

# 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 Sunday's Gospel which had been about loving our neighbour.

We reflected on the different ways we have done this in the past, for example providing

Christmas hampers for those in our community in need and bringing in items for the homeless for St Monica's Soup Run.

During Lent we are called to pray, fast and give alms. Our chosen charity for Lent will be The Passage. This is an organisation who

not only provide practical support in the way of food, clothing and places to wash but also provides advice about mental health, general health, employment, finances and housing. Watch this video clip to find out more.

<https://vimeo.com/218444922>

We will be trying to raise as much money as we can for this charity during Lent.

## Class Assembly

On Thursday, 1Y's assembly was all about India. They took us on a journey and educated us on: Indian animals, Bollywood music and dancing, Indian food, their weather and they even sung a song in Hindi.

Well done 1Y for a first class assembly!

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Thank you to Fr. Mehall, Fr. Stewart & Sr Joyce who came in on Ash Wednesday and for a Liturgy to the children and administered ashes to mark the beginning of Lent.

## RECONCILIATION

On Thursday, children from Year 3 had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to Fr Mehall & Fr Stewart and Fr David, Fr Christoff & Fr Donald priests from neighbouring parishes who came to school to provide this.

## Book Stall

Please bring any children's books for our 2nd hand book sale by Thursday next week. On Friday bring £1 to buy a book (or more if you wish). The books will be on sale during the day and all classes will be visiting the stalls.

Left over books will be available for sale after school.

## FUNDRAISER

Community Fundraiser to help one of our school mums fund MS treatment.

St. Monica's Large Hall on Green Lanes, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm. Live band and dancing. Music to suit all tastes. Cash bar. Tickets £15, must be booked in advance to help with the organisation. Find out more and book here:

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/PKD>

## VIKING DAY

Year 6 had great fun on Tuesday dressed as Vikings! They learnt a lot during the workshops and really enjoyed the day.

## CORONAVIRUS

Please be reassured that we have no confirmed cases of Coronavirus or knowledge of any families that have self-quarantined.

## ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

The children attended a really useful rehearsal at Raglan Primary School on Tuesday and were complimented for their lovely manners. There will be another rehearsal after school next Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March until 4.30pm.

This is a very important rehearsal, they need to be pitch perfect as Enfield Music Service is coming in the following week. Thank you to all the parents who helped with lifts to and from Raglan School.

## School Street

Many thanks to Sustrans who came into school this morning to celebrate the launch of our "School Street"! Great fun was had cycling to make smoothies and cycling freely along Cannon Road! Remember to avoid the road from 8.15-9.15am and 2.45pm (not 2.30pm as previously advised) until 4pm.

## Online Safety

Thanks very much to the parents who were able to come to the online safety talk last night. As soon as we receive the handouts we will email them to you. The main message is to talk to your child about how they use the internet; be familiar with the devices they use and their privacy settings. Using the internet cannot really be avoided - knowledge is power!

## Diary Dates

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – John O'Leary author in school
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – John O'Leary author in school
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Netball match at Garfield Primary School, refer to letter
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – HappySchoolBag collection at 9.30am
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Reception to Gruffalo Trail, refer to letter
- Thursday 5<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 or the plain t-shirt decorated in school)
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Literacy Meeting for Year 1 & 2 parents in main hall at 7pm
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Friends' Book Stall during school
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Cross Country at Lea Valley Athletics Centre, refer to letter

## Spelling Bee

The children have been busy this week completing spelling tests to choose the best three spellers from each class. These children are now competing with each other to see who goes through to the semi-final and final which are taking place next Wednesday.

## PRAYER

Every day I need You Lord  
But this day especially,  
I need some extra strength  
To face whatever is to be.

This day more than any day  
I need to feel You near,  
To fortify my courage  
And to overcome my fear.

By myself, I cannot meet  
The challenge of the hour,  
There are times when humans help,  
But we need a higher power

To assist us bear what must be borne,  
and so dear Lord, I pray -  
Hold on to my trembling hand  
And be near me today.  
Amen.