

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 18th March 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

This week, we continue to keep the people of the Ukraine in our thoughts and prayers.

"In the name of God, let the cries of those who suffer be heard and let the bombings and attacks cease." Pope Francis

Over the last two weeks we have raised an amazing £588.16 which will be sent to the Ukraine humanitarian appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

The parish are praying the **Holy Rosary every Tuesday night at 6.30pm** before Mass to pray for peace in the Ukraine. Everyone is welcome to attend.

This Sunday (**20th March**), Bishop John will be leading a Holy Hour at **Salford Cathedral**, inviting people across the diocese to join him in praying for peace in the Ukraine. **The Holy Hour will begin at 2.30pm** and will also be streamed online at www.salfordcathedral.co.uk for anyone unable to attend in person.

Today was 'crazy hair' day and all the money raised is going to support St Joseph's penny. Please remember to collect your loose change in your own boxes at home and we will collect it in at Easter.

This week, we celebrated Science Week, so all the children have been doing extra science activities. Reception have planted cress seeds in order to see what they need to grow. Perhaps you could point out signs of new growth to them when you are out walking. Year 2 have been writing persuasive letters from the Last Wolf trying to convince people to stop cutting down forests and to plant more trees. You could have a discussion with your child about why we need to protect the earth and its inhabitants. Year 4 have been learning the names for different pets in Spanish. Can you share any Spanish phrases with your child? As part of their South America topic, Year 6 have been looking at the Andes and learning why it is a popular tourist attraction. You could hold a discussion with your child about you're favourite place to visit and explain the reason why.

Assembly

We were treated to two class assemblies this week. On Monday morning, 5H taught us about St Patrick, one of our school house saints, whose feast day was yesterday. They asked that, like St Francis, we are forgiving of others when they hurt or upset us. My favourite quotation from St Francis is 'Preach the Gospel at all times and, if you have to, use words.' Actions certainly speak louder than words.

Class 2L led the assembly for our Key Stage 1 children in the afternoon. They focused on British Science Week and the theme of growth. They reminded us of what plants and humans need to grow and survive. They also urged us to take care of the beautiful world that God has given us.

Both classes were great, said their lines really well and sang beautifully. Thank you to all the family and friends who joined the collective worships.

Pupil certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Olivia K for a great week in nursery this week! Well done!	Riley for trying really hard in nursery and always having a big, beautiful smile!
RH	Macie for brilliantly answering questions during carpet sessions	Dawid for finding all the different ways of making ten using the Numicon
RC	Anthony for always being happy and having a smile on his face	Pippa for being very creative and making different models in the Creative Area

Y1S	Nayane for setting a good example to everyone in the class and being a kind friend to everyone.	Donald for trying his best in all subjects, his independence is really growing and we are so proud!
Y1D	Kacper for being hard working and having a positive attitude to learning.	Liam for your fantastic writing this week in Literacy.
Y2M	Nova for writing an outstanding letter independently despite missing some days of school.	Elsie for her enthusiastic attitude in English and generating some great ideas for our shared write.
Y2L	Constantine for making a wonderful effort to improve his presentation and handwriting. Well done.	Isla for a wonderful persuasive letter.
Y3M	Alexa for being a fantastic role model in the class: she is always doing the right thing, being a good friend and having a fantastic can-do attitude to her work	George for writing some fantastic sentences that make sense! Well done!
Y3G	Hannah for being an all round superstar! She contributes in all lessons with enthusiasm which spreads to those around her.	Jagger for a caring interest in the happenings in Ukraine. He is constantly reminding us to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.
Y4RW	Anna for having a fantastic attitude towards her learning all work, giving 100% effort in every activity.	Bella for her fantastic effort with reading this week. Achieving over 150 reading minutes this week.
Y4S	Destiny for having a super week! He is trying really hard in everything, especially with his times tables.	Ade for determination at swimming this week, he tried so hard!
Y5OH	Izabelle for being outstanding in everything this week! Her attitude towards her work has been amazing.	Nekendor for writing a brilliant diary entry based on our class text. Well done.
Y5K	Mason for always trying his best in his work, which is always beautifully presented and of a very high standard.	Ruby for demonstrating great persistence and resilience this week in Maths when working with fractions with different denominators.
Y5H	Ethan for having a fantastic week and understanding his fractions work straight away.	Zayn for writing an amazing diary entry which followed the style of our class text perfectly.
Y6F	Aiden for having a really good week and always using his manners in class and helping to do jobs.	Magdalena for using her knowledge from previous geography lessons to help her with her geography work this week.
Y6H	Mariam for always behaving beautifully and being an amazing friend. She is an absolute superstar!	Marley for writing a really creative recount from a holiday in South America- his writing is so inventive! Well done.
Y6S	Finnlay for always having a positive attitude, being extremely helpful to those around him and being a pleasure to teach	Emme for her fantastic contribution towards our English writing this week. Well done

