

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

Guided by Jesus Christ, our teacher, we journey together learning to dream, believe and achieve.

Friday 18th November 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has been anti-bullying week, so there has been a focus on how we treat each other. As a Catholic school this has obviously been linked to Jesus's message of loving one another as He has loved us. The children were led in an assembly which focused on the need to reach out and help others.

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32

The children were reminded that bullying is the **repetitive, intentional hurting** of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an **imbalance of power**. This can happen face to face or online. The children were also reminded of who to speak to if they feel that they are the victim of bullying.

Our Early Years children have been enjoying Nursery Rhyme week this week. They have been learning and reciting various nursery rhymes over the course of the week. On Wednesday, the children came to school dressed up as a nursery rhyme character or brought a prop in to represent one. They have had lots of fun learning.

As part of their RE lessons and linked to anti-bullying week, Year 1 have been learning about how important it is to say sorry when we do something wrong and ask for forgiveness. Year 2 have moved onto adding and subtracting with exchanges in maths. The pupils in Year 3 have been planning and writing recounts based on their trip to the Marist centre last week. Year 4 have been competing against each other in Times Table Rock Star battles. Apparently, 4S are winning the battles at the moment! Year 5 have been learning about Sikhism – their beliefs, their duties and the significance of the 5 Ks. Year 6 enjoyed a road safety workshop which will hopefully help them when taking themselves to and from school.

Pupil Certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Dianna for settling into Nursery so beautifully .	Olivia W for some fantastic work in Literacy.
RBD	Poppy- always setting a good example, showing super listening during learning times.	Cora Rae- fantastic phonic work writing CVC words independently.
RS	Eliana for always using the challenger areas well and being a good role model.	Kai for knowing all his sounds in RWI!
1D	Aubree for being a good friend and partner to your peers.	Antoni for the lovely presentation in all of your work. Well done!
1G	Igor for trying super hard to focus all week. Keep it up!	Luca for working hard on his comic strip in English.
2C	Heidi for being an amazingly helpful member of our class	Leah for an amazing opening to her story based on our class book Major Glad, Major Dizzy
2O	Scarlet for a great first week in St Clare's and making some great friendships	Alex D for creating some wonderful patterns in Art using leaves!

3A	Jovi for taking the initiative to change his behaviour and showing a massive improvement during class discussions	Casie-Leigh for fantastic work with her 3 times tables this week and growing her Maths confidence as a result
3K	Anastasia for settling in brilliantly to life at St Clare's!	Phaedra for some wonderful skills and strength in her dance lesson this week!
4H	Poppy C for trying really hard in every lesson and doing really well in English.	Jagger for being really supportive of his teammates in swimming.
4S	Keir for trying so hard in all of his work this week. He has had a fantastic attitude towards everything he has done.	Lewis for working really hard on his times tables every day and making brilliant progress.
5G	John Joe for showing resilience, determination and having an amazing attitude to learning both in and out of the classroom. He never gives up!	Jasmine for being so knowledgeable, helpful and generous whilst sharing parts of her faith with our class during Sikh week.
5W	Emmanuella for being a fantastic help in the classroom, helping the class with their maths work and helping children understand complicated methods.	Bella for a fantastic piece of geography work on the Mediterranean sea.
6F	Hollie for really trying with her maths this week and persevering with it!	Maisie for setting the standard for reading in our class with amazing minutes and words read. Keep it up!
6H	Leo for always behaving perfectly, and being an amazing friend. He is a model student!	Tyler for writing an <i>amazing</i> letter in English from the point of view of a doctor who wants to transplant a pig's heart into a 13 year old boy. I am so impressed!
6S	Harris for an amazing effort put into this week's PE lesson! He pushed himself to his limits.	Amelia for her fantastic writing this week in Literacy. Her letter about xenotransplantation included a variety of wonderful features.

Headteacher awards

Cole in RS for following instructions so well in PE

Joshua in RS for using his communication board so well.

Pippa in 1G for writing a great comic strip for homework.

Lilith in 2C for being such a kind, gorgeous, generous girl to everyone.

Oliver L in 4S for creating a fabulous double page spread on a continent.

