



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

It has been another busy week at school, with lots going on. My favourite day had to be World Book Day yesterday – I do enjoy dressing up!

The week began on Monday with a Pilgrimage to St Monica's Church food bank. Your generosity with the food items you sent in was overwhelming and the volunteers (many of whom are past parents of the school and doing an incredible job – well done to them!) were thrilled and very appreciative. The children learnt that they are currently providing food to 900 people each week, 295 of whom are children. Gerry reminded the children of the parable of the Good Samaritan and said all of them had been just like him. Your donations have made a huge difference – thank you all! <https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/pilgrimage-to-st-monicas-food-bank/>



Reception Mother's Day Tea Party – Wednesday afternoon was a lovely opportunity for the Reception mums to gather and hear how much they are loved by their precious children! Thanks to all the Reception staff for their organisation which made this a lovely celebration. Special thanks also to Fr David for blessing all the mothers present.

On Thursday, Class 6Y started off our World Book Day with a fabulous assembly about.... you guessed it.... Books! See more here <https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/6y-class-assembly-thursday-7th-march/>



Book Stall – Thank you for the many donations of books which were received which enabled The Friends to hold a book market in school today. Every class had the opportunity to browse and take a book. A whopping £696 raised! Thank you all!

World Book Day – On Thursday, there was a huge array of costumes and outfits to enjoy looking at. We were particularly thrilled to welcome Jamie Okoro, parent and self published children's author to school. He shared the process for getting a book made and illustrated with the infants and read his newest story. He also worked with Year 5 to get some ideas for his new book. Thank you Jamie!

The teachers also planned and delivered many reading based activities which the children enjoyed. They also repeated the "Secret Reader" activity where all the staff swapped classrooms to read a story! We have been amazed by the many book box and spoon character creations that children sent in. Lots of images will be posted onto the website for you to look at – there are a couple on the next page. What talented children we have!



Happy Bag collection – Thank you for the many bags of clothes and goods received today, about £500 was raised for The Friends and Class 2Y have won themselves a non-uniform day (date tbc).

Usborne Books – A big thank you to all those parents who ordered books online and helped us reach the 60% commission target! Thanks to all your sales, we received £364.21 which we have spent already on a range of books for classrooms!

It's been a busy couple of weeks of sport for the Year 6 girls!

Year 6 Girls' Football – Terry took the Year 6 girls' football team to play a few matches on Monday after school. They drew 1-1 against Hazelwood and were beaten 5-1 by Wolfson Hillel. Despite losing, this was a victory as they are the first team to score a goal against this team since the start of the season! Thank you to Terry for leading this as Miss Dalton was unwell.

Year 6 Girls' Netball – On Monday last week, the girls lost 2-1 against Oakthorpe and lost again 2-0 against Eversley. Mrs Moruzzi was very pleased that they played well as a team and defended magnificently.

Internet Safety – I attended an internet safety course last week and would like to remind parents of the age limits of certain games. Some of the games have an age rating of 18 (and for good reason).

Sites such as TikTok/Candy Crush are getting more and more clever at making their sites interesting to children and it is becoming more and more addictive. Make sure your child has at least an hour off screen before they go to bed.

Children in the past might say “I’m bored”, but less so if they have access to a tablet/phone/device – but what they’re seeing is not necessarily appropriate. If they wanted to find out something about an issue such as an eating disorder and just do one search for it, the algorithms within the software will then flood your child’s page with this theme.

Please be very vigilant about who your child might be “chatting” to on games such as Roblox which have that chat function. Sadly, there are predators out there looking to engage with children, so we must be vigilant.



Did you know that what looks like a calculator app can be hiding another unsuitable app??

A few photos from World Book Day celebrations. More will be posted on the website.



Have a lovely weekend, and if you’re lucky enough to still have your mum, let her know how much you love and appreciate her. Mine is sadly miles away, but I’m looking forward to seeing her at Easter!

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Kate Baptiste

Headteacher

Diary Dates for next week

Monday 11th March – Year 6 are off to Hilltop in Norfolk for the week! Children need to be in school by 8am. I will be going with them and will have limited access to emails, so please email office@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk if you need anything and Mrs Tottle-Nugent or Mrs Roper will deal with it. Miss Dalton, Class 2Y teacher, will be going too and Mr Rose will be their class teacher for the week.

Monday 11th – Friday 22nd – Big Walk and Wheel families are encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to school, or part way to school

Tuesday 12th – 5G to St Monica’s Church for a retreat day – children wear their own clothes and bring a packed lunch. They need to be in school at normal time and will arrive back in time for 3.15pm.

Wednesday 13th – 5Y’s retreat day (as above)

Friday 15th – St Patrick’s Night in school!

Wednesday 20th March – Sponsored dance in school to raise money for the orphanage – please start gathering sponsors! You should have received a letter about this today – check your child’s bag. Money will be collected in on **Wednesday 27th**