

# 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 Monday, Mrs Baptiste spoke to the children about the Feast of the Sacred Heart which is today and how we should all love one another just as Jesus loves us. She also spoke to them about the results from the recent Parent

Questionnaire and expressed her concern about the number of parents who felt their children were being bullied. She explained to the children what bullying is and that it is different from a one-off unpleasant action.

They were encouraged to talk to an adult if they have any concerns.

Bullying is defined as behavior that is:

- repeated (not one off incidents)
- intended to hurt someone either physically or emotionally
- often aimed at certain groups, for example because of race, religion or gender

It takes many forms and can include:

- physical assault
- teasing
- making threats
- name calling
- cyberbullying – bullying via mobile phone or online

The school council members are currently collecting ideas on how we can make our school even better.

Remember to give your ideas to your school counsellor.

This week is 'Refugee Week' and on Wednesday, Mrs Tottle-Nugent told the Juniors the story of 'Four Feet, Two Sandals'. We are all very fortunate and should be grateful for all we have.

## **Class Assembly**

**4G's** assembly on Thursday was a magical affair on the importance of friendship. We hope the 4G parents were just as spellbound as we were!!!

## **MUSIC ASSEMBLY**

**On Tuesday, our instrumentalists from Years 2, 3 & 4 played to the whole school and their parents. They gave a beautiful performance and amazed us all with their wonderful talents!!!**

## **WILLOWS FARM**

Reception had a fantastic time on Monday visiting Willows Farm. They fed donkeys and horses, learnt how to milk a cow and even watched some sheep racing! Despite the high temperatures they had a very cool day!

## **District Sports**

**Thirty children represented our school in the Enfield Borough District Sports at Lee Valley on Monday. We had many 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places and for the first time ever we came 1<sup>st</sup> overall and won a shield. Well done everyone!!**

## **Class Photographs**

The deadline for ordering photographs is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. If you order a photograph after this date you will need to pay an extra £3.00 to cover post and packing but may not receive the photograph until September.

## **SUMMER FETE**

Thank you for all the bottles that were brought in today. Don't forget next Friday is also a non-uniform day in exchange for cakes & gifts. Also, you should all have received Summer Fete Raffle Tickets; please return them by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

If you need more books they can be picked up from the school office.

## **Summer Fete Plant Stall**

Get your gardening gloves on and start potting-up any spare plants, cuttings or seedlings that have taken up space in your flower beds ready to sell at the fete. Plants will be collected by The Friends the Friday (June 30<sup>th</sup>) before the fete.

## **Going Green for Grenfell**

**Thank you to everyone who took part in today's 'Going Green for Grenfell'. We raised an impressive £476.16. There is still time to send in your donation if you forgot to do so today.**

## **Ducklings**

Thanks to the Friends, Reception will be getting some duck eggs next week which they will watch hatch and grow. Unfortunately, they don't have the space to keep them in school so if anyone thinks they can give a suitable home to these wonderful animals please speak to Miss Redmond.

## **Diary Dates**

- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Boys' 6-a-side football match at Finchley Catholic High School, refer to letter
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Open Afternoon at 1.30pm for Reception children starting in September
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Open Afternoon at 1.30pm for Reception children starting in September
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June – Mass in school for the Feast of St Peter & St Paul for pupils and staff
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – **NON-UNIFORM DAY** in exchange for cakes & gifts for the Summer Fete

## **Mass & 40 Hours Devotion**

**Year 3 went to Mass at St. Monica's Church this morning and also represented the school during '40 Hours of Devotion'.**

**They were complimented on their reverent behaviour.**

## **Room on the Broom**

**Reception had a great day at 'Room on the Broom' today.**

## **Mobile Phones**

Please note that mobile phones are **not allowed** in school. The only exception to this rule is for children who travel home on their own (mainly Year 6 pupils). Today, we had 32 mobiles handed in at the office and we have not had 32 corresponding letters from parents giving permission for their child to travel home from school on their own. Please inform the school in writing if your child is travelling home alone or with a friend.

## **PRAYER**

Father, sometimes we care about ourselves more than we care about others. We have worries and problems which fill up our minds. Help us, Lord, to remember those who may need our love and help – our families, friends and people we meet every day. Teach us to be more giving and to care for everyone as you do.

*Have a lovely weekend!*