Jack B in 5W for an amazing model of the Temple of Apollo at Delphi as part of his history homework.

Emilia in 6S for being such a considerate and thoughtful young lady.

Riley in 6S for 'wowing' his teachers with his fraction work in maths.

Caritas Award

We have been presented with a wooden plaque by Caritas who shares the mission of the Catholic Church to serve the poor and to promote charity and justice throughout the world. Each week, the award will be given to a child who demonstrates putting love into action. We are presenting the award for the very first time this week to **Zachary and Jennifer Wilson**. They have donated Christmas hampers which will be raffled to support struggling families this Christmas. Thank you to the Wilson family for this display of love for others.

Millionaire reader

Paris in Year 6 has now reached two million words on Accelerated Reader which is incredible. What an avid reader she is! We strongly request that you encourage your child to read every night. Reading is a pleasure and we want all our pupils to experience it.

Christmas Raffle

We will be making up some Christmas hampers to go alongside the two donated which we will raffle throughout December. The raffle tickets will be £1 each and will be sold before and after school by our Mini-Clares. The money raised will be put to good use to support those in need in our community.

Attendance



Well done to 6S who had 100% attendance this week – what a fantastic achievement!

Attendance this week has improved and stands at 93.6%. Our expectation is 97%.

Every minute of your children's education is important. It is vital that your child is in school, on time, every day ready to learn. Thank you to everyone who ensures that this is the case and in doing so, help your child to have the best chance in life. Education helps to remove social mobility barriers.

Reconciliation

The children who are taking part in the Sacramental Programme this year will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation in December. There is a rehearsal the day before the Sacrament takes place. There are two separate weeks to accommodate all the children taking part. As the parish run the programme, Father Jeremiah will confirm which dates your child needs to attend. The dates are:

Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December

Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th December

Girls football

On Monday, our girls football team took part in a competition with other local schools at Manchester Communications Academy. The girls played five games. Unfortunately, they did not win any of their matches, but showed great spirit and determination. They represented our school well. Thank you girls and thank you to Mr Willis and Mrs Gill for accompanying them to the event.

Behaviour Rewards

We have a vast number of children who always display excellent behaviour and we want to recognise this. We are therefore introducing bronze, silver and gold star badges in recognition of those children who are 'always green.' If your child is always green (i.e doesn't receive yellow or red cards) for 10 weeks in the year they will receive a bronze star. If they are green for 20 weeks in the year, they will receive a silver star and if they are green for 30 weeks of the year, which would be a tremendous achievement, they will receive a gold star.

Time Tables Rock Stars

Times table recall is a really important aspect of maths. Knowing your times tables helps with multiplication, division, repeated addition, fractions, decimals and percentages. Our children need instant recall of their multiplication facts and the corresponding division facts. We subscribe to Times Tables Rock Stars which gives our child the opportunity to practice their tables table knowledge. The children are rewarded rock star status depending on how quickly they can answer the questions. I hope that they enjoyed the re-launch of this fun way to learn and make good use of the website. Each child has their own login – if you have mislaid your child’s login, please contact school.

World Cup

On Monday afternoon, to coincide with England’s first match of the World Cup against Iran, the children will be focusing on their map work skills. Each class is focusing on a country that is competing in the World Cup. The children may come into school on Monday wearing the colours of the country’s national flag. Let’s hope that England give us something to be excited about by winning their first match.

The countries for each year group are:

Year group	Country	Colours of flag
N	England	Red and white
R	Germany	Black, red and yellow
1	Spain	Yellow and red
2	Australia	Red, white and blue
3	France	Red, white and blue
4	Cameroon	Green, red and yellow/gold
5	Japan	White and red
6	Brazil	Green, blue, white and yellow/gold

Baby news

Just to let you all know that we have a new addition to the St Clare’s family. Mrs Moorcroft has given birth to a beautiful baby boy, Benjamin who weighed a healthy 8 lbs. We wish the family love and happiness.

Christmas dates

I know that many of you will want to join your children in their Christmas performances, so I am giving you advanced warning of the dates:

Tuesday 6th December and Thursday 8th December – **Nursery** performance 2.30pm. There are two performances due to part-time children attending at different ends of the week.

