

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 14th March 2025

Friday 24th November 2023

This week in Nursery, the children have planted sunflower seeds and are going to watch them grow. After having read ‘What the ladybird heard’, our children in Reception have been learning the names for animals and their offspring. Year 1 have been busy writing a narrative based on the book ‘Jack and the Baked Bean Stalk.’ Year 2 have also been writing the story of ‘The Last Wolf’ – based on Little Red Riding Hood. In science, Year 3 have been learning about the different roles of the parts of a plant in the process of photosynthesis. In RE, Year 4 have been making Lenten promises. In history, Year 5 have been discussing the advantages and disadvantages of using archaeology as opposed to oral recounts as a source. In English, Year 6 have been writing their own nonsense poetry based on the Jabberwocky.

**Assembly**

This week, 1G led our KS1 assembly and taught us about St Patrick. They asked us to pray like St Patrick, to spread God’s word and not to be scared when we face challenges.

**On Monday, 4H** will be leading our KS2 assembly. You are very welcome to join us at 9.00am.

**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 a beautiful way to begin the day. You are very welcome to pop in from 8.15am each Tuesday.

**Pupil Certificates**

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|  | Pupil of the week | Achievement |
| N | Eloise for always tidying up so beautifully | Michael for learning his line for the assembly so quickly |
| RDM | Milton for always being ready to learn | Ariana for wonderful independent work this week. |
| RS | Harlow for always being a kind friend to all her peers. | David for great work writing CVC words! |
| Y1G | Lewis for settling in well into our class and trying to follow our school rules. | Blake for his growing confidence in our class assembly. |
| Y1S | Bonnie for being a brilliant friend and always helping those in need. | Nathan for trying really hard with his writing all about Jack and the Baked Beanstalk. |
| Y2C | Aria for always trying her best in her work | Eliana for an amazing story |
| Y2D | Yohannes for having a great week! | Maggie for your brilliant narrative of Little Red and the Last wolf. |
| Y3F | Carter Maguire for always doing the right thing and being an excellent example to his class mates. | Saara for writing an amazing narrative based on our class book, The Boy Who Grew Dragons. |
| Y3H | Akongwi, for an excellent explanation of what Stone Age artefacts may have been used for. | Racquel for very controlled movements in gymnastics, using symmetrical and asymmetrical shapes |
| Y4H | George for always behaving beautifully, being a good friend, and setting a good example to others. | Leah for doing some lovely work about Lent in RE. |
| Y4O | Nayane for always working hard and putting 100% effort into everything she does! | Josephine for producing a fantastic piece of work about Lent in R.E! |
| Y5G | Harry for always setting a great example to his peers and giving his all in every subject. | Adam for his excellent work with percentages in maths. |
| Y5K | Ire for always trying his absolute best and being a shining light in our class. | Emilie for a very well planned and written narrative set in space. |
| Y6S | Same for putting 110% effort into the preparation of his group prayer and liturgy this week. | George for using his oracy skills and presenting his version of the Jabberwocky poem to the class, he was so confident! |
| Y6W | Jagger for his considerate and mature contributions during R.E | Poppy H for a fantastic poem inspired by the Jabberwocky. |

**Headteacher Awards**

Bereket in RDM for working so hard on reading and writing.

Jason in 1S for being so focused on his work.

Hanna in 2D for great work and lovely books in all subjects.

Akrina in 3H for an improvement in the quality and presentation of her writing.

Oliver D in 4O for amazing maths work on fractions.

Jacob in 6W for a great improvement in his attitude, focus and behaviour.

**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 **Frankie in Year 1 For helping his friend with their line for their class assembly.**

**Lent**

The liturgical season of Lent has started and we have lots going on to mark this special season.

Our Mini-Clares have decided that, once again, they would like to ask all pupils to carry out 20 acts of kindness during the season of Lent. Your child has been given a sheet for you to note the acts of kindness on. Upon completion, your child will be given a gold cross to symbolise that we are journeying with Christ to the Cross in Lent. The idea is that the acts are spread out over Lent and not all completed within the first week.

If you would like to make a cross at home as a family which we can display around school during Lent, please send it into your child’s class teacher as soon as possible.

Our Mini-Clares will also be inviting parents into a ‘stay and pray’ session. More details will follow.

St Joseph’s Penny boxes have been sent home for your family to put any loose change you may have into. Again, the boxes do not need to be filled overnight. They can, if you are able, be returned to school when we finish for the Easter holidays.

The Easter raffle this year will be supporting a different charity. Funds raised are going to be sent to The Lilly Foundation. This charity is close to our hearts because one of our much loved pupils, Alba in Year 1, suffers from mitochondrial disease which this charity supports. Hopefully, our fundraising efforts will help to support the children and families affected by this condition. Tickets will go on sale on Monday - £1 each. Thank you to Alba’s mum, Jennifer’s nana and staff for their kind donations. We have 5 amazing Easter hampers.



Easter chicks will also be on sale in aid of Francis House. The cost will be £2 each – this is the price set by Francis House.

**Attendance**



Overall whole school attendance this week is **93.8%** Please remember that school doors open at 8.40am, so aim to get you child here for that time. We have a group of children who are frequently a couple of minutes late, please make a concerted effort to arrive for 8.40am. Children do not like walking into class late when the others are already working.

**Under the** **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), Article 29, 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 class for attendance this week is **3F** with **99%** a big well done to them. They will receive longer break-time.



**Rights Respecting School**

We asked pupils to design a mascot which we could use to promote the articles linked to the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child. We have a winning design from Keriane in Year 3.

Meet Rey the Rights Respecting Rabbit which has proudly started to advertise rights around our school. Well done to Keriane for her great artistic skills!

**Car Park**

Can I please ask anyone using our school car park to be extra vigilant when driving into, around and from it (Only parents with a blue badge are allowed to access the car park). Parents and children from the Key Stage 1 side of the school (our youngest children) have to cross the car park to leave the premises and we want to ensure that everyone is kept safe whilst doing so.

Parents in EYFS and Key Stage 1, please hold your child’s hand whilst crossing over the car park for safety – it is a road.

Also, most parents and children enter the school via the front playground, but there are a small minority of parents and their young children who walk down the road at the side of the church into school. **THIS IS A ROAD**, so please do not walk down it. I am sure that you all want to teach your child road safety – you would not let them walk down the middle of Victoria Avenue – so please do not let them walk on this road either.

**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.

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.

**Junior Bake Off**

Love Productions (the production company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down) are looking for any budding bakers between the ages of 9-15 to take part in their next series. Filming will take place from July, but applications have to be submitted by Sunday 23rd March.

Interested bakers can apply online at  [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk/)

**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.



Thank you for your continued support this week. Enjoy the weekend break.

Mrs Howe

**Upcoming dates:**

Saturday 15th March – Sacramental Programme meeting 8.30am-12pm for pupils making their First Holy Communion.

Tuesday 1st April – Year 4 trip to Blackpool Zoo.

Friday 4th April – Balance Bike Day Year 1

Wednesday 9th April – Parents evening 3.30 -7pm

Sunday 13th April – Family Mass in church 10.30am

Wednesday 15th April – Year 5 will lead Stations of the Cross in church 9.15am

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

**A Prayer of Hope**

