursday 23rd March – 3G Class assembly at 9.15am, 3 G parents are invited
- Thursday 23rd March – Wear Something Funny for Money, Reception children
- Friday 24th March – Wear Something Funny for Money, Years 1 - 6
- Friday 24th March – Mother's Day Tea Party at 2.00pm, Reception mothers are invited
- Friday 24th March – Girls' cup match at Forty Hill Primary, please refer to letter
- Friday 24th March – Friends' Comedy Night at Hazelwood School

PRAYER

Every day I need You Lord
But this day especially,
I need some extra strength
To face whatever is to be.

This day more than any day
I need to feel You near,
To fortify my courage
And to overcome my fear.

By myself, I cannot meet
The challenge of the hour,
There are times when humans help,
But we need a higher power

To assist us bear what must be borne,
and so dear Lord, I pray -
Hold on to my trembling hand
And be near me today.
Amen.

Have a lovely weekend!