

25th February 2022

Dear Parents

If you were at Mass on 13th February you will have heard that it was Racial Justice Sunday. At school we have put up a display showing Our Lady and the Holy Family depicted in different ways to reflect our cultural diversity. Our Lady is mother of us all and children should see her reflected in the way that they look so they can feel connected to her.

Assemblies – Mrs Tottle-Nugent spoke to the children on Monday about doing random acts of kindness. We should do things for each other without being asked. It makes them happy and makes us feel happy too. She showed them the video of the kindness boomerang which you can watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwAYpLVyeFU>

On Wednesday, Mrs Hindle celebrated all the maths achievements on the times tables with the Junior children. The children have been working hard on learning their times tables and it was pleasing to see so many children reach bronze, silver, gold and even platinum awards! She reminded them to use TTRock stars at home because practise makes perfect!

Covid – This morning Mrs Tottle-Nugent made a “Covid Time Capsule” at assembly. Lots of things relating to the last two years’ of covid were put into a box, to be discovered at some later date in the future, when hopefully covid will be a distant memory! Whilst we are hopeful about the future, we remain cautious and request that anyone with covid does remain off school until they have had two consecutive negative lateral flow tests. This is to protect vulnerable people in our community.

Maths Quizzes – We are in a local group of schools called the ELC (Excellence in Learning Community) and Mrs Hindle has organised two excellent maths quizzes for the children across seven schools to enjoy (via zoom). We had the Year 6 quiz before half term and Year 5 this week. Congratulations to the Year 6 children who were chosen to represent our school: Finn, Pawel, Ginevra and Damian and the Year 5 children: Alicja, Keiyona, Malije and Liam (sorry to Thomas who had been chosen but was unwell on the day). A big well done to Mrs Hindle for her excellent organisation and really challenging the children!

Energy Prices – As you are all aware, gas and electricity bills are due to soar. We have a fixed price until October for our utility bills but then have been told to expect a 50% increase for electricity and 80% for gas. We are looking at ways to save energy and perhaps even generate our own. If anyone knows anyone who supplies and fits solar panels or could advise us about this, please would you let me know. Many thanks.

Last One Standing – Mr Baptiste and I have already sadly been knocked out of the competition!! Embarrassingly, I realised this week I hadn’t even paid my entry fee! If you have also forgotten, it’s not too late to make your donation by clicking here: <https://app.investmycommunity.com/fundraise/the-friends-of-st-monicas-school-3020>

World Book Day - Please see the separate email that I have sent about this day, with all the details.

REMINDER - Music Lessons with EMS – The deadline for booking lessons is Friday 11th March 2022. The link to book is here <https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore> More details can be found on the letter I sent on 11th February.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Next week is a busy one with Pancake Tuesday and the start of Lent. We will be having an Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday afternoon and children will have the opportunity to receive ashes.

Kind regards
Kate Baptiste
Headteacher