



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

1st March 2024

Dear Parents

Girls Night – Thanks to everyone for their support with the Girls' Night last Friday, it was a such a lovely atmosphere and **£1190** was raised in profit which is excellent – thank you to The Friends!

Assemblies - We have had some inspirational assemblies this week! I started the week speaking to the children about the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the United Nations (UN). This was in preparation for Laith's mum Bee (from Yr2) who works for the UN, who came on Tuesday with two of her colleagues to talk about a special project in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). During Lent we are aiming to focus on SDG 1 "no poverty", SDG 4 "quality education" and SDG 5 "gender equality" by raising money for an orphanage in the town of Bukavu in the DRC. We are aiming to hold an event where the children will be sponsored to achieve something – more details to follow. Bee will be visiting the orphanage in May and will return to school with photos to show how the money has been spent. It's a very exciting project which I hope you will be able to support. Look at a few photos on the next page.

On Wednesday we had an extremely informative assembly from Ruth who works for "Judaism for schools". She stayed in school for two days to lead workshops for all the children, which were excellent and thoroughly enjoyable. The children have learnt a lot about Judaism this week. Thanks very much to Miss Nolan for organising this for the whole school!



On Thursday, we were all entertained by Class 6G's assembly. They took us to a book Oscars and wowed us with their wide range of reading and technological skills to show case their acting! Very well done to our authors and cinematographers of the future!

<https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/category/news/>

World Book Day – Next Thursday, children are invited to come to school dressed in one of the following ways: 1) dressed as a book character 2) dressed as an interesting word (to expand vocabulary) 3) dressed in pyjamas with your favourite bedtime story or 4) uniform or own clothes – there are plenty of children in books! We aim to have a reading, fun filled day!

Parents' Evening – Most parents met with their child's teacher this week to find out about their progress and look at their work. If you didn't manage to make an appointment, please would you do this as soon as possible.

Don't forget to bring some food for the food bank on Monday – we're walking to church with all your offerings.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards, Kate Baptiste

Book Stall – On Friday The Friends are holding a book market in school during the day. Please can you donate any unwanted books (for ages 5-11) and send them into the school office. We particularly need books for the older year groups. Each class will have roughly 20-minutes to browse the bookstall during the day. Books will be priced at £1 each, so don't forget to give your child £1 - £2 on the day.

Seeking your views – Thank you to the parents who responded to our survey about the maths evenings – 80 responses were received. I'm pleased that all of you found the sessions we have run useful. We acknowledge that the infants and Yr3 one was much longer than anticipated. Providing an online model can be tricky without more sophisticated sound/camera equipment in the hall, but if any parent can offer advice about this, I'd be very grateful.

Usborne Books – Thanks to the many parents who bought books at the Usborne Book Fair – £580 spent. This puts us in the 30% bracket for our free books. We need an extra £20 of sales to be able to give to the full 60% in free books. You can still purchase books online up until Sunday 3rd March – click here <https://usborne.com/gb/> Delivery to school is free!

Diary Dates for next week

Monday 4th March 9.30am – Pilgrimage to St Monica's Church. We're walking to church with food gifts you might bring in for the food bank. Thanks in advance.

Tuesday 5th March 9am-3pm – Dr Bike is in school. If you'd like your bike checked over, bring it in and leave it in front of the office windows (all free!) 18-20 will be checked.

Thursday 7th March – World Book day! See separate email with ideas for dressing up

Thursday 7th March 9.15am – Class 6Y assembly & bring in books to sell at the market

Friday 8th March – Market book stall in school – bring £1 to buy a book (or more if you want). All money raised goes to The Friends – thanks to them for organising.

Friday 8th March – Happy Bag collection

St Patrick's Evening – The Friends are holding a special Irish night to mark St Patrick's day 7.30pm on Friday 15th March! You don't have to be Irish, just want to have a fun evening, click here <https://app.goodhub.com/stpatricksnight2024>

Photos from the orphanage in Bukavu



The children sent a message thanking us in anticipation of the help we might give. These are the 17 SDGs we are learning about.



