

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, Mrs Baptiste spoke to the children about Lent. During Lent we are called to pray, fast and give alms in order to become more like Jesus and closer to Him. Children were challenged to think of things they could do or give up that they would really miss. Every time they felt they were suffering they could remember how Jesus suffered and died on the cross because he loved us so much.

On Wednesday, we were very disappointed to hear that Steve Smallman was still unwell and unable to come into school for his author visit. We hope this may be rearranged.

At Wednesday's assembly we celebrated the achievements of all those children in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 who had made it to bronze, silver, gold or even platinum in the times tables challenge! We also congratulated Niamh 4Y, Nyla 4G, Malije 2G and Erin RY for their brilliant work on rhyme last week.

They were each awarded with The Scruppillar book which had been kindly donated by last week's author Jamie Okoro.

Class Assembly

On Thursday, **1G's** assembly was all about fictional Super Heroes, how we are Super Heroes and who our real life Super Heroes are. Their Super Hero Mission is to treat everyone how we would want to be treated – with love and kindness.

CHURCH VISIT

On Monday, Fr John took **2Y** on a tour of St Monica's Church. He showed them the tabernacle, vestments, the various statues and lots more.

RECONCILIATION

Thank you to Fr John who came in on Thursday and gave the Year 4 children the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sincere Thanks

Tom and Simone Barrett would like to thank the parents, children and staff for the many cards, presents and messages received for Caitlin. They have been overwhelmed by the kindness they have been shown. Please continue to pray for her at this time.

Head Injuries

Please read the letter emailed to parents on Wednesday about the new orange wrist bands we are using if a child has bumped their head.

ITALIAN CLUB

Parla Italiano, an Italian language school based in Palmers Green, has recently opened an Italian after school club at St Monica's for Reception and Year one students. Please let them know if you are interested in older children attending. If they have enough interest, they will open a new after school club. For information please email: laura@parlaitaliano.co.uk or phone 07941 092593.

REMINDER!

Parents who wish to take their child out of school for **any reason or any length of time** (music exam, medical appointment, visiting family etc.) must complete an official "Request for Time Off School Form" which can be found on our school website under the 'Parents' tab.

This **must** be done a week in advance (not on the day of absence) to give sufficient time for the request to be considered. We understand at times there may be cause for an emergency medical appointment (doctor/dentist). In those circumstances, please immediately inform the school office (before 10am). We are acting on advice from our Educational Welfare Officer who is closely monitoring our attendance register. *Mrs Baptiste*

FRIENDS NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported last week's book sale. A total of £664 was raised.

The Friends

Diary Dates

- Monday 18th March – Year 6 on School Journey all week
- Tuesday 19th March – Year 5 to British Museum, refer to letter
- Wednesday 20th March – Music Assembly at 9.15am, Year 5 parents are invited
- Thursday 21st March – 1Y Class Assembly at 9.15am, 1Y parents are invited
- Thursday 21st March – Year 5 & 3G receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation

RED NOSE DAY

Thank you to all the families who made contributions towards Red Nose Day. Once we have counted the money we will let you know the total amount raised.

PRAYER

Every day I need You Lord
But this day especially,
I need some extra strength
To face whatever is to be.

This day more than any day
I need to feel You near,
To fortify my courage
And to overcome my fear.

By myself, I cannot meet
The challenge of the hour,
There are times when humans help,
But we need a higher power

To assist us bear what must be borne,
and so dear Lord, I pray -
Hold on to my trembling hand
And be near me today.
Amen.

Have a lovely weekend!