

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 21st March 2025

Friday 24th November 2023

St. Clare's have been celebrating British Science Week.  Each year group has learnt about a different Scientist.  Year 3, 4 and 6 have had visits into classes from various STEM ambassadors.  This culminated in a Science Fair celebration in the KS2 hall to showcase the pupils learning throughout the week.

In Nursery, the children have been learning about Lent and how they can grow in love like Jesus. Our Reception children have been learning about the scientist Joseph Banks and went on a sensory walk around the school grounds to look at flowers and plants. In history, Year 1 have been looking at old photographs of our school and comparing them to today. In their Great Fire of London topic, Year 2 have been learning about Samuel Pepys’ diary. In PE, Year 3 have been practising their bowling and batting skills in cricket. In Spanish, Year 4 have been learning the names of food and how to order food in a café. Year 5 are learning about the solar system and making a physical representation of how planets orbit the sun. In science, Year 6 have been learning about evolution and adaptations.

**Assembly**

This week, 4H led our assembly about Lent and what, as Christians, we are expected do during this holy season. They led it very well speaking loudly and clearly and singing beautifully. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us in this celebration of God’s word.

**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 Award |
| N | Piotr for trying really hard during carpet sessions. | Elana for always making the right choices! |
| RDM | Michelle for wonderful painting of a daffodil as part of science week | Lacey for fantastic shape work in maths |
| RS | Heidi-May for always being ready to learn. | Theodore for fantastic descriptions of 3D shapes in Maths. |
| Y1G | Luka for always having beautiful presentation throughout all lessons. | Ella for her growing confidence in maths. |
| Y1S | Oskar for being a very thoughtful and kind member of our class who always makes the right choices. | Ayden for brilliant writing about Neil Armstrong! |
| Y2C | Isabelle O for always trying her best in all of her work | Kyrstale for an amazing independent write based on The Evil Last Wolf |
| Y2D | Victor for an amazing week | Grace for writing an amazing twist in the tale of the last wolf. |
| Y3F | Jacob Green for doing amazing fraction work this week in maths. | Saara for doing so well in her assessments and making huge progress in her work. |
| Y3H | Brody, for always lighting up our classroom with his wonderful smile and excellent behaviour. | Oscar for being an excellent role model to others when practising our oracy skills of instigating, probing and challenging. |
| Y4H | Olivia W for a great performance at our class assembly, not only delivering her own lines with confidence, but also stepping in for a child who was absent. | Tyer, for getting a phenomenal score on his maths paper, and making lots of progress! |
| Y4O | All of 4OH for putting 100% effort into their assessments! | Marnie for making great progress in her multiplication check! |
| Y5G | Constantine for amazing work and knowledge during our lent topic in RE | Phoebe for an outstanding score in her reading assessment |
| Y5K | Arwaa for being an amazing and extremely kind friend to a classmate who was feeling sad. | James for a fantastic result in his maths assessment, reflecting the hard work he’s put into the subject this year! |
| Y6S | Lilly for putting 100% effort into her assessments this week! | Sam for his fantastic progress made in his assessments this week. |
| Y6W | All of the class for their fantastic effort and attitude during assessments this week. | Alex for his fantastic progress in his assessments! |

**Headteacher Awards**

**Anastazja in RS** for always showing kindness to everyone in the class.

**Lyla in 2C** for trying her hardest in her assessments this week.

**Joan in 3F** for always bringing a smile to everyone's face, she brightens the class up with her enthusiasm and her constant smile.

**Arwaa in 5K** for being a very kind person and for being a great friend to a classmate who was sad.

**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 Reggie in Reception for always having kind words to say about others and lifting them up.

**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 is low at 92.48%. Many pupils have chicken pox. 67 pupils have been late 92 times this week which highlights that fact that some of the same children are late more than once a week. This is not acceptable. Please ensure that your child is at school for 8.40am. We also had 13 pupils late 15 times after the register has closed.

**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 classes for attendance this week are 5K and 6W with 98% - well done to both classes. They will receive a longer break next week.

**Parents evening**

Parents evening is being held on Wednesday 9th April. Please ensure that you go onto Arbor to book your slot with your child’s class teacher.

**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.

**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:**

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

Friday 11th 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***[*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**

