

ST CLARE’S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

Our School Mission Statement: Guided by Jesus Christ, our teacher, we journey together learning to dream, believe and achieve. Friday 22nd November 2024

Friday 24th November 2023

The children looked very smart on Monday morning ready for having their photographs taken. It was a nice surprise for the children to see snow on Monday evening / Tuesday morning. I’m sure that it created great excitement at home. The children have started to rehearse for their Christmas shows / concerts.

In Nursery this week, the children have been making repeated patterns as part of their maths work. After reading ‘Leafman’, the children have been discussing where he may have floated away to and created their own leafmen outside using sticks. In art, Year 1 are using Romero Britto’s work as inspiration for making collages using bold and bright colours. In PE, Year 2 have been playing games which focus on the skills of aiming, throwing and catching. Year 3 have been applying their knowledge of the 4 and 8 times tables to problem solving in maths. In science, Year 4 have been investigating how to insulate sound. Year 5 have been converting mixed and improper fractions in maths. In geography, Year 6 have been looking at the physical features of the UK including mountains and rivers.

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 had a road safety performance on Thursday which focused on key road safety issues, promoting positive behaviour and good choices when travelling near roads. All classes have been learning about Islam in our multi faith week.

Next week is assessment week in school – please ensure that your child is in school on time each day.

**Chapel / prayer garden**

Our chapel / KS2 prayer garden is open each Tuesday morning before school for staff, pupils and parents to come and pray privately. Starting the day with God is beautiful. You are very welcome to pop in from 8.15am each Tuesday.

**Pupil certificates**

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|  | Pupil of the week | Achievement |
| N | Michael for growing in confidence and always trying his best. | Pearl for amazing singing during our Nativity practice. |
| RDM | Michelle - fantastic effort with her mark making | Aria-Rose - super name writing |
| RS | Thea for always having a positive mental attitude. | Aiden for super counting to 5 in our maths lessons this week and improving in his speaking |
| Y1G | Abbie for being such a huge part of our class this year with her infectious energy. | Penelope for extending her descriptive sentences using and. |
| Y1S | Abongwi for making a fantastic effort with all his work this week. | Nathan for really good improvement with his reading and working hard on his fluency. |
| Y2C | Milena for being a really kind and caring member of our class | Jakub for super subtracting in maths |
| Y2D | Grace for being sensible, ready to learn and a good shoulder partner. | Farhan for your super work in maths subtracting tens and ones. |
| Y3F | Curtis sets a brilliant example to the rest of the class, always ready to learn. | Deborah for producing some wonderful writing. Deborah’s handwriting is perfect every time! |
| Y3H | Keriane for always putting in 100% effort | Bryn for learning to count in 8’s all the way to 96! |
| Y4H | Ella G for always behaving beautifully, with a smile on her face and displaying lovely manners. | Esosa has been super focused in maths lessons this week, and has done some fantastic times table problem solving! |
| Y4O | Alex K for being a well mannered, hard working and polite member of the 4OH team! | Maria for producing a fantastic fact file about the geographical features! |
| Y5G | Alexis for having the confidence to  play lots of team games during break times and being more independent in class | Jack for writing a fantastic set of instructions about how to survive on a desert island and sharing lots of his own practical survival skills in class. |
| Y5K | Majesty for always giving 100% to everything he does and for having a fabulous attitude to life at St Clare’s! | Jasmin for a brilliant unit in English, in which she has written two excellent sets of instructions! |
| Y6S | Halle for a lovely factfile in Geography on the physical characteristics of the UK | Sam for hosting a fantastic debate in our English lesson around the topic of xenotransplantation! |
| Y6W | Cassius for having a great attitude towards his maths work and achieving his highest arithmetic score. | Ava for a fantastic effort with her home reading and quizzing. |

**Headteacher awards**

Elizabeth in RDM for a brilliant effort in her independent writing.

Indiya in 1S for a great improvement in her handwriting.

Abbie in 1G for being a lovely friend and special member of St Clare’s.

Patrick in 2C for always trying really hard and listening so well.

Marvelous in 3F for setting a great example to her peers.

Lilith in 4H for always doing the right thing.

Joris in 5G for being so studious and always ready to learn.

Alex in 6S for showing resilience in his independent work.

**Caritas Award**

The Caritas is awarded each week in recognition of someone in school who has shown kindness to others by putting love into action. This week the award goes to Isabella H in 2C for noticing someone sat on their own at lunchtime and moving tables, so that they were not alone. How thoughtful and kind!

**Attendance**



Whole school attendance this week is 94.86%. 91 pupils have been late 140 times this week. This really does need to improve, so if you need any support please contact Mrs Burgess Hamlett. If your child arrives after the register closes at 9.00am, they are recorded as an unauthorised absence, so please try to arrive at school for 9.40am

The best classes for attendance this week were 6W (again) and 5K with 98%. Well done to both classes. They will receive a longer break as a reward.

**Advanced warning of statutory assessment dates:**

Every year, schools have to carry out statutory assessments in weeks provided by the Department for Education**.**

The **Y1 phonics screening check** will be completed in school the **week commencing Monday 9th June**. Year 1 pupils and pupils in **Year 2 who did not pass the check** in Year 1 will need to be in school all week.

The **Year 4 multiplication and times table check** will also be carried out the **week commencing Monday 9th June**.

**Year 6 SATs will be completed on Monday 12th May up to and including Thursday 15th May.**

It is vital that your children are in school on these dates.

**Girls football**

Some of our Year 5 and 6 girls took part in a football competition in the freezing weather on Wednesday evening at the Coop North. They represented the school well winning, losing and drawing a game. Thank you to Mr Keogh and Mr Lockwood for taking the girls.

**Support**

As a school we are here for both your children and your family. If you are experiencing any difficulties or have any anxieties, please get in touch with Mrs Sylvester for a private conversation. Her email address is [c.sylvester@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:c.sylvester@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk) or you can ring the school number or message via the school app. If we are unable to help you, we may be able to refer you to somebody who can.

**Safeguarding**

Safeguarding children is everyone’s responsibility. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a child, please report it. You are able to refer concerns directly or you can contact one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads in school. Contact details can be found below.



Enjoy the weekend!

God bless,

Mrs Howe

**Christmas dates:**

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE**

Year 2 carols – Thursday 5th December 2.15pm

Reception carols – Tuesday 10th December 2.15pm

Nursery carols – Wednesday 11th December 2.15pm

Year 1 Christmas play – Thursday 12th December 2.15pm

Year 3 Christmas play – Friday 13th December 9.30am

Music Showcase – Monday 16th December

Whole school Mass – Tuesday 17th December 9.15am

Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas service – Wednesday 18th December 9.15am

Christmas dinner / jumper day – Wednesday 18th December

Pantomimes in school and party afternoon – Thursday 19th December