

# 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.

## World Book Day

On Thursday, the children and staff celebrated World Book Day. There was an amazing array of wonderful costumes and everyone had an enjoyable day. Thank you to John O'Leary who came in on Monday and Tuesday and got the children involved in creating their own pop up books, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you also to Mr Okoro who came in today and spoke to the children about his new books.

## Book Stall

Thank you to everyone who donated books for today's book stall. Hopefully, all the children have gone home with a new book to read this weekend and continue to develop their love of reading. Thank you also to the Friends for helping all day to sell them.

## HELP NEEDED!

If any parents can help with escorting the children to the Royal Festival Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> March it would be greatly appreciated! Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

## SCHOOL STREET

We still have parents driving in and out of Cannon Road during the restricted times. PLEASE NOTE that all vehicles, apart from those being driven by residents, blue badge holders, parents/carers of pupils with specific medical requirements and registered staff members, will be subject to a fine if entering or exiting Cannon Road between 8:15am to 9:15am and 2:45pm to 4:00pm.

## NETBALL

Our girls' netball team played in a match against Oakthorpe Primary School on Wednesday. They lost 7-2 but played their best.

## 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>

## CONWAY REC

There's a Volunteers' work day this Sunday in Conway Rec from around 10.00am. Hot drinks and biscuits at around 11.30am. If you are local and might be interested, you are more than welcome to drop by even just to see what's happening. No obligatory digging!

## HappySchoolBag

The Friends would like to thank everyone for their generous contributions to the HappySchoolBags collection, we raised an **£950.30**. **4Y & 5Y** brought in the most bags and will be rewarded with a non-uniform day on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Many thanks!!

## GRUFFALO TRAIL

On Wednesday, Reception had a 'GRUFFALICIOUS' time on their first school trip to the Gruffalo Trail in Thorndon Park, Essex. They learnt so much about habitats!

## FRIENDS' NEWS

Thank you to all those parents who shop at Asda, you helped us raise £1,000 for our school through the Community Scheme.

## School Journey

The deadline for submitting school journey letters was today. Out of a possible 60 letters we have only received 10 so far. Please give your letter to Tracey (in the office) by Monday the latest. Thank you!

## 5G's Assembly

5G's class assembly that was due to take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April has now been rescheduled to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 9.15am.

## Diary Dates

- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** – Girls' football match at Oakthorpe Primary School, refer to letter
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – 6G Class Assembly at 9.15am, 6G parents are invited
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Non-uniform day for 4Y & 5Y
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Opportunity for Year 6 & 5Y to receive Sacrament of Reconciliation
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 9.00pm
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** – Friends' Comedy Night at 7.30pm

## DIOCESE BUILDING FUND

Please keep your payments coming in, so far **135** families out of **300** have contributed to this vital fund and we have received **£6,917** out of a possible **£13,000**. Many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

## PRAYER

Do You Want to Fast This Lent?  
Fast from hurting words ...and say kind words  
Fast from sadness ...and be filled with gratitude  
Fast from anger ...and be filled with patience  
Fast from pessimism ...and be filled with hope  
Fast from worries ...and have trust in God  
Fast from complaints ...and contemplate simplicity  
Fast from pressures ...and be prayerful  
Fast from bitterness ...and fill your hearts with joy  
Fast from selfishness ...and be compassionate to others  
Fast from grudges ...and be reconciled  
Fast from words ...and be silent so you can listen  
(Pope Francis)

*Have a lovely weekend!*