

14th February 2025



**ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

It has been a very busy half term. The children have been working really hard in class, which you will be able to see in their books during parents evening at the beginning of March. We hope you all have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 24th February.

Year 3 school trip to the Natural History Museum:

On Monday Year 3 visited the Natural History Museum in London. They studied marine fossils, saw dinosaurs and even became palaeontologists unearthing and identifying dinosaur skulls. They were excellent ambassadors for our school.



Class 6Y Class Assembly:

On Thursday 13th February, 6Y performed for the school spreading their message of love and kindness in celebration of St Valentine's Day. The children showed how easy it is to spread love and kindness around the world. Please see the link below showing the highlights of the assembly.

https://youtu.be/yCK7E039FOI?si=w_8ZC4KDVURJoSMg

Product safety webinars and in person sessions:

Geraldine Cosh (a parent at the school) is running Free sessions on product safety: 15 webinars (in Feb & March) and 2 in person sessions on March 1 & 3 at Firs Farm Community Hub N21 2PJ. She will provide tips on how to protect your loved ones from unsafe products. More info and registration

here: <https://gcosh.consulting/consumer-awareness>

Girls Football:

On a very cold and wet Monday afternoon at Laurel Park School Rose, Aoife, Olivia, Emily, Chole, Erin, Holly, Eirinn, Sorcha and Maria played football against three other primary schools. They were great matches! The girls sadly lost their first game but won 4-0 against Bowes. Unfortunately they were not able to play the last game due to the weather conditions. However we are so proud of their resilience and perseverance representing the school. Well done!



Year 6 church visit: On Tuesday, Year 6 visited St. Monica's Church to attend a special Mass led by Father Mehall, focusing on Our Lady of Lourdes. During the visit, they listened to the Creation Story from Genesis and reflected on its meaning. Father Mehall shared an important lesson about always doing the right thing for the right reasons, encouraging the children to make thoughtful and moral choices in their daily lives.

Year 2 church visit: Year 2 also visited St Monica's church this week. Miss Nolan said "At St Monica's Church we were met by Anna. When we walked in, we talked about making the sign of the cross with the Holy Water, genuflecting before we sit down and the action of bowing. We then learnt about lots of different objects within the church such as the tabernacle, the altar, the lectern, the baptismal font and the stations of the cross. Anna also showed us the sacristy" The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Author Banji Alexander visit– On Friday we were thrilled to welcome author Banji Alexander to our school, to talk to us about his life as an author. He inspired our budding authors by reading some excerpts from his book 'Lockdown Looms'. The children had the opportunity to ask some really interesting questions. Meeting an author was a truly remarkable experience.



Year 6 Interschool maths quiz: On Wednesday, Mrs Hindle organised and hosted an inter-school maths competition for Year 6 children from eleven local schools. It was a great afternoon of collaborative working and problem solving. A huge congratulations and well done to Theo, James, Olivia and Seth who represented St Monica's and came joint 1st with Firs Farm. Raglan came 2nd and Our Lady of Lourdes came 3rd.



Diary Dates for after half term:

24th February – bookings open for parents to book parents' evening and closes 11.55pm on Sunday 2nd March

Thursday 27th February 9.15am – 6G Class assembly in school

3rd – 6th March – Parents evening takes place during this week

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day – children are invited to dress as a book character

18th March – 5Y retreat day at St Monica's Church

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24th March – Whole school pilgrimage to the food bank at St Monica's Church

26th March – 2pm Mother's tea party for reception parents