

# 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 Tuesday, Mrs Baptiste spoke to the Juniors about St Francis whose feast day was that day. He is Patron Saint of the Environment and we looked at ways to REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

On Wednesday, Mr Ross spoke about using our different strengths and talents to help each other, and told a story about how all the jungle animals became friends.

### Harvest Assembly

Thursday was our 'Harvest Festival Celebration'. Father Paulo joined the children and staff and blessed all our food gifts, which will be shared among those less fortunate, through the Parish Soup Run Team. An **ENORMOUS** thank you to everyone for their exceptionally generous gifts.

### RECEPTION 2017 APPLICATIONS

Parents with children whose date of birth falls between 1/9/12 & 31/8/13 are now able to apply for a place. Details are on the school website or can be collected from the school office.

### BAGS2SCHOOL

The Friends Committee would like to thank everyone who donated to Bags2School yesterday. An incredible **£878.80** was raised. This money will help the school purchase much needed classroom resources. **4G** collected the most bags and they had a non-uniform day today as a reward.

### 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.

## NETBALL

On Tuesday, our netball team played in their first matches of the season. They played really well but lost both matches. Keep up the good efforts!!!

### 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!**

## CROSS COUNTRY

Ten of our children attended the Borough Cross Country Championships at Forty Hall last Friday. Over 35 schools attended this event. Our girls' team won the 1st place trophy. Niamh came home in 1<sup>st</sup> place with Gaby coming in a close 2nd. The boys' team also did very well coming in 4th overall.

St. Monica's school came in 1<sup>st</sup> overall by a huge margin, winning the Nikki Jacques Memorial Plate. We are very proud of their achievements. Niamh and Gaby will now go on and represent Enfield in the London Youth Games in November. Good luck girls!!

## FRIENDS AGM

We are very pleased to say that the current Friends committee members have agreed to stay on for another year, so a big thank you to Christine McKinney, Lisa Wells, Maria Sullivan and Izzy Chrysanthou! Next October however, we will be looking for new committee members!

### 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 **£2,351**. Only another **£14,649** 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.**

## Diary Dates

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Boys football at Southgate Secondary School, refer to letter
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October – 2Y visiting St Monica's Church
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October – 4Y Class Assembly at 9.15am, 4Y parents are invited
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Year 1 Lego Workshop in school
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Phonics Meeting for Reception parents in Infant Hall at 7pm
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Year 2 to St Paul's Cathedral, please be in school for normal time but pick up from Arnos Grove Tube Station at 4.15pm
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Phonics Meeting (repeat) for Reception parents in Infant Hall at 9.15am
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Boys' football tournament at Edmonton County School 12.30pm – 4.00pm, refer to letter

## Prayer of St Francis

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."