 

ST CLARE’S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week our children in years 3,4 and 5 were treated to a production of Scrooge which emphasised the importance of being kind to others and considering the needs of others. Our Nursery children have been looking around our school environment after having read ‘Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?’ In Reception, the children have been learning their number bonds to 10 in maths. Year 1 have planted cress seeds to see what they need to grow as part of their science topic. Year 2 have started their new history topic on the Great Fire of London and they know that it happened in the past. In Year 3, the children have been writing persuasive letters to the council asking them not to build houses on the school grounds. Year 4 have been learning about the courses of rivers in their geography topic. Year 5 have examined moon rocks from NASA to see the different minerals they are made from. Our Year 6 pupils had a workshop called ‘ Wise Old Women’ which centred on how we should treat the elderly.

**Assembly**

This week our assembly focused on how to can behave during Lent. The children were asked to consider whether they are more like bread or stone. Bread is nourishing, gives life and is warm like we are when we show compassion, forgiveness and understanding to others. Stone is cold, hard and can damage things like we are when we are unkind, selfish and nasty to other people. Thankfully, all the children decided that they are more like bread and as they make life better for others.

**Pupil Certificates**

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|  | Pupil of the week | Achievement |
| N | Romeo for always doing the right thing and setting an amazing example to his peers | Olivia W for recalling our story so well this week! |
| RBD | Tommy for always following the schools rules and being a kind and friendly boy | Tymofiy for super number work this week. |
| RS | Uriri for always trying his best in everything he does. | Talia for independently writing a sentence to describe Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk. |
| 1D | Curtis for being a resilient learner and not giving up when you find something tricky. | Emily for working hard and concentrating on her English work this week, resulting in a beautiful set of instructions. |
| 1G | Joy for being a great role model in class this week. | Delina for fantastic listening and  participation in our dance sessions. |
| 2C | Leah for being a superstar all week | Mikaela for her beautiful letter formation |
| 2O | Purity for having an amazing week! She has been trying so hard and it shows! | Alex K for amazing work in english using conjunctions |
| 3A | Isla for always being a very kind-hearted, caring girl who looks out for others | Jasmin for fantastic participation and suggestions for what should go in our persuasive letters |
| 3K | Archie for a very hard working and sensible return to school after being off due to being poorly. | David for some great recent work in Maths involving using scales and measuring mass in grams! |
| 4H | Daniella for always supporting her table and getting full marks in her pre-unit science test. | Catherine for putting 100% effort into her writing and really improving her spelling. |
| 4S | Zion for a fantastic attitude this week and working really well as part of a team. | Panashe for becoming a millionaire reader! |
| 5G | Dylan for an excellent improvement to his focus and concentration in lessons. He always gets the job done and then has time to relax and read his book! | Jacob D for taking pride in his presentation and neatness of his work. His books look wonderful! |
| 5W | Emmanuella for always having a positive attitude towards her work and creating a fun atmosphere in lessons. | Jayden for his fantastic working in our science topic on space. |
| 6F | Maisie for being an excellent example to her peers in regards to minutes read and her hardwork in lessons | Sienna for doing some excellent work in arithmetic lessons and cracking long division!! |
| 6H | Kaiden for having lovely manners and always having a funny story to tell, and a smile on his face in class! | Paris for working really hard in maths, and trying her best! |
| 6S | George for always having a positive attitude towards his work and putting 100% effort into everything | Mason for forming brilliant, high level Alan Peat Sentences in his English work for a persuasive holiday brochure. |

**Headteacher Awards**

Tommy in RBD for great re-telling of Jack and the Beanstalk.

Olivia in 1D for writing clear instructions on how to plant cress seeds.

Tyler in 2O for lovely handwriting and good partitioning work in maths.

Alexis in 3K for being a good example in class of being ready to learn and working hard.

Jagger in 4H for writing a good persuasive letter on why parents in a book should not go on holiday.

Ollie in 5W for great advice during the PHSCE production of Scrooge.

**Caritas Award**

The Caritas award this week goes to Grace b in RDB for taking care of God’s creatures. She found a worm on the tarmac and moved it to the soil where it would be more comfortable. How kind!

**Attendance**



We are still working on improving our attendance in school. Our target is 97%. This week we have reached 96.5% which is great. Let’s see if we can achieve 97% next week. All of our classes, with the exception of one, had attendance over 94%.

The best class this week is 5G with 98.7%, so they have earned a longer playtime. Well done 5G!

**Nursery admissions September 2023**

If you have a child, or know of a child, who was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 they are eligible to apply for a Nursery place for September 2023. Please come into the main office in school and fill in an application form if you want a Nursery place for this September.

**Millionaire Reader**

This week, we have a new millionaire reader. Panashe in 4S has reached her first million words in her reading. Well done Panashe – enjoy spending your book voucher.

**Year 6 SATs week**

Year 6 SATs are due to take place from Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May. It is vital that holidays during this period are not booked. All Year 6 pupils will be expected to be in school every day during SATs week and on time due to the timings of the assessments. I know May seems a long way off, but it will soon be here.

**St Joseph Penny boxes**

The season of Lent begins during our half term holidays. Lent is a season to pray, fast and give. The children have all been given St Joseph penny boxes in order to collect any loose, spare change yourself or other family members may have. The money raised will go to Caritas to support families within the local area. The boxes do not need to be returned to school until when we finish for Easter.

**The Big Lent Walk**

As part of our Lenten actions, the mini-Clares are organising a sponsored Big Lent Walk. The aim is that all the pupils will help their class to walk 14 miles during Lent. Jesus walked 600m from the courthouse to Golgotha where he was crucified. We are asking classes to make this walk forty times, to link to the forty days of Lent. The children will be bringing home sponsor forms and the money raised will be sent to support the work of CAFOD.

**Own clothes day**

Next Friday, 17th March we are having an own clothes day. We are asking the children to bring in a bar of soap or a tube of toothpaste which Ged Collins will take to an orphanage in Uganda. If you are able to wrap it and put a note ‘ From your friend, name’ that would be lovely. Your support in this matter will help us fulfil one of our Lenten promises to help others in need.

**Upcoming dates:**

Tuesday 9th – 12th May – Year 6 SATs week.

Monday 13th March – school photographs

15th and 16th March – strike days

Wednesday 29th March – parents evening

Sunday 2nd April – Family Mass 10.30am

Wednesday 5th April – finish for Easter 1.15pm

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend – hopefully it won’t be as cold as it has been this week.

Mrs Howe.