

3rd March 2023

Dear Parents

It has been yet another busy week at St Monica's! Take a look at the week's events on our school website <https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/category/news/>

We had a peer review on Wednesday when two Headteachers (from Hazelwood and North Side Primary) and an Assistant Head from Raglan came to review maths at the school. They were very impressed with our children's maths skills and their general behaviour as well as the hardworking staff. It is always useful to get a fresh perspective on your practice and the visit was very constructive and encouraging.

Today was World Book day and we were treated to an array of book character costumes. I must admit, I do like to dress up! We were visited by local author Jeanne Willis. She led a whole school assembly about her work as an author and where she gets her inspiration from (a huge array of interesting pets!). The children went off to make their own version of Bog Baby and a habitat for it. A big thank you to Mrs Seeboruth who put us in touch with Jeanne – we were delighted to have her. In addition, children had opportunities to write poetry inspired by Joseph Coelho. It was a fun day with lots of inspiration for reading and writing!

Second hand books – Huge thanks to all of you for the massive selection of books which were donated to the school for The Friends' second hand book sale. The children thoroughly enjoyed choosing books and a lot of money was raised for The Friends. Huge thanks to Mrs Pizzi-Njada for setting it up so beautifully and to all the parents who came to help!

Assemblies – On Monday Bishop John Sherrington came to visit us. He visited all the classrooms and led an assembly about the symbolic items he wears as a Bishop eg the mitre, cope, ring, stole and crozier. He reinforced the message that Fr Paul had talked about in last week's Ash Wednesday service about prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent. He challenged the adults to think about their online purchases and "think before you click" so that we could be mindful of consuming too much or always wanting everything immediately! He was very impressed with some of the thoughtful, mature and sophisticated questions the children posed for example, Liam in Year 2 asked, "What is your favourite part of Jesus' life story?" His response was the Last Supper as this has formed the basis for daily Mass.

On Tuesday Miss Dalton led an assembly for the Infant children. She read the 'Little People, Big Dreams' book about the life of Mae Jemison. We discussed how important it is to dream big and what we need to do in order to try and achieve our dreams, e.g. work hard, be patient, persevere, be determined and to not give up even if it gets hard. They then thought about what their own dreams were and what we can do to achieve them.

On Wednesday Mrs Hindle led a maths assembly for the Juniors, where children's expertise in times tables was celebrated. Congratulations to all those children and keep practising!

Year 5 Inter-School Maths Quiz – Congratulations to Dylan, Sophia P, Keyara and Luke who were selected to represent Year 5 in an inter-school maths quiz! They came second overall. You can read more about it on the website (link above to "recent news").

Netball – Our Year 6 team played against St Michael at Bowes on Monday and beat them 0-18. Well done to the girls and thanks to Mrs Hoey and Mrs Moruzzi for their expert tuition and training!

Cross Country Competition at Lea Valley – Congratulations to the children in Years 3 and 4 who were selected to represent the school in a cross country competition today: Sonny, Dougie, Ethan, Joseph C, Aoibheann, Annie, Lucas, Jessica, Aoife, Florence and Charlie. They all did really well. Particular congratulations to Florence who came 4th overall and Annie, Ethan and Lucas who were all in the top 20!

Parish/Social Centre Car Park – A subsidence project has commenced at St Monica's Parish/Social club on Cannon Hill. You can no longer park in the front car park of the building. Works are expected to continue until the summer.

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

PE Survey – Class 1Y, 3Y & 5Y have been randomly selected to complete a sports survey by School England. Mrs Duffy has posted all the details onto GoogleClassroom. The school will receive funding for each survey completed, so please complete yours.

Young Voices at the 02 – Our School choir were recorded singing at the 02 in January with thousands of other children. The single is going to be released next week with all UK proceeds being donated to the children's mental health charity Place2Be. Please purchase for this worthy cause. You can have a peak here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H4l9s-ITfo0>

Diary Dates

Sunday 5th March 11.55am – Booking a slot for parents' evening will close

Week beginning Monday 6th March – Parents' evening - in person on the Wednesday and online other days

Wed 8th March 9.15am – there is NO music assembly today - Yr5&6 parents should have received a text.

Thursday 9th 9.15am – 2G's class assembly – parents invited

Thursday 9th – 5Y retreat day, wear own clothes and bring a packed lunch – normal school time

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards
Kate Baptiste
Headteacher