

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 **Tuesday**, Mrs Tottle-Nugent led a whole school assembly about "The God who speaks". This idea has been launched by Pope Francis and focuses on the importance of the Bible which is our Holy Book. When we pray, we speak to God. When we read the Bible, God speaks to us.

On **Wednesday**, Mrs Baptiste spoke to all the children about the captain of the South African rugby team, the first black man to lead his team to victory at the world cup final on Saturday.

Siya Kolisi was just three years old when apartheid ended in his country and so it shows how far the country has progressed that he was made captain. Apartheid meant that black and white people were kept "apart". Black children had to stop going to school aged thirteen to find work while white children were able to continue studying and therefore get better jobs. We gave thanks to Nelson Mandela and others like him who campaigned for fairness and the end of apartheid and pray that justice will prevail for all humans whatever their colour or race.

FRIENDS' NEWS

Next week the Friends will have a table outside before and after school. You will be able to purchase school disco tickets and place orders for Christmas cards etc. Please note that they will be taking no more Christmas orders after Friday 15th November. Please make cheques payable to 'The Friends of St Monica's School'.

Hampton Court

Year 4 had a wonderful day at Hampton Court on Tuesday exploring the palace and gardens and they even got to see Henry VIII's chambers. They took part in a workshop and learnt all about Henry as a young boy/adult before he had his personality transplant!!!!

Christmas Lunch

The deadline for Christmas Lunch orders is **Friday 29th November**. Please do not send in any more requests after this date as we will not be able to cater for them.

'Macbeth'

Year 6 had an enjoyable time at the Millfield Theatre on Wednesday. They saw a production of Shakespeare's 'Macbeth'.

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.

Books for schools

If anyone happens to read The Sun newspaper, they are offering tokens in exchange for books. Please send any tokens into school and we will exchange them for books!

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/10256316/the-sun-books-for-schools-campaign/>

FOOTBALL

On Tuesday, our boys' football team played in a cup match against Galliard Primary School. The match went into extra time but we lost 2-1. The boys playing was excellent, well done all!!!

SCHOOL STREET

As you will be aware, Cannon Road is due to become a 'School Street' in December which means there will be a restriction on vehicles driving in and out of the road between 8.15–9.15am and 2.30–4.00pm (unless you have a permit). The following link gives some positive information about what has happened in other parts of London where this has been implemented and is an interesting read.

<https://londonlivingstreets.com/2019/07/11/evaporating-traffic-impact-of-low-traffic-neighbourhoods-on-main-roads/amp/>

We hope that this initiative will provide a safer and cleaner start and end to each school day. Please do consider how you get to school and if you have any flexibility, consider walking, cycling, scooting or car sharing.

Diary Dates

- Monday 11th November – National Anti-Bullying Week
- Tuesday 12th November – ODD SOCKS DAY for KS1 children refer to letter sent last week
- Wednesday 13th November - ODD SOCKS DAY for KS2 children refer to letter sent last week
- Thursday 14th November – Open Evening 3.30pm – 9.00pm
- Thursday 29th November – 6Y on Retreat at St Monica's Church, children can wear their own clothes

6Y RETREAT

Today, **6G** 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.

Prayer

Remembrance Sunday

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead: Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved: and now we lie
In Flanders fields!

Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields

Have a lovely weekend!