<https://www.happyschoolbag.co.uk/>



Dear Parent and Guardian,

We are delighted to announce that our school will be holding a clothing collection with the **Happy School Bag Fundraising Scheme** on **Friday 8th March, just after drop-off.**

This scheme is designed to help schools to raise needed funds and at the same time to help the environment by keeping textiles away from landfill and give the clothing a new lease of life.

To take part you simply need to fill any bag with the following items:

We accept:

- ✓ Adults and children's clothing
- ✓ Paired Shoes
- ✓ Fashion accessories
- ✓ Handbags, Belts
- ✓ Hats, Scarves
- ✓ Jewellery, Perfumes

We don't accept:

- ✗ Dirty, Damaged, Wet Clothes
- ✗ Uniforms, Underclothing
- ✗ Toys, Books, DVD's, CD's
- ✗ Duvets, Pillows, Household linen
- ✗ Carpets, Blankets, Curtains
- ✗ Bric-a-Brac

The more clothing we manage to collect, the more funds our school can raise!

The Happy School Bag van will be collecting from our school on **Friday 8th March, just after drop-off.**

Please bring all your bags to **the collection point just by the main school gates** and help us have an amazing collection. If you can help on the morning, please let us know. More hands, make light work!

Many thanks

Linda, Emma, Kathleen, Lisa, Bonnie and, Anne-Marie

Following on from Parents' Evening, you may find these weblinks useful...

Websites to support learning at home

There are many websites offering free access to support with home learning. Use the websites listed below, as you like, to support home learning.

• **Maths**

- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting>
- <https://www.mathshed.com/>
- <http://mathletics.co.uk>
- <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/> linked to weekly learning activities on main page and videos
- <https://ictgames.com/> Online Maths games

• **Literacy**

- <http://www.pobble365.com/> for writing inspiration
- <https://www.literacyshed.com/the-ks1-shed.html> writing resources
- <http://phonicsplay.co.uk>
- <http://readingeggs.co.uk>
- <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/> - includes free e-books for children ages 3-7
- <https://pbskids.org/games/reading/> Reading games
- <https://ictgames.com/> Online English games

• **Phonics – RWI (These links are available until the 10th June)**

- **What is RWI Phonics?** <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/VOVWVGsj/Zrs6T5tt>
- **Understanding Phonics** <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/rUWP9D2x/Hr53OXVS>
- **How to say the sounds** <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/ySHvXXfB/Scg3iBpn>
- **The Phonics Screening Check (Year 1)** <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/3hziM9cm/taSzQGDv>
- **Listening to your child read** <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/iC01KTeT/k6X3cuu0>
- **Why read to your child** <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/st8qshzr/ZsdhVUh0>
- **10 things to think about when you read to your child** <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/5JqFgH6z/lA7LoMfq>
- **Reading the stretchy sounds with your child** <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/dX7HvSWO/uhDJ23gM>
- **Reading the bouncy sounds with your child**
- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/vfAbIWIR/CbYe2KHc>

Please ensure that you supervise your children when they are using the internet. Always know what they are viewing and have access to. Please discuss staying safe online with your child. For more information a useful resource is: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Science

<https://www.tigtagjunior.com/>

<https://www.nasa.gov/>

<https://www.stem.org.uk/primary-science>

<https://sciencebob.com/>

<https://www.glasgowsciencecentre.org/gsc-at-home>

<https://www.instructables.com/id/Homeschool-STEAM-Projects-to-Make-at-Home/>

General

<http://www.twinkl.co.uk>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p> cover a wide range of subjects across the curriculum for you to explore

<https://kids.classroomsecrets.co.uk/category/year-1/>
(14 day trial)

<https://world-geography-games.com/>

<http://www.robiddulph.com/draw-with-rob> learn to draw with the illustrator Rob Biddulph

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1> Daily PE lessons from Joe Wicks

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage/key-stage-1> Explore and enjoy a range of different subjects

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zjpqqp3/year-1-lessons/1> Enjoy exploring the different challenges.

<https://www.youtube.com/@artforkidshub> Drawing lessons

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/> Online book review