

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 having a "can-do" attitude. If you think you can or think you can't, you're probably right! Always try to be positive and when in doubt, say a prayer to the Holy Spirit.

On Tuesday Mrs Duffy led the Junior assembly and on Wednesday Miss Freitas led the Infant assembly. They spoke to the children about World Oceans Day, looking at the impact human activity has had on our oceans. The main focus was on single-use plastics. As a school in an effort to engage students in small environmental initiatives that can have a big impact, we are going to try a Waste-Free Lunch on Monday June 10th, 2019.

On Thursday Years 5 and 6 performed music compositions that they had been working on in class. Year 5's work was based on "Mars" from the Planet Suite by Gustav Holst. They had also listened to "Clair de Lune" by Debussy and one group chose to show their work on that piece. Year 6 have been studying "In the Hall of the Mountain King" by Edvard Greig and had composed their own versions. It was lovely to hear their pieces and see how well they worked together in small groups.

BUILDING FUND

Out of a possible **£13,500** we have, so far, received **£12,330**. Once again, many thanks to those who have paid their contribution. **Please, please, please** continue to make a contribution, if you have not already done so, it would be great if we could reach our target before we break up for the holidays (only 6 weeks to go)!! The suggested amount per family is **£45.00**. The school office will be able to confirm whether or not you have paid your contribution. Thank you!!!

HEADLICE

We have had some cases of headlice in school this week. Please check your child's hair and if necessary treat accordingly.

RETREAT DAY

On Tuesday, Year 4 went on retreat to Westminster Cathedral. A reflective and prayerful day was had by both pupils and staff.

HappySchoolBags

The Friends Committee would like to thank everyone who donated to HappySchoolBags yesterday. An incredible **£1,103** was raised. This money will help the school purchase much needed classroom resources. Year 6 & 4G collected the most bags and they will have a non-uniform day on Friday 14th June as a reward.

Class Photographs

The deadline for ordering photographs is Wednesday 19th June. If you order a photograph after this date you will need to order online and pay an extra **£2.95** to cover post and packing and it will be sent to your home address.

OFSTED

Many thanks to the parents who submitted their online Ofsted parent questionnaires and for all their good wishes and offers of support. A BIG well done to all the children for their hard work and good behaviour. The official report will take a few weeks to come through, but we will let you know when it is available for public viewing.

CRICKET

We are very fortunate to have a professional cricket player from Australia working in our school for the next six weeks. Each class will have some sessions with him. We hope they enjoy them.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Gabriel who competed in the National Gymnastics Competition a couple of weeks ago. He came home with the Gold medal and is now part of the English National Team. Also, a huge well done to Kelechi who has made it into the under 11 Watford Football Team.

Diary Dates

- Saturday 8th June – Friends' Golf Day & Dinner Dance
- Monday 10th June – Art Project in school
- Monday 10th June – Waste-Free Lunch Day, refer to letter sent home on Thursday
- Tuesday 11th June - Year 2 Catholic Cup match against Our Lady of Lourdes Primary at 4pm here at St Monica's
- Friday 14th June – Year 3 to Mass at St Monica's Church, please be in for 8.50am to leave promptly at 9.00am
- Friday 14th June – Fathers' Stay & Play at 1.30pm, Reception fathers are invited

LONDON MILE

Last Sunday, 10 of our children took part in the Vitality Mile outside Buckingham Palace. Over 350 children took part in the race and we are very proud to say five of our children were placed in the top 10. Well done!!

SCHOOL DINNERS

The amount due for school dinners for this half term is as follows: 3rd June – 19th July **£88.20**
Please remember dinner money is payable in advance and that there should always be sufficient credit on dinner accounts to cover meals.

PRAYER

Father, sometimes we care about ourselves more than we care about others. We have worries and problems which fill up our minds. Help us, Lord, to remember those who may need our love and help – our families, friends and people we meet every day. Teach us to be more giving and to care for everyone as you do.
May you be filled with the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost weekend
Have a lovely weekend!