

# 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, Ms Cibas spoke to the Juniors about Holocaust Memorial Day (27<sup>th</sup> Jan) and its theme: The Power of Words. The children were introduced to the serious, but important, subject matter of Hitler and the Holocaust. They were made aware of how our words have a very real impact and in this period of time were used to spread hate. May we always use our words to spread love and kindness instead.

On Wednesday, Mrs O'Shea told the children about the 'Lampedusa Cross'. She reminded them of what Pope Francis said: 'We ourselves need to see, and then enable others to see, that migrants and refugees are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved'.

## **BUILDING FUND**

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to this year's building fund appeal. So far, we have raised £8,060 out of a possible £13,860. As you can see, we are still a way off from reaching our target. Once the current planned building improvements are completed, as well as our current debt, we will owe an additional £16,000 to Westminster Diocese. If you have not already paid your voluntary contribution or set up a standing order, can I please urge you to do so. Also, if you want to pay by standing order, can you please set it up via your on-line bank account or hand in the standing order form in person to your bank. We are finding that in the majority of cases the standing order forms we forward on your behalf are not being actioned by the banks.

## Sickness

**Please remember that you must not send your child into school if they have a temperature. Also, if they have had vomiting or diarrhoea within the last 48 hours they must not be sent in either.**

## Hand Driers

**Several months ago, the children in the school council requested better hand driers and more of them. Thanks to the Friends, the Infants and Juniors now have two hand driers in each room. They are more powerful, to avoid long queues! Thanks also to our Governor Pat Lyne who fitted them for us in his own free time.**

## Literacy meeting for Years 1 & 2

It was great to see so many parents at the literacy meeting last night and this morning. All the handouts that we went through will be emailed to parents. Important messages are to please read every night with your child for 10 minutes, then talk about the book as comprehension skills are an issue and keep practising spellings.

## Choir to the O2!!

**The choir are off to the O2 today to perform with 8,000 other children. They performed some of the 33 songs they have learnt at assembly on Thursday and really wowed everyone with the huge amount of words they had learnt. The singing was as fabulous as ever and we all really enjoyed their performance. We hope the parents enjoy the concert tonight.**

## Diary Dates

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – National Safer Internet Day
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Junior Rejoice Prayer Service at 9.15am, Year 5 parents are invited
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Girls' football match against Garfield Primary, please refer to letter
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Infant Rejoice Assembly at 9.15am, 2Y parents are invited
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Viking Day
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – 4G Class Assembly at 9.15am, 4G parents are invited
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 School Journey meeting at 7.00pm
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4 to St Monica's Church for Mass, please be in school for 8.50am to leave promptly at 9am

## PRAYER

Father of all mercies  
We ask that you would bless the youngest and littlest of learners, the most helpless and powerless of persons, with your infinite and loving mercy, granting them the strength to learn, concentrate, and act appropriately towards their teachers and fellow students. We also ask that You would watch over them, at home and at school and grant them proper direction so that they may learn of your wonderful virtues. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen



*Have a lovely weekend!*