

# 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 British Values – can they remember what five values were discussed?

On Tuesday, Mr Getley spoke to the Juniors about St George – looking at the different stories about his life and the difference between fact and fiction.

On Wednesday, Mrs Jackson spoke to the Infants about healthy eating. They learnt the importance of exercise and having a healthy diet.

## CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, 2G helped us celebrate Earth Day and show our support for environmental protection. Remember – **REDUCE – REUSE - RECYCLE**

## TEXT MESSAGES

We currently send text messages to both parents/carers. Unfortunately, due to increasing restraints on our budget the school is in a position where it can longer afford to continue doing this. From now on, texts will only be sent to the **main contact** (usually mum). In the case of an emergency or advising of school closures a text will be sent to both contacts. All email correspondence will continue to be sent to both parents/carers. If you want your main contact number changed please let the school office know. Many thanks!

## School Disco

The Friends are holding discos for the children next Friday after school.

Infants 4.30pm-6pm

Juniors 6.30pm-8pm

Tickets will be on sale before and after school for £4.00 which includes a drink and pack of crisps.

## Gaelic Football

On Thursday, a team of 12 Year 5 children went to Greenford to represent the school in a Gaelic football tournament. They played really well, losing in the semi-final against the eventual winners. A big thanks to Mr Duffy, the North London Shamrocks and all the parents who helped to drive and support the team throughout the day. The children played so well and their behaviour was great.

**COMHGHAIRDEAS!**

## LEGOLAND

Year 2 had a fantastic time at Legoland on Friday (despite the four hour journey home!). The children's behaviour was impeccable.

## BUILDING FUND

So far, out of a possible **£13,860** we have received **£9,020**. We really need your contributions to help with the 10% of all building/improvement costs that we are obliged to pay. **Please, please, please** continue to send in your contributions.

## May, the month of Our Lady

*During May we say a decade of the Rosary at the main entrance at 8.50am each day - all welcome.*

**Next Thursday at 2pm we will be holding our annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady. Everyone is welcome. We sing "Oh Mary we crown thee with blossoms today" and ask that each family considers bringing in a flowering bedding plant. The plants are blessed by Fr John and then planted around the school which not only makes the school look beautiful, but reminds us of Mary our Mother.**

## Diary Dates

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Year 5 to Legoland, please be in school for 8.20am to leave at 8.30pm and pick up from school at 4.15pm
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Reception to Gruffalo Trail, please be in school for 8.45am to leave at 9.00am and pick up at normal time
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Year 6 Music Assembly (instrumentalists) at 9.15am, Year 6 parents are invited
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – May Procession at 2pm – we ask if possible for each family to bring in a bedding plant. Parents are also invited to attend the procession
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Pyjama Day, refer to separate email
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May – School discos – 4.30pm – 6pm & 6.30pm – 8pm Juniors

## PRAYER

We light a candle,  
and enjoy the flickering light,  
the fragrance  
and warmth it creates.  
But without the spark that ignites,  
there will be no flame.  
Without the wax,  
the source of power,  
the wick will not burn.  
Without the flame,  
there will be no fragrance,  
no warmth, no light.  
And so with us, Lord.  
You are the catalyst that ignites us,  
and the fuel that sustains us.  
You fill us with your fragrance  
as you enter our lives.  
You empower us  
to carry your flame in our hearts,  
to be the fragrance, warmth,  
and light of your love,  
in this dark world.

