

22nd November 2024

Dear Parents,



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

Today is the Feast of St Cecilia, who is known in the Catholic tradition for being the Patron Saint of Music. So, this week, we have celebrated with lots of musical celebrations – see more below! The week was completed by a visit from M-C Grammar, who totally inspired the children to read and write with his literacy themed rapping. It was a fantastic and thoroughly enjoyable afternoon and I am very grateful to The Friends committee who organised and paid for this treat for the children (and staff)! Watch some of the action [here](#)! He has signed some books which will be auctioned off shortly.

I'm obviously very pleased with the Ofsted report which I felt reflected the good work going on in the school. Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

The next few weeks are very busy, so don't miss out on anything by checking the school calendar. Take a look [here](#).

The Friends' AGM – On Wednesday evening, The Friends' held their annual general meeting where they reported the staggering amount raised last year (£45,404 profit) and the huge donation made to the school (£34,060). This work is only possible thanks to the dedication of the Committee and the many parents and staff who support the events. Thank you all very much!

St Cecilia Choir Concert – The first assembly of the week was led by Mr Charles-Nelson and the choir. With the Feast of St Cecilia taking place this week, it was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate music at the school and we all thoroughly enjoyed their performance. Mr Charles-Nelson had prepared a number of songs from the 1980s which were particularly well received by the staff! Then on Monday evening, family members of the school choir were treated to the same performance. Everyone was suitably impressed. Very well done to them all and thanks for the audience participation! You can listen to some of their singing [here](#).

Strings Group Performance – On Thursday morning the school was once again treated to a performance, this time by the strings group led by Lynne Baker and accompanied by Mr Charles-Nelson. They all did really well! Listen [here](#)!

Music Lessons in school – A reminder that if you would like your child to learn to play a musical instrument with the Enfield Music Service, you need to book by clicking this link <https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicservice/lessonsstore>. The deadline is **Sunday 1st December**. You also need to book if your child is already having lessons – those lessons do not automatically happen every term, unless you are booked on.

Cuddly Toy Raffle – Thank you to the Year 6 girls who have been selling raffle tickets in aid of PDSA, a vet's charity who care for animals. £146 was raised and the lucky winner of the huge cuddly toy was Grace Michael!

Road Safety – Nationally it is Road Safety Awareness week and so on Tuesday and then Wednesday I spoke to the infants and juniors separately about being road safety aware. Things to note when crossing the road: stop, look, listen, think! Other critical things are: wearing a helmet when cycling or scooting, wearing bright colours on dark evenings so you can be seen and being very careful on roads where there is LOW traffic, not NO TRAFFIC! The infants enjoyed listening to [this song](#) and all the children watched [this safety video](#). If you are on your phone while crossing the road, your child may remind you to put it away. You have been warned!

Class 6G's Retreat Day – On Wednesday Class 6G walked to church for their retreat day. They had a wonderful time learning the importance of leadership and showed excellent team work when creating their posters on St Therese of Lisieux, St Augustine, Mary and St Francis of Assisi.

Winter Disco – On Friday 29th November, the staff will be leading a Winter Disco for all children straight after school until 4.30pm. If your child would like to attend, you can buy a ticket here <https://app.goodhub.com/kidswinterdisco24> (Children who are already booked into the school after school club are all automatically going, with no need to buy a ticket.)

Diary Dates (various sporting fixtures over the coming weeks, Miss Anderson has emailed)

Monday 25th November 9.30am – Open morning for prospective Reception class parents for September 2025

Tuesday 26th November – Years 3 & 4 are walking to church – please make sure they all have a suitable coat

Wednesday 27th November – Children can wear own clothes in exchange for a cash donation to Rosie Hurdall's Christmas hamper project, which supports local families in need. Please give generously to this very worth cause.

Wednesday 27th November – Class 6Y retreat day – wear own clothes & bring a packed lunch if not collecting one from school

Friday 29th November – Children may wear their own clothes to school in exchange for a bottle of something nice – and a no-longer-wanted cuddly toy (in good, clean condition)

Friday 29th November – Winter Disco straight after school – please pick up at 4.30pm (unless your child is then going to the after school club) see link above to make a donation for a ticket

Wednesday 4th December – Christmas Nativity Farm in school – payment request has been posted onto ParentPay

Wednesday 4th December – Year 3 going to Westminster Cathedral for the Advent Service

Thursday 5th December – Flu vaccinations taking place in school. Please ensure you have completed the form to consent or otherwise

Friday 6th December – children may wear own clothes in exchange for a jar of sweets for the tombola or a gift for the Christmas gift wrapping room (aka 'Elfridges!')

Saturday 7th December 12-4pm – Christmas Bazaar in school – lots of fun to look forward to!! Please donate some time to help on your class's stall if you can. Many hands make light work.

Have a good weekend. Kind regards, Kate Baptiste, Headteacher