

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, the eco-school council shared ideas on how to help look after our planet. This Saturday, 30th March between 8.30pm and 9.30 pm is Earth Hour. To join in, all you need to do is stop using power for the hour. The children had lots of ideas - playing games in one room instead of several.

The children should have also brought home a Duracell battery collection box. By storing up the batteries that are no longer useful, we can recycle the materials within them. The boxes can be brought back to school after they have been filled. We will be collecting until the end of May, so there is lots of time.

On Tuesday, Miss Redmond spoke to the Juniors about all the things a mother needs when she is pregnant. We heard the stories of two women living in countries where there is conflict and learnt about their struggles. Finally, we reflected on the journey that Mary, our Mother took before she gave birth to the baby Jesus, and how she reminds us to care for mothers everywhere.

On Wednesday, the Infants had a Reconciliation Liturgy as part of their Lenten preparation for Easter.

Class Assembly

On Thursday, 2Y's assembly was all about Mother's Day. They WOWED their mums with their lovely singing and beautiful paintings.

RECONCILIATION

Thank you to Fr John, Fr Mehall & Fr Tom (Church of the Holy Family, Welwyn Garden City) who came in on Thursday and gave the **Year 6** and **3G** children the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

PARKING

Surprise, surprise we have had more complaints from our neighbours re people blocking their drives. This week's offender is the driver of car registration **AX08 CJE**.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO NAME AND SHAME OFFENDERS.

Little Angel

Year 1 went to the Little Angel Theatre on Wednesday to see the production 'Prince Charming' – who was a real worrier, he was scared of everything! He taught us how to overcome our worries. Thank you to all the parents who offered their time to help.

VISITORS

On Tuesday, **Year 2** hosted a visit for the pupils from Yavneh Jewish Primary School. They spent the day doing various activities and sharing lunch together.

TEA PARTY

The **Reception** mothers were treated to a lovely afternoon today. They were told how special they all are and how much they are loved. There was not a dry eye in the hall. We hope everyone enjoyed it. Thank you to Fr John for coming in and giving a blessing to them all.

DIOCESE BUILDING FUND

Please keep your payments coming in, so far **225** families out of **300** have contributed to this vital fund and we have received **£10,616** out of a possible **£13,500**. Many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note school clubs (school run) will finish and resume on the following dates:

Choir – will continue next week and will resume Wednesday 1st May
Football (Year 6) – finished for this academic year.

Guitar Club - finished for this term and resumes Tuesday 30th April
Netball (Year 6) – finished for this academic year

String Group – finished for this term and will resume Thursday 2nd May

Tiger Team – will continue next week and resume the week commencing 29th April

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the St Monica's Mother & Toddler Group for their very generous £2,000 donation. It will be used to purchase desperately needed reading books.

Diary Dates

- Sunday 31st March – Mother's Day
- Monday 1st April – 5G on Retreat at St John the Evangelist, Islington
- Tuesday 2nd April – 5Y on Retreat at St John the Evangelist, Islington
- Tuesday 2nd April – Junior Passion Service at 9.15am, Year 4 parents are invited
- Wednesday 3rd April – Infant Passion Service at 9.15am, Year 1 parents are invited
- Wednesday 3rd April - 26 children taking part in Enfield Dance Festival at Millfield Theatre
- Thursday 4th April – Year 5 Gaelic Football Tournament in Greenford, refer to letter
- Thursday 4th April – Year 4 Debating Competition at Garfield Primary School
- Thursday 4th April – 2G Class Assembly at 9.15am, 2G parents are invited
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PRAYER

**I love you, Mum. I love your aliveness,
your joy in living, your understanding,
your giving.
And what I love best of all is that you love me.
God of all Mothers,
thank you for my Mum!**



Have a lovely weekend!