

# 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 the Feast of Christ the King which we had celebrated at Mass the day before. The children talked about the palaces, rich clothes, expensive cars and fancy food that royalty might have, compared to the simple life style that Jesus had. Jesus is King of our hearts and if we follow his example we will be full of God's love. We listened to St Anne's Gospel Choir singing the Our Father at the Remembrance Service a few weeks ago

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000b9b2/royal-british-legion-festival-of-remembrance-2019> (it starts around 1 hour 26 minutes into the service - proud mum moment seeing my daughter singing in it!). *Mrs Baptiste*

On Tuesday, Mrs Hindle led the Infant assembly and Mrs Baptiste repeated it for the Juniors on Wednesday. They explained the tradition of the Christingle which is very popular in Anglican churches. The orange, red ribbon, four sticks, fruits or sweets and candle all represent something important. Can your child remember what they were?

### SCHOOL CLUBS

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

**Choir** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and resumes Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

**Football (Year 6 Girls)** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December and resumes Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Football (Year 6 Boys)** – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December and resumes Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

**Guitar** – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and resumes (tbc)

**Netball** – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December and resumes Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

**Strings** – Finished for this term and resumes Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January

### PIANO FOR SALE

One of our parents has a nearly new piano for sale. If interested please contact Kelly 07946 474738.

### London Youth Games

Luca and Melisa from Year 6 represented Enfield in the London Youth Games at Cross Country last weekend. This was a huge achievement for both of them. We are extremely proud of them. Well done!!

### Gymnastics Festival

Last Tuesday, Ana-Christina, Beau, Chloe, Darcey & Szymon from Year 4 represented our school in the Borough Gymnastics Festival. We won the tournament overall so a huge congratulations to the team. Out of 160 children taking part, three of our girls had the highest scores overall.

On Thursday, Alicja, Gabriel, Hanna, Isabella G, Isabella O & Melissa from Year 6 took part in the Advanced Open Gymnastics Competition at Edmonton Leisure Centre. We came 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Well done everyone!

Gabriel and Amelie took part in the Individual Advanced Open Gymnastics Competition on Thursday. Gabriel came 2<sup>nd</sup> losing out on the Gold medal by 0.2 of a mark. Amelie who was the youngest competitor came 4<sup>th</sup>.

Karen would like to thank Gabriel for helping her to train all the children. He gave up many of his lunchtimes and breaks. She really appreciated his expert knowledge and commitment.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you for all the bottles that were brought in today. Don't forget next Friday is also a non-uniform day in exchange for cakes & gifts. Also, you should all have received Christmas Raffle Tickets; please return them by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. If you need more books they can be picked up from the school office.

### Forest School

Congratulations to Mrs Duffy and Miss Freitas who passed their level 3 Forest School training last week. We now have three trained Forest School teachers (including Mrs Jackson). Mrs Warrington and Mrs Presland-Smith are part way through their training too! It is a lot of hard work and we are very grateful to the staff who have put themselves through this for the benefit of their classes.

### RETREAT DAY

Yesterday, 6Y were on retreat at St Monica's Church. They looked at the qualities of great leaders and the leaders in our lives. They conducted themselves beautifully all day, showing what wonderful leaders they are.

### Diary Dates

- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December – First Sunday of Advent
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Year 6 to Imperial War Museum, refer to letter
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Nurses in school to administer flu nasal spray vaccine. Year 3 please be in school for 8.50am
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 to Westminster Cathedral for Advent Carol Service
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4 & 6G receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – NON-UNIFORM DAY in exchange for cakes & gifts for the Christmas Bazaar

### Christmas Lunch

**The deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch has now passed. Please do not send in any more requests as we will not be able to cater for them.**

### SCHOOL DISCOS

Thank you to everyone who supported last week's school discos. An amazing **£1,319** profit was made which will be put to good use buying resources for the children. Thank you also to the Friends and their many helpers for all their time and hard work!!!

### ADVENT PRAYER

How dark outside!

But see – a star's in the sky;  
Mary and Joseph are passing by.  
So let's light a candle to welcome them as they go on their way to Bethlehem.

We'll light a candle in church each day. We'll light one candle each week and pray.

We'll light a candle at home each day. We'll light a candle each week and pray.

O God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come warming our hearts and brightening our way.

May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for His coming.

Amen.