

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, Mr Ross spoke to the children about the many different ways the Advent Wreath helps us to prepare for Christmas day.

Class Assembly

On Thursday, 3G took us on a journey to 'Hundred Acre Wood' to celebrate the 90th birthday of Winnie the Pooh. We met all of the characters - Are you more of an energetic Tigger? Or a deep-thinker like, Eeyore?

Advent Carol Service

Please make sure that Year 4 & 5 children come to Church on Monday evening dressed in their costumes. Musicians need to be there for 6.40pm and vocalists for 6.45pm.

Reconciliation

Thank you to Fr. Shaun, Fr. Paulo, Fr Chinedu and Fr Tom (both from St George's, Enfield Town) who came in on Tuesday to provide the Years 4 – 6 with the opportunity of receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to all the children for their excellent behaviour and reverence.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note after school clubs (school run) will finish on the following dates:

- Chess** – Tuesday 13th December and January date to be confirmed
- Choir** – Wednesday 14th December and resumes Wednesday 18th January.
- Football (Year 6)** – Monday 5th December and resumes Monday 16th January.
- Guitar** – Tuesday 13th December and resumes Tuesday 17th January
- Hockey** – Tuesday 13th December and resumes Tuesday 24th January.
- Netball** – Thursday 8th December and resumes Thursday 19th January.
- Strings** – already finished and resumes Thursday 19th January.

FRIENDS

The Friends would like to thank everyone who supported the recent school discos. A record £1,825 was raised. They would also like to say thank you, for all your contributions so far this year and are looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Bazaar tomorrow.

GYMNASTICS

Our gymnastics teams were extremely busy this week performing at the Borough of Enfield Gymnastics Championship. On Monday, our Years 1 & 2 children competed in the beginners' competition and did really well. On Tuesday, our Years 3 & 4 team competed against 16 schools in the morning and 16 in the afternoon and we are extremely proud to say we were the overall winners. The Mayor presented them with their award. Finally, on Wednesday our Year 5 & 6 performed at Edmonton Leisure Centre, the standard was very high and once again, we came home with the trophy. As the standard of our gymnastics was so high, Enfield has asked some of our children to represent the Borough at the London Youth Games next year.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

As you know, we have a long standing tradition at St Monica's that all performances are free to get into but you pay to get out! Please note that there will be a retiring collection after all the Christmas performances. All money donated will be used for classroom resources.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you for all the cakes & gifts that were brought in today. Please support the school by coming tomorrow to the Bazaar from 12.00pm – 4.00pm

FOOTBALL

A big well done to our girls' football team who beat Houndsfield Primary School 2-0 in a cup match last week. Our next match will take place after Christmas.

Diary Dates

- Saturday 3rd December – Christmas Bazaar, 12pm – 4pm
- Sunday 4th December – 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Monday 5th December – Years 4 & 5 Christmas Carol Service 7pm at St Monica's Church
- Wednesday 7th December – Year 3 to Westminster Cathedral for Advent Carol Service
- Thursday 8th December – 5G Class Assembly at 9.15am, 5G parents are invited

School Photos

The deadline for ordering photographs has now gone. If you require a photograph you will now need to pay an extra £3.00 to cover post and packing but you will not be guaranteed to receive the photograph before Christmas.

ADVENT PRAYER

How dark outside!

But see – a star's in the sky;
Mary and Joseph are passing by.
So let's light a candle to welcome them as they go on their way to Bethlehem.

We'll light a candle in church each day. We'll light one candle each week and pray.

We'll light a candle at home each day. We'll light a candle each week and pray.

O God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come warming our hearts and brightening our way.

May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for His coming. Amen.



Have a restful weekend!