

18th November 2022

Dear Parents

Assemblies – On Monday I spoke to the children about “Odd Socks Day”. The children had been invited to wear odd socks which was in support of national anti-bullying week. We recognise that we are all different and unique and should celebrate our differences. Bullying is when something bad happens **several times on purpose** – which spells the word **stop!** This year’s theme is “reach out” which means we want children to reach out to someone they trust if they are being bullied or know someone who is. Please talk to you children about it at home.

On Tuesday I spoke to the infants and on Wednesday to the juniors about our school motto, “Strive to succeed in the presence of God.” Ask your child what strive means. Ask them in how many different ways can they be successful. We watched a video that shows what learning can be like. It can be difficult and is not linear. Click [here](#) to watch the video. The best success of all is love!

Year 6 retreat days – This week, the children from Year 6 went down to St Monica’s Church to spend a day reflecting about leadership. They learnt about the qualities needed for effective leadership and thought about the examples of Our Lady, St Monica, St Martin de Porres and Pope Francis. A big thank you to Anna for leading these special days. Anna praised the children for being very respectful and thoughtful throughout the day.

Mosaic artist in school – Thanks to The Friends we have a mosaic artist in school next week working with the children. If you are available to help for an hour or so (or even all day!) on Tues or Wed, please email or phone the office giving the time you can do. Thanks in advance.

Christmas Cards – Deadline for ordering is today! (Friday 18th November)

Raffle tickets – These were sent home this week. Completed stubs and money should be given in to the school office.

Happy Bag collection – Thanks to everyone who sent in bags for the Happy Bag collection. We raised £688.50 In total and 6Y class brought in the most bags, so they get a non-uniform day on Monday 21st November.

St Monica’s Catholic Primary School – Admissions for 2023

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019, you will be looking for a school place for September 2023. Parents/carers are invited to attend the open afternoon on **Thursday 24th November at 1.30pm**. Telephone the office to book a place 020 8886 4647. Please visit the school website for more information www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/admissions

Diary Dates

- **Sunday 20th November** – Christmas Bazaar raffle tickets on sale after Mass.
- **Monday 21st November** – Own clothes day for 6Y- they brought in the most bags for the Happy Bag collection
- **Tuesday 22nd November 7pm** – St Cecilia Music Concert – Choir and orchestra to perform in the hall, all welcome
- **Thursday 24th November 1.30pm** – Open afternoon for prospective parents – book a place via the school office
- **Friday 25th November** – Non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle for the Christmas Bazaar
- **Friday 25th November** – Christmas disco for all children run by the staff after school
- **Monday 28th November** – bring cash for hamper appeal for families in need – details emailed yesterday

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

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Headteacher