

# 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, **4Y's** assembly explored the idea of 'connection'. They were challenged to think about meaningful connections in our lives, (like those with family, close friends and God) and not just superficial connections that the modern world offers. We were also treated to some excellent entries written for the Mayor's Writing Award.

## ASSEMBLIES

On Monday, Mrs Baptiste read Sunday's Gospel, Luke 6: 27-38 which challenges us all to love our enemy and pray for those who treat you badly. This is usually a very difficult thing to do! Children may be told by their parents "If someone hits you, hit them back." However, this is the opposite of Jesus' teaching as two wrongs do not make one right. At school we endeavour to teach the children the Gospel values of "treat others as you would like them to treat you".

On Wednesday, a large number of children from **Year 6** performed on a variety of instruments for the entertainment of their parents and the whole school. It was wonderful to see how confidently they played and to also hear arrangements that pairs and groups of children had put together themselves. Well done to all of them and thank you to Ms Phillips for providing them with an opportunity to play for an audience. Thank you to Kate and Keith from 'Mary's Meals' who came in today and spoke to the children about our forthcoming Lenten charity appeal.

## FOOTBALL

**On Monday, our boys' football team played in two league matches. They lost 3-1 against Grange Park Primary and won 2-1 against St Andrew's Primary. Well done boys!!**

## Lion King

**Year 3 had a 'RIP ROARING' afternoon watching 'Lion King' at the Lyceum Theatre on Wednesday.**

## HappySchoolBags

Thank you to everyone who supported yesterday's clothes appeal. An amazing **£1,020.57** was raised and as **4G & 6Y** brought in the most bags they will have a non-uniform day on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

## Book Week - Events

- Monday - Jamie Okoro self-published author (and one of our dads) presenting his book to the children which will be on sale after school £7.99
- Tuesday - Author & illustrator Steve Smallman in all day (thanks to The Friends for paying for this)
- Wednesday - assembly with Susan Smith (one of our mums) costume and puppet maker
- Thursday - come to school dressed as a book character (optional - own clothes if preferred)
- Friday - books on sale in school during the morning and after school. Please donate your books (in good condition only) by Thursday. Bring in £1 (or more if preferred) all proceeds to The Friends.

## PARKING

**Once again, we have to moan about selfish and inconsiderate parking. Just this week alone we have had four complaints from various neighbours, please do not park across their driveways. Our day is filled with looking after and educating 420 children and we can really do without dealing with parking disputes!!!**

## Diary Dates

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Jamie Okoro (author) visiting school
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Steve Smallman (author & illustrator) visiting school
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Boys' football match at Grange Park Primary, please refer to letter
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Netball match at Highfield Primary School, please refer to letter
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Ash Wednesday Service in school for pupils & staff
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day, please come to school dressed as a book character and bring your favourite book (own clothes can also be worn)
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Book sale during and after school
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Six Year 6 children to Maths Masterclass at St George's Catholic Primary
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Cross Country event, refer to letter. Karen will also send a text on Monday
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Non-uniform day for St John & St Theresa's for getting the most house points in the last half term

## PRAYER

Let us praise and thank God for all great and simple joys. For the gift of wonder and the joy of discovery, for the everlasting freshness of experience, for all that comes to us through sympathy and sorrow and for the joy of work attempted and achieved; for the likeness of Christ in ordinary people, their forbearance, courage and kindness and for all obscure and humble lives of service. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*Have a lovely weekend!*