

31st January 2025



**ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

Assemblies this week – On Monday, Mrs Baptiste led an assembly about Holocaust Memorial Day. She shared the experiences of Anne Frank which we can learn about by reading her diary. From the Holocaust survivors, we must learn to respect everyone regardless of their religion, the colour of their skin or what country they come from.

On Tuesday, Miss Nolan read 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister to the Infant children. The children discussed what it means to be a good friend and the importance of sharing. The book showed the children the importance of friendships and how being a good friend can impact which zone we are in. When we aren't being a good friend, we are often in the blue zone as we feel lonely and sad; however, being a good friend helps us be in the green zone, feeling calm and content. The assembly concluded with a reflection on why it is important that we all work together, following the example of Jesus.

Puppet Workshop – Year 1 children had a fantastic day last Friday working with puppeteers from The Little Angel Theatre company. They made their puppets using various materials and resources. They especially enjoyed performing to one another at the end of the day, using their finished designs.



Thank you!! – Last week we received a donation of £9,000 from The Friends of St Monica's! This will be funding a new SMART board for each of the Reception classrooms as well as the Nursery, new resources for OPAL as well as reading books for all classes. Many thanks!

Happy Bag Collection –



Thanks to everyone who sent in bags of unwanted clothing etc for recycling. We're predicting £500 was raised. However, there was no class winner this time.

A Star is Born! – More than a quarter of the school were involved in the two talent shows on Thursday and today and tonight's competition promises to be a fabulous evening of entertainment! With Mrs Baptiste being absent for most of this week, huge thanks go to Lindsey, Mrs Tottle-Nugent and all the staff who have worked so hard getting everything ready. The children really shone on stage and helped them to excel in a special way.

Author Banji Alexander visit – Mrs Baptiste spoke to the children about Banji last week and said that if enough children wrote to him, he would come and visit. We are delighted to announce that his IS COMING on Friday 14th February!! We are really excited. If you would like to buy a copy of his book, please send in £10 in an envelope and he will sign the book for you on the day! See attached letter.

Gymnastics festival - Children from a range of year groups took part in a gym festival on Thursday. Congratulations to Lena, Ava, Noelle, Una-Marie, Idara, Aoibha, Rosemary, Isla and Millie. The Enfield PE team and Year 9 students at Edmonton County school set out a circuit of gymnastics activities. They included balance, rolling, jumping, creative/rhythmic skills and agility. The focus for the afternoon was skill and enjoyment. The children and Ms Anderson had a wonderful time!

<https://youtu.be/UYvU81pXS-E?si=g9yjYBXRKJFMejUg>

Request for unwanted infant girls school tights – Romona says, "Thank you for the tights already sent in – if you have any more unwanted green school tights in infant size, in good, clean condition, please send them in. Thank you."

Year 5 and Year 6 Animal Workshop – The children enjoyed an unforgettable visit from Animal UK, who introduced them to an amazing selection of animals. The children were captivated by a Burmese python, admiring its impressive size and shimmering scales, and an African tortoise, which fascinated everyone as it confidently explored the room on its sturdy legs. A skunk made a playful appearance, delighting the students with its curious personality and distinctive black-and-white fur. They also met a tarantula, which sparked a mix of awe and bravery, and a magnificent tawny owl, whose graceful wings and keen eyes left the class in awe. A big thank you to Animal UK for providing such an engaging and educational experience!



Diary Dates

Monday 3rd February – Mental Health Week

Wednesday 5th February 9.15am – Music recital for children in Year 4 who play an instrument – Year 4 parents invited

Thursday 6th February 9.15am – Class 3G Assembly –parents invited

FRIDAY 7th February – Dress to express day – children are invited to express themselves through clothing and accessories. They can choose to be wild and funky or calm and comfortable. Please feel free to explore

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk> for more information (we are not fundraising though).