

# 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.

## Class Assembly

On Thursday, **3G's** Valentine's assembly took us back to Ancient Rome to discover the real reason we celebrate Valentine's Day. We met some of the most famous couples through the ages, went on a whistle stop tour around the world to see how other countries celebrate and even had a wedding! We hope you all felt the **LUUURVE!!!**

## ASSEMBLIES

On Monday, Mr Ross spoke about the previous day's Gospel, which told us about Jesus calling his disciples. We thought about how we are called to be followers of Jesus and we should try to live in the way he would want us to.

On Tuesday we had a Junior Rejoice Prayer Service and on Wednesday there was an Infant Rejoice Assembly. The children celebrated the end of their RE topic 'Sacramental People'. We hope that the parents from **Year 5** and Class **2G** enjoyed them.

## PARKING

Despite the plea in last week's newsletter we have yet again, had complaints from our neighbours this week. Please do not park in front of residents' driveways while walking to and picking up from school.

**PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS AS IT MAKES RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR NEIGHBOURS VERY UNCOMFORTABLE.**

## Caitlin Barrett

One of the children in class 1Y, Caitlin Barrett is very poorly and will not be in school for some months. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Any get well messages would be gratefully received and can be sent to the office. Please respect the family's privacy at this time. Caitlin's parents would like to thank those who have already sent kind messages.

## Sunday 17th March

There will be a St Patrick's Day Balliu (gathering), hosted by the Irish families in St Monica's Parish. Celebrating Irish culture in food & music & dance in the large hall after Morning Mass and afternoon until 4pm.

More details to follow.

## Spring School Tennis Camp 2019 at Conway LTC

We are offering our regular junior tennis activity programme for children of all ages and standards over the half term holidays.

Venue: Conway LTC, Conway Rd, N14 7BH

Date: Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

Morning: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Afternoon: 12.30pm - 2.30pm

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## Change of Dates

The Year 5 retreats that were scheduled for Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March have been cancelled. They have been rebooked for the following dates:

**5G** - 1<sup>st</sup> April & **5Y** - 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Also, the Year 3 Reconciliation due to take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April has been rescheduled as follows: **3G** - 21<sup>st</sup> March & **3Y** - 28<sup>th</sup> March.

## FOOTBALL

**On Monday, our girls' football team played a cup match against Brimsdown Primary and won 2-1. They will next play in the quarter finals. Well done everyone!**

## ART WEEK

This week, **Year 5** have been working with Miss Murphy to create their entries for The Mayor's Visual Art Award. The theme this year was 'space' and the children had great fun print-making, painting and layering! Good luck to all the entrants to the award.

## MASS

Today, **Year 4** enjoyed a lovely morning walk in the sunshine to St Monica's Church in order to celebrate Mass with Fr John and the local parishioners. He spoke of how the love Jesus has for each of us is special, just like the love a parent has for their child. What a beautiful way to end the half term!

## Diary Dates

- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** – School resumes at normal time
- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** – Boys' football match at Merryhills Primary School, refer to letter
- **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Music Assembly at 9.15am, Year 6 parents are invited
- **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 3 to see Lion King, refer to letter
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February** – 4Y Class Assembly at 9.15am, 4Y parents are invited
- **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February** – HappySchoolBag at 9.00am, please do not bring bags in before then as we have no space to store them
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Friends' Film Night showing *Incredibles 2* after school

## INDIA DAY

A HUGE thank you to Mr and Mrs Stephen for the wonderful food that they brought in for Year 1's India Day. The adults and children thoroughly enjoyed it!

## St Valentine's Prayer

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, You gave Saint Valentine the courage to witness to the gospel of Christ, even to the point of giving his life for it. Help us to endure all suffering for love of you, and to seek you with all our hearts; for you alone are the source of life and love. Grant that we may have the courage and love to be strong witnesses of your truth to our friends and family and to the whole world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



*Have a lovely half term*