

10th February 2023

Dear Parents

It has been a short but very busy half term. Have a look at our website to view some of what has been going on!
<https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/category/news/>

Assemblies – On Monday Mrs Tottle-Nugent spoke to all the children about Racial Justice Sunday which had taken place the day before. She talked about how regardless of our race, gender or beliefs that we are all equal in God's eyes and we must treat each other with respect. They watched a video about discrimination which you can view here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6uXgJA-Vfjl>

Class 5Y French theatre – Class 5Y had a wonderful time experiencing a theatre production in French at Palmers Green High School on Monday. Thanks to one of our former parents Mrs Parry-Garnaud for organising this. Class 5G will be having their own modern foreign language experience later this year.

Year 6 Mass at St Monica's Church – The children in Year 6 walked to St Monica's church for Mass on Wednesday. They were extremely well behaved and respectful.

Class 6Y class assembly – The children wowed the whole school and their parents on Thursday with their first class assembly since Year 3. They explained the historical reason behind Valentine's Day and entertained us with singing, dancing, drama, poetry and prayer. Their important message was that we should all love one another as Jesus taught us. I hope the families of 6Y enjoyed coming into school for this joyous occasion!

Inter-School Maths Quiz – Our Maths leader Mrs Hindle organised an excellent inter-school maths quiz for Year 6 on Wednesday. Ten Enfield schools participated. West Grove came 1st, St Monica's 2nd and Merryhills 3rd! Congratulations to Emerson, Jacob, Anabelle and Arnav from St Monica's for working so well as a team.

Online Safety Enquiry – Following on from the online safety session for parents two weeks ago, a few parents have been requesting help with setting parental controls etc. Are there any parents out there who are tech savvy and would be willing to show others what to do to keep their child safe online? If possible, we'd like to organise a drop-in session for everyone. If you can help with this, please email office@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk and we can sort a date.

Gaelic Football – After the very successful Year 4 and 5 PE programme of Gaelic Football before Christmas, North London Shamrocks are delighted to announce the start of their weekly training sessions on the 18th of February at 12:30pm in Tottenhall Sports ground, N13 6LH. All ages are welcome - for further information please contact Keith Egan (parent of Ryan and Emma) on 07961070906.

Valentine Cards – Thanks very much to two mums Daniela and Francesca, who raised £156.55 selling Valentine cards outside school! This money is going to The Friends!

Second hand books – World Book day is Thursday 2nd March (if school is closed due to the strike, it will move to Friday 3rd). The Friends will be organising a 2nd hand book sale. You can donate any unwanted books (for ages 5-11) from after half term – just send in to the school office. Dressing up as a book character on this day is welcome but entirely optional.

Last one standing!! – It's not too late to join this competition. All the details can be found in the link below. The deadline for taking part has been extended to midday tomorrow.
<https://app.investmycommunity.com/campaigns/the-friends-of-st-monicas-school-7070>

Music lessons from EMS – You can now book your Summer term music lessons in the EMS Music Store. To book, visit <https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore> and sign in. The deadline for booking Summer term lessons and hire is Sunday 19th March.

Apologies for the error in last week's letter – It was **Karen Harrison** and not *Kate* Harrison who was a past pupil of St Monica's (and St Michael's) and the first female train driver on the London underground.

Diary Dates – see overleaf

Monday 13th – Friday 17th School closed for half term and reopens on Monday 20th February

Tuesday 21st Feb – 10am Bishop John Sherrington to visit school (and it's also Shrove Tuesday)

Wednesday 22nd Feb – Ash Wednesday – Liturgy in school in the afternoon with administration of ashes

Thursday 23rd February 9.15am – Class 6G class assembly – parents from 6G invited

Thursday 23rd February 7pm – Maths workshop for parents in Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 in school. You can download the app "1 minute maths" which is from White Rose, in preparation for this

Thursday 2nd March – World Book day – dressing up as a book character optional. This will move to Friday 3rd if school is closed due to the strike

Week beginning Monday 6th March – Parents' evening - in person on the Wednesday and online other days (booking a slot will be the week before)

Tuesday 21st MARCH 7pm (NOT FEBRUARY apologies for error in last letter) – Maths workshop for parents in Years 4, 5 and 6 in school.

Friday 24th March – Happy Bag collection – if you're clearing out clothes over half term, save them up!

Sunday 26th March 11.30-4.30pm – Alternatively you may wish to donate clothes to the pre-loved clothes sale or even set up your own stall. All proceeds are going to support the victims of the recent earthquake. See the attached flier for details.

Wishing you all a relaxing and enjoyable half term break.

Kind regards
Kate Baptiste
Headteacher