

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, the 64 children that took part in Young Voices at the O2 performed and really wowed everyone with the huge amount of words they had learnt. The singing was as fabulous as ever and we really enjoyed their performance.

On Tuesday and Wednesday Mrs Jackson and Mrs Koumpi spoke to the Infants and Juniors respectively about talents and the lots of exciting events that are coming up that they can get involved in:

The BBC 500 Words competition
www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfk1

The Royal Academy of Arts Young Artists' Summer Show
<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

Today, was NSPCC Number Day and we have Book in the Box Competition coming up for World Book Week.

Please refer to the letter that was emailed.

Class Assembly

On Thursday, 3Y took us on an amazing adventure to Africa.

We met the animals of the Savanna, rowed the river Nile, climbed Mount Kilimanjaro quickly descending to end in an African village watching a traditional dance and listening to them sing a traditional song.

Well done 3Y for an informative and lively assembly.

MASS

On Tuesday, Year 5 enjoyed a lovely morning walk to St Monica's Church in order to celebrate Mass with Fr Stewart and the local parishioners.

He demonstrated the Sacrament of the Sick to them. As always, they behaved with reverence and respect.

A STAR IS BORN!

Well done to all the children who took part in last Friday night's 'A Star is Born'. A brilliant night was had by all and it was lovely to see Mr Ross who returned to school as one of the judges.

DIOCESE BUILDING FUND

Please keep your payments coming in, so far **131** families out of **300** have contributed to this vital fund and we have received **£6,191** out of a possible **£13,500**. Many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

Young Voices at the O2

Wednesday night 64 of our pupils performed in a choir of over 8,890 children at the O2. It was a fabulous concert, the children had to learn over 26 songs. They got to sing with Ruti (Voice UK 2018 winner), the Shires and Tony Hadley (Spandau Ballet) and show off their dance moves with Urban Strides. Well done everyone for behaving so well and singing your hearts out!!!

MATHS

Congratulations to Garfield Primary who won the Year 6 ELC Maths Competition that was held in school on Thursday. Walker Primary were runners-up and St Monica's came third. Well done to Blanka, Cristian, Gabriel and Luca for an excellent team effort. The event raised some money for the NSPCC Number Day as the participating schools made a donation to the charity. Children and staff had a very enjoyable afternoon.

NSPCC

Thank you to all the families who made contributions towards today's NSPCC collection, we raised £310. If you were not able to donate today you can still do so via the school office.

World Book Week

For World Book Week (Monday 2nd March) we would like the children to bring in a plain t-shirt (old or new) which they will decorate. The children can then either wear the t-shirt or dress up as their favourite book character on World Book Day which is Thursday 5th March.

Diary Dates

- **Monday 10th February** – Year 4 to Mass at St Monica's Church, please be in school for 8.50am to leave promptly at 9.00am
- **Tuesday 11th February** - Infant Rejoice Assembly at 9.15am, 2G parents are invited
- **Tuesday 11th February** – Girls' football match at Oakthorpe Primary School, refer to letter
- **Tuesday 11th February** – School Journey meeting for Year 6 parents in the main hall at 7.00pm
- **Wednesday 12th February** – Junior Rejoice Prayer Service at 9.15am, Year 5 parents are invited
- **Thursday 13th February** – 6Y Class Assembly at 9.15am, 6Y parents are invited
- **Thursday 13th February** – Literacy Meeting for Year 1 & 2 parents at 7.00pm
- **Friday 14th February** - Literacy Meeting for Year 1 & 2 parents at 9.15am (repeat)

PLEA!!!

Despite several reminders/requests in our newsletters we still have parents entering the school via the playground doors. For safeguarding and health and safety reasons it is imperative that all parents sign in and out via the school office when entering the school.

Please do not enter the school by any other door.

PRAYER

To the Creator of all races and peoples, who loves each of us for our uniqueness, we offer our prayers of petition:

For an end to discrimination in all its forms, we pray ...

Lord of all nations, hear our prayer.

That each person may be respected and valued as a child of God, we pray ...

Lord of all nations, hear our prayer.

Have a lovely weekend!