



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

28th March 2024

Dear Parents

We have finally reached the end of the Spring term and it has been a busy Holy Week preparing for the celebration of Easter (amongst other things!) It has been very sad today to say goodbye to Tracey. We had a special staff breakfast for her on Wednesday and there have been a steady stream of people coming to say farewell. She will be so missed.

I'm delighted to announce the safe arrival of Mr and Mrs Dinnage's baby! Mila Anne Dinnage was born on Monday this week! Mum and baby are doing well.

Choir – The choir started the week off with a performance to the whole school. This was in preparation for their visit to The Millfield Theatre on Wednesday where they performed in an Enfield Music Festival with other schools. They absolutely blew both audiences away with their energy and enthusiasm. Huge thanks to Mr Charles-Nelson for his inspirational teaching and guidance. I have a video of the event but it had to be removed from Youtube due to copyright. If you want a copy, I can airdrop it – let me know. Photos of the event are [here](#).



Easter Bonnet Parade - The cuteness factor was raised to "high" by the traditional Easter bonnet parade on Monday, with our adorable Reception children proudly presenting their bonnets to the school on Monday. Well done to all the parents for the amazing creations!



The Friends – I mentioned in last week's newsletter, that the school finances are extremely tight. Thank goodness for The Friends who so tirelessly work to raise vital money for the school. They have had a fantastically successful term raising funds as follows:

- A Star is Born - £1,200
 - Happy Bags - £500
 - World Book Day Sale - £696
 - Debating and mooting Club - £385 (big thanks to Jamie Okoro who has been doing this voluntarily with Yr6 and just asked for a donation to The Friends!)
 - Girls' Night - £1,200
 - Last One Standing competition - £820
 - St Patrick's Night - £2,000
 - Miscellaneous donations/Easy Funding Raising - £786
- Grand total = £7587 - INCREDIBLE!!** Some of this money has paid for new interactive whiteboards for Class 6Y and Class 4Y, 3Y's is on its way (costing £2,500 each with installation). Also £2,000 to be spent on development of the Reception outdoor area. Thank you all!



Passion Services – As we are in Holy Week it has been appropriate to have Passion Services in school. Traditionally we invite parents from Years 2 and 4 so over time all parents get to join in the service. Through drama and song they led us through the events of Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, Garden of Gethsemane and finally Jesus' death.

Take a look [here](#) for photos.



Class 1Y Assembly - Class 1Y were on fire this morning with their amazing assembly all about the Great Fire of London! They demonstrated their historical knowledge which they had learnt from Samuel Pepys' diary. Their singing was fabulous too!! [Look!](#)



Well-being policy – We have introduced a policy which stipulates no emails/texts/WhatsApp messages after 6pm and before 8am. Most parents email the office (which can be done at any time), but if you are emailing a member of staff directly, please do not do so in the evening or weekend or holiday, so that they can have a break from work. Many thanks

High Five – The High Five team played their last match of the season on Monday against Merryhills. Sadly they lost 5-3, but played well all the same. They have now finished for this year. Thanks to Mrs Moruzzi who has run this club so energetically and expertly!

International Cultural Day – save the date - Friday 24th May – For those parents (perhaps only Years 5&6), who were here pre-Covid, you may recall an International Day we held. We'd like to repeat this. It involves parents volunteering their time to set up a stall which celebrates the country of their birth. Look at the photos from previous years. If you think you can help, we'll be looking for volunteers after Easter.



Save the date – 70th anniversary of the school – Our school was opened in 1954 and so we are planning celebrations for our 70th anniversary. There will be a family day on Saturday 14th September – all welcome – details to follow later in the summer term.



Summer Disco – Save the date – Friday 7th June for the next children's disco, straight after school until 4.30pm. A big thank you to all the staff who have agreed to run this. Ticket information will go out nearer the time.

Have a lovely Easter holiday
Kind regards
Kate Baptiste
Headteacher



Parking in Lulworth Court – I have received a letter from the residents in Lulworth Court who are fed up of our parents parking on their private property and in residents' spaces and when asked to move not being terribly polite. I have been given one registration number plate and will name and shame if there isn't an improvement after Easter. Please do not park here. Thank you

Diary Dates for after Easter

Monday 15th – School starts for the Summer term
Thursday 25th April 9.15am – 5Y class assembly