

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**, we had our awards assembly as last Friday had been our environment day for the Feast of St Francis. Children were asked to find out what they could about John Henry Newman who is due to be canonised on Sunday.

On **Tuesday**, Mrs Tottle-Nugent showed the Infants the story of "The Rainbow Fish" and talked about how we all need to be kind to each other in school. This includes looking after our school for all the cleaners so that we don't make extra work for them.

On **Wednesday**, we welcomed Hannah, Dave & Georgia from Enfield council who spoke to the children about the merits of walking, cycling or scooting to school. All families will be encouraged to think of these options as Cannon Road is due to become a "school street" with a restriction on vehicles in the morning and afternoon. A meeting to find out more about this is taking place in the main school hall at 8pm, after the Friends' AGM on Wednesday 16th October.

EMS MUSIC LESSONS

Enfield Music Service (EMS) is now accepting applications for new pupils for the Spring Term 2020. Applications can be made to Enfield Music Service via www.enfield.gov.uk or calling the EMS office 020 8807 8881.

Closing date for applications is

Friday 8th November. Please check with Ms Phillips before registering as there are waiting lists for some instruments.

Building Fund

Please keep your payments for this academic year coming in. So far, 61 families out of 300 have contributed to this vital fund and we have received £2,558 out of a possible £13,500. Many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

Month of the Holy Rosary

During the month of October we pray a decade of the Rosary outside school each morning at 8.50am. All welcome. Please be aware of this taking place and walk into school quietly if you are not joining us.

Thank you!

RECEPTION 2020 APPLICATIONS

Parents with children whose date of birth falls between 1/9/15 & 31/8/16 are now able to apply for a place. Details are on the school website or can be collected from the school office.

There will be open afternoons to visit the school on **Monday 4th November 2019, Friday 29th November 2019 and Friday 9th January 2020**. All open afternoons will start **promptly** at 1.30pm. It is **essential** that you call the school office on 020 8886 4647 to book an appointment to attend one of the open afternoons.

Secondary Transfer 2020

The closing date for submitting applications for Secondary Transfer 2020 is Wednesday, 31st October 2019. Our records show that, so far, Enfield have only received 14 applications.

Do not forget to send any supplementary forms directly to the secondary school.

Junior Poetry Competition

Reminder from Mrs Koumpi (4Y) – the closing date for poetry entries is Friday 1st November. The theme is "Truth".

MORNING ROUTINE

Please remember that when you escort your child to the playground in the morning and pick up in the afternoon, you should not enter the school and then leave by the main entrance. Please exit via the side gate. All parents must sign in and out via the school office if entering the school. Also remember, the side gates are only open until 9.10 am.

AFTERNOON ROUTINE

Gates will be shut at **3.45pm**. Please ensure you have left the playground before then or you will be locked in for the night!

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 15th October – Infant Rejoice Assembly at 9.15am, 2Y parents are invited
- Tuesday 15th October – Girls' netball match at Garfield Primary School, refer to letter
- Wednesday 16th October – Junior Rejoice Prayer Service at 9.15am, Year 6 parents are invited
- Wednesday 16th October – Friends AGM at 7.30pm, all welcome to attend
- Wednesday 16th October – School Street meeting at 8.00pm
- Thursday 17th October – Gaelic Football Tournament, refer to letter
- Friday 18th October – Year 6 Young Shakespeare Workshop in school
- Friday 18th October – 1Y visiting St Monica's Church
- Friday 18th October – Break up at normal time for the half term break

MENCAP CAKE SALE

Ruth & Siobhan (parents) would like to thank everyone who supported their cake sale yesterday. They raised £195.85 for Mencap.

Prayer

Dear Lord, we know that you have given us the freedom to choose. We can choose whether to treat others with kindness and respect or to scorn, bully and abuse them. Help us to choose rightly.

Help us to recognise the divine image in each one of us, however different we may be as individuals.

Help us to resist the pressures of others who want us to join them in making someone a victim of their cruelty.

Help us to know that in hurting others we are harming our better selves and hurting you. Amen

Have a lovely weekend!