Headteacher awards this week go to:

Year 3 football

Headteacher's Awards:

Jacob K in RM for great tidying up and cleaning!

Maria in 1S for knowing that animals need to be kept hydrated.

Alexis in 2L for taking part in her first assembly.

Abdul in 2M for knowing that Jesus had holes in his hands because He sacrificed himself on the cross.

Maddison in 4S for a beautiful smile, handwriting and a good settings plan in her English work.

Frankie in 5O for mazing work on fractions and great arithmetic skills.

Tia in 6H for great work all week.

On Tuesday a group of Year 3 boys went to take part in a football competition organised by Manchester United. The boys were split into teams of 3 and played ten five minute matches. They had some success and had a great time participating. Well done boys! Thank you to Mr Lockwood and Mrs Galka for accompanying the children.

Baby News

Yesterday Miss Conway gave birth to a beautiful baby boy called Noah Peter. He weighed a very healthy 9.5 pounds. We welcome him into the St Clare's family and send our congratulation to the very proud mum.

Do you want to see less of our Chair of Governors?

Mr Collins, our Chair of Governors, has set a challenge to see less of him and each other. He is hoping to lose weight during Lent. For every pound of weight he loses, he will donate £1 to St Joseph's penny. His starting weight was 15 stone and 3 pounds. Mr Collins wants staff and parents to join him in this fundraiser. You do not have to tell anyone your weight, just donate £1 for every pound you lose. If you wish to join us, please send your weight loss donations via payments on the school app. This week, Mr Collins has done much better and has lost an incredible 8 pounds! He gets an A* for effort this week and will donate £8.00 to our St Joseph's penny fund.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week has improved again to 95.8%. Well done everyone! The best class for attendance this week is 3G with 100%. Great attendance 3G! The best class for attendance so far this year is 4s with 96.5%.

Access road

Please do NOT walk down the access road in between the school and the church. It is a road and cars are frequently coming in and out of the car park. Access is via the front Key Stage 2 playground – follow the markings on the floor and the zebra crossing that are there to show the route. We would not walk our children down the middle of the road on Victoria Avenue, so please do not walk on this side road. We want to teach the children road safety and keep them safe. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Covid 19

As you know, all legal Covid restrictions have now been lifted. **We have had twelve members of staff and fourteen pupils test positive for Covid this week.** We are continuing to encourage the children to wash / sanitise their hands frequently, keeping up our daytime cleaning regime and keeping our rooms well ventilated.

Should your child display any of the three main symptoms of Covid in school, they will still be sent home and advised to take a PCR test. If your child tests positive for Covid, they will not be allowed into school. You may carry out lateral flow tests on days five and six and if they are negative, your child may return to school. This is in line with current guidance. Although restrictions have been lifted in most areas of life, we do still have a responsibility to keep our pupils and staff safe.

Support

We know that families may experience difficult times and difficult situations throughout a year. As a school, we are part of the local community along with our church. We are here primarily to educate and support our children, but that extends to their families too. 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 do not suffer alone, 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.

Upcoming dates

Wednesday 6th April – Parents' evening

Sunday 27th March – Family Mass 10.30am

Wednesday 13th April – finish school for Easter at 1.15pm

I hope that you all have a peaceful weekend,

Take care,

Mrs Howe.