

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 7th February 2025

Friday 24th November 2023

Thank you for another busy week at St Clare’s. The week started with an online safety performance for our Key Stage 2 children and workshops for Year 6. We welcomed parents in for a SEND coffee morning on Tuesday – thank you for attending. On Wednesday, pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 went over to Our Lady’s High School to watch a performance of ‘High School Musical’. Today, we held an own clothes day to recognise Children’s Mental Health week with the theme of ‘Express Yourself.’

In Nursery, our pupils have celebrated Chines New Year by tasting food, decorating lanterns and listening to Chinese music. After having read ‘Somebody Swallowed Stanley’, our Reception pupils have been learning about recycling. In geography, Year 1 have been describing hot and cold places. Year 2 went on a learning walk to explore houses in the local area, so that they could compare them to homes in Zambia. As part of their faith journey, Year 3 took part in a Reconciliation Retreat led by Sister Anne which they thoroughly enjoyed. In maths, Year 4 have been learning how to calculate the perimeter of shapes. Year 5 have been writing a newspaper report based on Philippe Petit – the famous French high-wire artist. In RE

**Assembly**

**“For my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.” Luke 2:30-32**

The Gospel reading this week focused on when Simeon and Anna saw baby Jesus in the Temple. Through their strong faith, they recognised Him as the Messiah, the fulfilment of God’s promise. Children know that Jesus is the light that leads us to joy, peace and truth and Jesus invites us to spread His light to others through our words and actions.

**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.

**5K class assembly**

5K will be hosting their class assembly on Monday at 9.00am. You are very welcome to join us in our celebration of God’s word.

**Pupil Certificates**

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|  | Pupil of the week | Achievement  |
| N | Pearl for always being such an enthusiastic learner! | Samuel for starting to become more confident to communicate! |
| RDM | Freya for always setting a good example and being a kind friend. | Elizabeth for fantastic writing about our story “Somebody Swallowed Stanley.” |
| RS | Rocco for staying on green all week and making good choices! | Lula for always trying hard with her beautiful handwriting |
| Y1G | Eryn for her confidence when answering maths questions this week!  | Luka for writing an amazing recount from the perspective of Poppy the penguin.  |
| Y1S | Jayson for showing fantastic maths skills. | Arwyn for working very hard on her presentation in books. |
| Y2C | Izzy for always trying her best and following the school rules | Patrick for showcasing amazing number knowledge in maths |
| Y2D | Nellie-Lou for always being a good role model to others and being ready to learn. | Tymofiy for working hard on his writing in our English lessons. |
| Y3F | Dawid for always being ready to learn and being a great example to others | Marvelous for producing some wonderful writing in English where we wrote a report on the Stone Age |
| Y3H | Nova for always being a wonderful contributor to class discussions. | Maria for excellent knowledge of how to keep safe online. |
| Y4H | Lilith for consistently behaving beautifully and always being cheerful and kind to others. | Avayah for really impressing me with her historical recount writing. |
| Y4O | Alex D for persevering in maths and not giving up! | Joleen for writing an excellent historical narrative!  |
| Y5G | Jack for his consistent effort in every subject and eagerness to learn | Eunice for excellent work planning her newspaper report on Phillippe Petit |
| Y5K | Dale for excellent scientific knowledge in science. | Toby for great participation in our English lessons. |
| Y6S | Nadia for representing our school extremely well during our visit to OLHS.  | Nneoma for a fantastic Anderson shelter made for her History homework.  |
| Y6W | Harry for his attitude in his assessments this week. | Ryan B for great progress in his assessments |

**Headteacher awards**

Uhmiana in RS for always thinking of others.

Diana in 1G for being a great role model.

Cole in 2C for being so sensible on the class walk.

Pixie in 3F for wonderful progress in reading.

Annie in 5K for always trying her best and giving her all.

Ava in 6W for a great improvement in her reading assessment

**Caritas Award**

The Caritas Award is presented each week to a child in recognition of their outstanding achievement in putting love into action. This week the award goes to Maggie in 2D for being so kind to others.

**Attendance**



Overall whole school attendance this week is 94.7% Thank you for getting your child to school on time each day. The number of lates has decreased this week, we had 50 pupils late 65 times. The number of lates after the register has closed was 13 pupils late 19 times.

Under the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC),** **children have the right to an education**. If you are experiencing any difficulties or require any additional support with attendance or punctuality, please contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs Burgess Hamlett.

The best classes for attendance this week were 2C and 5K with 98% - well done to them! They will receive a longer break time next week.

**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 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.

If you are struggling to buy food at the moment, please contact school. We do not want any families to go without food. We do have contact with some food banks who may be able to offer support.

**Safeguarding**

**Under the United Nation Convention on the Rights of a Child, all children under the age of 18 have a right to be protected from violence, abuse and neglect (Article 19) and a right to be alive (Article 6).**

There are many forms of abuse – sexual, neglect, emotional, physical, online – and it is everyone’s responsibility to safeguard children from any harm.

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.



**Whitworth Gallery**



**Parent Workshop**

Our SENDCo has organised for Ceri Hewitt, a Health Improvement Practitioner who specialises in unintentional injury prevention, to come in to school to deliver a parent workshop.

*The workshop will* offer advice, top tips and suggestions for parents/carers to help reduce unintentional injuries in the home. The session is for **one hour** and will be held in school on **Thursday 6th March 2pm-3pm**.

In order to organise a suitable area within school to hold the workshop, please complete the form below if you wish to come along to this event.

<https://forms.gle/UipqxkgaEBc7KPrB6>

There is also a section on our school website which offers advice on unintentional injuries <https://st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/parents/unintentioonal-injury-prevention>

**Community Grocer**

There is free registration with the community grocers throughout February at the community grocers opposite Conran Street Market.

**STEM Returners search for Mechanical skills across Manchester**.

*Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an Mechanical qualification that you aren’t using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don’t have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you!  After the unprecedented success of our previous programmes we are currently searching for candidates for a STEM Returners campaign across Manchester. All candidates not only get to access a different route to finding a new role, you will also have the opportunity to obtain free 1-2-1 career coaching and mentoring, supporting you from interview stage through the work placement and beyond.  No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit*[*www.stemreturners.com*](http://www.stemreturners.com/)*or email**karen.clark@stemreturners.com**.*

*More information on this opportunity is also available here:*[*Power Plant Mechanical Team Leader - STEM Returners*](https://www.stemreturners.com/job/power-plant-mechanical-team-leader/)

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Howe

**Upcoming dates:**

9th February – Family Mass 10.30am

14th February – Finish for half term 3.15pm

6th March – Parents’ workshop on unintentional injuries

*The weekly newsletter is also available on our school website* [*https://st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/parents/newsletters/newsletters-2024-2025*](https://st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/parents/newsletters/newsletters-2024-2025)

**A Prayer of Hope**

