

# 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 that had not happened on Friday due to the Macmillan coffee morning. Children were reminded that they can bring in any certificates or awards from outside school to celebrate (awards assembly is usually on a Friday).

On **Tuesday**, it was the Feast of St Theresa and designated as our "well-being day". Claire Spurway (a Commonwealth gold medallist) came in to talk to the children about how keeping fit can help your well-being. She talked to the children about her success with running and showed us her gold medals. She talked about how her belief in herself and her belief in God has helped her through difficult times. She is a St Monica's parishioner so you may bump into her at Mass! She is dropping in leaflets about her athletics club if anyone is interested.

On **Wednesday**, Mrs Koumpi told the children all about National Poetry Day which was 3rd October. This year the theme is 'Truth'. Details of the poetry competition for the Juniors have been sent out today. The deadline for entries to reach Mrs Koumpi (4Y) is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

On **Thursday** we were delighted to welcome Fr Stewart from St Monica's to bless all the Harvest items that had been brought in for the Soup Run. They will be collected next Wednesday so there's still time to bring something in, if you forgot. Our Harvest assembly was enhanced by the fabulous singing. Thanks to Ms Phillips for practising such lovely hymns with the children

On **Friday** Mrs Duffy led a very thought provoking assembly about the environment. We thought about St Francis and Pope Francis and how they influence us to take care of our world.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Great Ormond

One of our parents, Mrs Vincent is running Royal Parks Half Marathon for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity on the 13th October 2019. GOSH has supported my daughter Mia since birth and many other children within our community. Please can you help me raise money for this wonderful hospital. Follow the link below to donate.

<https://www.justgiving.com/TeamMia-Aoife>

## NUT REMINDER

Please remember that we have a number of children in the school with severe nut allergies & even the smell of nuts can bring on an allergic reaction. Peanut butter, Nutella, pesto and any cereal bars containing nuts must not be brought in for packed lunches.

Thank you!

## CAKE SALE

Two of our parents are running a half marathon (the Royal Parks) on Sunday 13th October. They are raising money for Mencap, a charity that supports people who have a learning disability and their families.

They will be holding a cake sale after school next Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October to help raise more money for the charity. Please try and support them.

## Diary Dates

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Boys' football matches at Merryhills Primary School, refer to letter
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Literacy Meeting for Reception parents at 7.00pm
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Literacy Meeting for Reception parents at 9.15am (repeat)
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Friends' Quiz Night at 7.00pm

## PUNCTUALITY

Mrs Baptiste is very disappointed, since we returned in September there have only been three classes that have had no children late in arriving at school. There has been a total of 11 hours 18 minutes of teaching time lost by children not arriving on time for school. All lates are recorded and if necessary reported to the Educational Welfare Officer. Please, please, please endeavour to arrive on time, late arrivals are very disruptive for the teacher and class.

## LEGO WORKSHOP

Year 1 really enjoyed their Lego Workshop on Monday. They had fun building a Lego village and learning how to construct a roof.

## Prayer to St Theresa of Lisieux

May today there be peace within.  
May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.  
May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.  
May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.  
May you be content knowing you are a child of God.  
Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing,  
Dance, praise and love.  
It is there for each and every one of us.

*Have a lovely weekend!*