

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 25th November 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

The children were excited to come into school on Monday wearing the colours of different nationalities linked to the football World Cup. They spent part of the day learning about their chosen country and completing some map work. The day finished on a high with England's victory over Iran in our first match of the tournament. Let's hope they win again tonight.

In Nursery, the children have been enjoying playing in their new bedroom role play area acting out their bedtime routine. Reception have been reading 'One Snowy Night' and thinking about good hiding places for animals. Year 1 are looking at cars that move through wheels and axles. Year 2 are busy writing their narrative story based on 'Major Glad and Major Dizzy.' Year 3 are looking at how we welcome visitors, just as Elizabeth welcomed Mary when she visited her to tell her she was going to have a baby. As part of their DT work, Year 4 have made a pasta meal. For their non-chronological reports, Year 5 have been researching Japan. Year 6 are working on their strength and stamina in their PE lessons with the sports coach.

Assembly

**"Jesus," he said, "remember me when you come into your kingdom."
"Indeed, I promise you," He replied, "today you will be with me in paradise." Luke 23: 43**

This week's assembly focused on the end of the liturgical year - the feast of Christ the King. Children learned, through the Gospel, that Jesus has a special kind of kingship that can only be seen through the eyes of faith. A modern-day look at royalty invited children to see that accepting Jesus as our King makes us His special royal children.

Sunday will mark the beginning of Advent and there is a Mass for the children taking part in the Sacramental Programme this year at 10.30am.

Class assemblies

Next Monday, 2O and 5G will lead the whole school assemblies. 5G will be leading their assembly at 9.10am, whilst 2O will be at 2.40pm - you are very welcome to join us.

Pupil Certificates

| 25/11/22 | Pupil of the week | Achievement |
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| N | Noah for always doing the right thing! | Anaya for amazing name writing! |
| RBD | Olivia G for some beautiful singing and joining in enthusiastically with our nativity rehearsals this week! | Macey for some outstanding writing this week, using her phonic knowledge to label her drawings. |
| RS | Leonardo for being so helpful to other children | Yarik for settling in so well to reception and growing in confidence! |
| 1D | Jacob G for trying hard in every lesson and being focussed on the task set. | Jadon for working hard to complete your work in the designated time. |

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| 1G | Jamie for always setting a great example to everyone in our class by being ready, respectful and safe. | Louie for being resilient this week when writing a postcard. |
| 2C | Ella for trying her hardest in all of her lessons this week. | Liam for an amazing story based on Major Glad Major Dizzy |
| 2O | Nylah for always doing her best and being so helpful in class. | Elizabeth for amazing descriptive writing in English this week |
| 3A | Nova for being a conscientious, young lady who tries to please her teachers in everything she does. | Liza for fantastic, independent work with her 4 times tables this week |
| 3K | Phaedra for being such a hard worker in class and always trying her very best! | Yoel for some wonderful work this week using his 4x tables to multiply and divide! |
| 4H | Karis for always being focused on the work and always having a big smile too. | Cora for always using any spare time in class to read her book and showing such a great love of reading. |
| 4S | Ollie for being a kind, thoughtful member of our class and always doing the right thing. | George for fantastic work in maths this week and sharing lots of great ideas. |
| 5G | Jacob D for setting a great example of how to be a good learner outside of school by leading our class on TTRockstars. | Ayesha for excellent contributions in science lessons and always asking insightful questions that get everybody thinking! |
| 5W | Jack M for always having a fantastic attitude towards school, always wanting to achieve the best he can. | Oliver for working extremely hard during maths, helping other children on his table. |
| 6F | Nekendor for being an overall excellent pupil. She puts a smile on teachers and peers every day. | Caleb for giving an excellent explanation on dividing and multiplying fractions, using brilliant mathematical vocabulary. |
| 6H | Jake for consistently behaving perfectly and having lovely manners. | Denis for some excellent letter writing in literacy, I always look forward to reading his work! |
| 6S | Micheal for offering support to other children during our maths lessons this week. He has been a fantastic aid for his peers. | Grace for her incredible persuasive letter this week in English. The vocabulary she has used has impressed me immensely! |

Headteacher awards

Savannah in Nursery for drawing a good map on things near her home.

Ellis RBD for knowing so much about hibernation and nocturnal animals.

Saffron in 1D for knowing when to come on and off the stage in the Christmas play.

Nylah in 2O for excellent behaviour and work all day, every day.

Eseosa in 3A for good map work on France.

Poppy H in 4H for going from wearing armbands, to taking them off, to swimming 10m and then 25m all in one lesson!

Jacob in 5G for supporting others in PE lessons.

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. This week our award goes to **Kian and Frankie in 2O** for wanting to wash paint off children's feet because that is what Jesus did.

Reception Stay and Play

Parents of children in our Reception classes are invited into school on Tuesday 29th November. Mrs Drury is going to do a short presentation to explain 'Tales Toolkit', followed by you watching a typical session in your child's setting and then a stay and play session. The morning will start around 9am and will last about two hours in total. It will be great to welcome you all.

Christmas Raffle

We will be raffling some Christmas hampers, two of which were donated, 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 99.3% attendance this week – what a great achievement!

Attendance this week is 91.9% which is below our target of 97%.

We have had 79 children late this week. This really does impact on your child as not only do they miss valuable learning time, but some children are also embarrassed to walk into class late when the other children are already working. Please make a big effort to ensure that your child is never late for school. School doors open at 8.50am to enable you to drop them off early.

In order to reward good attendance, the best class each week will be getting an additional five minutes play at breaktime. If a class has 100% attendance, they will earn an own clothes day the following Friday.

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

Time Tables Rock Stars

Thank you to you all for the fantastic effort you made in dressing your children up as rock stars. This was to coincide with the re-launch in school of Times Table Rock Stars which allows the children to go online and practise their times table knowledge in a fun way. Please encourage your child to play on this at home – it will really speed up their instant recall of the times table facts.

Sport

This week our boys played three football matches. They enjoyed the games, played with enthusiasm (despite the poor weather on Monday) and represented the school well, but unfortunately lost both matches.

On Tuesday evening, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in an indoor athletics competition. It was a very exciting evening with lots of great runners. Our children all encouraged each other really well and were very competitive. We have some talented athletes. Jacob and Lydia received special recognition for passion and teamwork respectively.

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 2.15pm

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

Friday 9th December – **Year 3** Christmas play 9.30am

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

Monday 19th December – Key Stage 2 music showcase 9.30am

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>

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:

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

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

Tuesday 29th November – 9am Reception Stay and Play / Tales Toolkit presentation

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Howe.