Tuesday 13th December – **Reception** performances at 9.30am and 2.15pm

Wednesday 7th December – **Year 1** Christmas Nativity play

Wednesday 14th December – **Year 2** Christmas carols 2.30pm

Friday 9th December – **Year 3** Christmas play

Friday 16th December – **Years 4, 5 and 6** Christmas service in church 9.30am

Monday 19th December – Key Stage 2 music showcase

In addition to our performances, there are other events for the children linked to our Christmas festivities:

Friday 9th December – Christmas jumper day

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas dinner

Monday 19th December – Beauty and the Beast Christmas pantomime for EYFS and Key Stage 1 in school

Key Stage 2 party afternoon

Tuesday 20th December – Beauty and the Beast Christmas pantomime for Key Stage 2 in school

EYFS and Key Stage 1 party afternoon

Christmas whole school Mass – Tuesday 20th December 9.15am. You are welcome to join us.

Admissions 2024/25

We are proposing a change to our admissions criteria for the 2024/25 academic year, so that our policy is in line with diocesan guidelines. We are holding a six week consultation period where you can express your views on the policy / admission arrangements. If you have any comments, please email the school on admin@st-clares-manchester-sch-uk by 12pm on 2nd December 2022. The proposed policy is shared on our school webpage. Please see it on <https://www.st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/our-school/essential-information/admissions-information>

Road Safety

A police officer has been in touch with school to say how dangerous our parents are when dropping off and collecting our pupils each day. She said that parents disregard the yellow lines and just stop their cars as close to school as possible to enable their child to hop out of the car. She is genuinely fearful that there will be a serious accident as a result of this. None of us want that to happen. Please be mindful of where you park when dropping off or collecting your child – the yellow lines are there for a reason. She also reported that children are not using the pelican crossing to cross the road on Victoria Avenue. We all know how busy this road is, so please use the pelican crossing to cross the road safely.

Also, please do not walk your child down the small road next to church to get to the Key Stage 1 building. Cars enter and leave our premises via this road. Please walk your child safely through the front playground. Let's model how to be safe to our children. Thank you for your compliance with this.

Support

We know that families may experience difficult times and difficult situations throughout a year, especially with the cost of living increase. We are here to support you in any way we can - should you need it. If you are experiencing any financial or other worries, please get in touch. If we are unable to help you, we may know of a group who can help. Please contact Mrs Sylvester at school for a discrete conversation if you require some support.

Manchester City Council have a webpage called Helping Hands which is a helpful pocket guide for residents of Manchester containing information on the support available to those who may need help and advice. [Help with the cost of living crisis | Manchester City Council](#) There are two other sources of information that you may find useful:

Manchester City Council information about [Council support if you're in financial difficulty](#)
Information on wider support - [Help with the cost of living crisis | Manchester City Council](#)

Manchester City Council Cost of Living Advice Line

To support Manchester residents through the cost-of-living crisis, Manchester City Council will be providing an advice line that will offer:

1. Support with benefits and help with your rent (this is an existing offer made available through the contact centre)
2. Advice about debt and paying bills (this will be done in conjunction with Citizen Advice Manchester)
3. Food support (residents will receive a call back to understand their needs and connected into a local food offer)
4. Support getting online (residents will be linked in with the Council's digital inclusion team)

By Phone: The advice line can be accessed via a free phone number **0800 023 2692**. The line will be open 9:00-4:30 Monday to Friday. Agents on the phone line will have access to language line for those residents whose first language is not English. **Sign Video** will also be available for residents who may require this facility.

On line: An on line form will be available at <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/helpinghands> for those who do not wish to contact by phone. The advice line will also have its own web page that will have links to information of how residents are able to access support. <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/helpinghands>

Upcoming dates:

Monday 21st November – World Cup afternoon

Tuesday 22nd November – Year 3 and 4 Road Safety performance

Sunday 27th November – Family mass in church at 10.30am

Monday 28th November – 2O and 5G class assemblies

Kind regards,

Mrs Howe.