

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 28th March 2025

Friday 24th November 2023

Happy Mother’s Day weekend to all those special ladies in our lives.

This week groups of Year 6 pupils have taken part in the bikeability programme – thank goodness the weather was kind to them. The group leaders again commented on how beautifully behaved and polite our pupils were. A group of our digital ambassadors also took part in a workshop at another school.

In Nursery, the children have been sequencing events using the language of time. Our Reception children have been exploring vegetables using their senses. They then completed some potato printing. As part of their science topic, Year 1 have been learning about evergreen and deciduous trees. Year 2 have been comparing the differences between bulbs and seeds in their plant topic. In art, Year 3 have been creating landscape paintings of gardens in the style of Monet. In geography, Year 4 have debated the effect that humans have on rivers and whether it is a positive or detrimental factor. In maths, Year 5 have been working out the area of 2d shapes. Year 6 have been learning about the raising of Lazarus from the dead in RE.

**Assembly**

This week, our key stage 2 children were led in the NSPCC ‘Speak Out, Stay Safe’ assembly. It is really important that our children know that they have the right to be protected from harm and neglect and to be safe. They also need to know that there are trusted adults who they can talk to in school about concerns that they may have or helplines that they may contact.

**Our Nursery** children will be leading the assembly on **Tuesday at 2.40pm.** You are very welcome to join us.

**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 | Michal for his amazing homework! | Nia-Remi for wonderful home engagement! |
| RDM | Charlotte for always working hard and contributing more during carpet sessions | Bereket for wonderful independent writing |
| RS | Amina for amazing knowledge of number bonds to 5 and 10. | Aiden for communicating better with adults. |
| Y1G | Anaya for being a role model to her friends. She is kind, respectful and hard working. | Olivia W for her brilliant independent writing about Jack and the beanstalk. |
| Y1S | Paige for trying very hard in everything that she does and being kind to everyone. | Miles for working hard on his handwriting and presentation. |
| Y2C | Joseph for always being ready, respectful and safe | Leala for amazing sentences in English |
| Y2D | Farhan for an amazing week this week! | Teti for forming some brilliant sentences using adverb openers. |
| Y3F | Harlen for always being willing to help others. | Emily for doing a fantastic prayer in RE about Jesus praying in the garden of Gethsemane. |
| Y3H | Keriane for fantastic oracy in maths (probing and challenging). | Louie for having wonderful flair in his recent writing. |
| Y4H | Isla for having lovely manners and treating everyone with respect. | Kacper for really working hard on his Oracy skills, especially during our hot seating lesson this week! |
| Y4O | Daniel for showing consideration and kindness to a friend in need. | Hillary for working hard to complete her work to a high standard! |
| Y5G | Molly for always being a respectful member of 5G and always being ready to learn. | Paris for never giving up with perimeter and area and showing great knowledge throughout the topic. |
| Y5K | Toby, for being a member of 5K who we will all miss very much when he leaves us today. | Tyssiana, for some great work this week in Maths calculating area and perimeter. |
| Y6S | Lewis for always following the school rules and being a great friend to others. | Ramani for putting 110% effort into his maths work this week on area, perimeter and volume. |
| Y6W | Enzo for his great attitude towards learning and wanting to improve. | Catherine for her fantastic engagement in maths, demonstrating a great understanding of a range of methods |

**Headteacher Awards**

Lucia in Nursery for always doing the right thing and being on task.

Lewis in 1G for settling into St Clare’s so well and working independently in maths.

Madeline in 4H for great oracy skills in all lessons.

Toby in 5G for all his contributions to life at St Clare’s. He will be missed.

Ollie in 6S for showing great resilience in maths.

**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 Jennifer in 3F for bringing in fun Easter activities for the class to do. She is always thinking of others.

**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 on Tuesday 1st April at 2.45pm. I**f you are able to come along, we will ensure that your child is brought out to share this prayerful experience with you.

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%. Many pupils have chicken pox. 60 pupils have been late 78 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 4 pupils late after the register had 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 is 6W with 97% - well done to 6W again. 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.

**We have a host of stalls available on the evening in the key stage 1 hall who will be able to offer support and advice in relation to:**

Libraries

School Health Service- Accident prevention

Be Smoke free

Oral Health

Be Well

Neighbourhoods - Service Offer / Climate Change

**Please go and have a chat!**

**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.



Have a lovely weekend – enjoy the good weather!

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**



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