

7th February 2025



**ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

Star is born:

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Star is Born production last Thursday and Friday. We hope all the families enjoyed watching the variety of acts. You were all stars! I would like to thank the many parents and staff who helped so much last week with the two talent shows. It was lots of fun and great to see children shining in a different way.



Assemblies this week – On Monday, Miss Bowling delivered an assembly all about this year's Mental Health Week theme 'know yourself grow yourself'. We discussed our emotions, and how important our wellbeing is. We also discussed how all children will become Mental Health Ambassadors with the aim of making their classrooms a safe and supportive environment for all children.

On Tuesday Miss Anderson spoke to the Infants about zones of regulation that we use in class and the different feelings we encounter. She read the story 'The Smartest Giant in Town' and emphasised the importance of spreading kindness. The children's mission for that day was to think of how they could be kind to someone in school.

Thanks to anyone who shopped at Asda! – A whopping £240.89 was raised by people putting tokens in the St Monica's box after shopping at Asda! Thanks to everyone involved.

Democratic Republic of Congo: It has been very sad watching and listening to the reports about the conflict in the DRC. Please pray for the children and staff in the orphanage we have been financially supporting in the Democratic Republic of Congo. There is conflict in their region and we pray that they will be kept safe.

Year 4 Music Recital – On Wednesday we welcomed our brilliant young musicians in Year 4 to take to the stage for their annual recital. They showcased their abilities across a variety of musical instruments, from dazzling piano performances to soaring string solos, covering music from many different genres. Parents and fellow pupils alike were wowed and thoroughly entertained - a massive well done to all, and a huge thank you to all of our dedicated tutors!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=c-prFEk9hp4>



Class 3G Assembly

3G started our class assemblies this week with an important message during Mental Health Week. They shared ways to resolve problems with friendships and how we need to stop, listen and find a way to move forward together. Their song to the tune of 'If you're happy and you know it' was a crowd favourite. Here are the words for you.

*If you're happy and you know it spread some cheer,
If you're happy and you know it spread some cheer,
Give a smile, give a hug make the world a better place
If you're happy and you know it spread some cheer.*
Well done to all the performers.

<https://youtu.be/oyVODARJBuc?si=WSCixVDPpRfrV8BO>

Author Banji Alexander visit – We are looking forward to welcoming Banji on Friday 14th February. If your child would like a signed book, please can you return the attached letter and £10 in an envelope to the main office. Please can it be returned by Monday 10th February NOT the 13th February as stated in the attached flyer, as the books need to be pre ordered.

Mental Health week – Throughout the week, the children have been taking part in well-being activities to support their mental health including discussing the zones of regulation. On Friday, we had a 'Dress to Express' day where the children were allowed to choose what they wore to school, a day to celebrate them as individuals.



Diary Dates

Monday 10th February – Year 3 trip to the National History Museum
Tuesday 11th February – 9.30am Year 6 Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes Mass
Thursday 13th February – 9.15 am 6Y Class Assembly Parents are invited
Thursday 13th February – 7pm Year 6 School Journey Meeting