

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 4th April 2025

Friday 24th November 2023

**Lots of schools are finishing for the Easter holidays today, but we do not finish until Wednesday 16th April at 1.15pm.**

Our Mini Clares led a stay and play this week in our prayer garden. The focus of the celebration was our Lenten promises which will help us to grow closer to God.

Our Nursery children performed their class assembly this week. They focused on Mother’s Day and all our mums do for us and linked it to Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. The children were amazing. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

Our Reception children are very excited because the ‘live eggs’ have arrived and they have enjoyed watching the chicks hatch. We now have 10 chicks. It is beautiful to see the start of new life.

Year 1 have been busy painting flowers in the style of Georgia O’Keefe in their art lesson. In maths, Year 2 have been measuring length and height using centimetres and metres. As part of their English topic, Year 3 have been writing instructions on how to grow a dragon which sounds very exciting. Our Year 4 classes spent a day at Blackpool Zoo this week to support their learning on animal habitats. Meanwhile, our Year 5 pupils visited Jodrell Bank which linked very closely to their space topic. The weather was good for both trips which is a blessing. Year 6 are focused on their SATs and revising over topics to support them in the assessments.

**Assembly**

**He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” The man who had died came out… John 11:43**

Our assembly this week focused on the raising of Lazarus back from the dead. Through this story we explored how Jesus came to the Earth to show us God’s amazing love for His creation. During Lent, we can grow our friendship with God through loving Him, others, and His creation. We can be ‘Pilgrims of Hope’ by caring for God’s creation and looking forward to the future when Jesus returns to bring God’s full restoration.

**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 | Samuel for growing more in confidence every single day. | Jesse S for learning his line for our class Assembly and for using a loud, clear voice |
| RDM | Aria-Rose for being so caring towards the chicks in reception | Gia for wonderful pattern work in maths |
| RS | Makayla for always being an enthusiastic learner! | Joelvy for amazing independent writing! |
| Y1G | Eliza for becoming more independent with her sounding out during English lessons. | Romeo for coming into school and showing us how to tie his own shoelaces after it was set as homework. |
| Y1S | Aminathi for great work in maths this week and contributing lots to group discussions. | Alba Du for amazing work with her phonics and always being so determined in everything that she does! |
| Y2C | Pharell for being an exemplary pupil in all areas this week. | Anuli for a super detailed account of The Great Fire of London |
| Y2D | Ugochi for being a kind and respectful member of our class. | Lexi for a wonderful fact file, recapping all of our learning on The Great Fire of London. |
| Y3F | Mia for always trying her best in everything she does. | Grace for always being a brilliant singer during music lessons, assemblies and hymn practice. |
| Y3H | Lewis, for bravely, calmly and kindly rescuing a spider from our classroom and putting it safely outside. | Anthony, for creating a very well thought out and imaginative set of instructions. |
| Y4H | Henry for being a great friend and always making sure others are included. | Avayah for a really great narrative on the Easter Story. |
| Y4O | Tyler for being fully engaged and well behaved on our trip to the zoo! | Nylah for having a great understanding of animals and their habitats! |
| Y5G | Maisha for always trying her best and showed excellent listening this week. | Hepzibah for an excellent score in her science end of topic test. |
| Y5K | Lacey, always trying her very best in everything that she does. | Nova for some excellent and thoughtful spoken contributions to a debate in class. |
| Y6S | Halle for putting 100% effort into all of her revision this week. | Desmond for writing a fantastic narrative Easter Story from the perspective of Mary. |
| Y6W | Harry for an improved attitude towards his work this week. | Logan for great engagement with maths revision. |

**Headteacher Awards**

Isabella in RDM for setting a good example to others and being a kind friend.

Alba Do in 1S for a great improvement in her writing.

Farhan in 2D for wonderful behaviour.

Pippa in 3H for a brilliant newspaper report on the Resurrection of Jesus.

Maria in 4O for being a great role model – hardworking, kind and conscientious.

David in 5G for his positive attitude to his maths work.

**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.

**Olivia W Year 4**

Just before February half term, many of our pupils entered a renewable energy poster competition. We are delighted that Olivia W in Year 4 won the competition and her entry is now being sent into the European stage of the competition. Olivia was presented with a prize in assembly by Climate Change Agency and the school have received £250 which our Eco warriors will put to good use.

**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.

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. **The draw for the raffle will be made next Friday.**

 

We only have 3 Easter chicks left to sell for Francis House. Once they are sold, we will have raised £600 for this fantastic children’s charity. Thank you all so much for your generosity!

**Attendance**



Overall whole school attendance is very low this week with 87.9%. There seem to be a lot of bugs going around at the moment. 111 pupils have been late 80 times this week which highlights that fact that some of the same children are late more than once a week. Some children are literally minutes late. Please try to leave the house five or ten minutes earlier as the whole class is disturbed when children constantly arrive late. Please ensure that your child is at school for 8.40am.

**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 6W with 96% - 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!

**If you go and visit each stall, you will be entered into a free raffle. You have the chance of winning a £25, £15 or £10 Amazon voucher.**

**Parental cookery course**

Just a reminder for those of you who have signed up to the cookery course in school that the dates for the sessions have been confirmed as:

Thursday 1st May – 9.00am

Thursday 8th May – 9.00am

Thursday 15th May – 9.00am

Thursday 22nd May – 9.00am

Thursday 12th June – 9.00am

Thursday 19th June – 9.00am

Thursday 26th June – 9.00am

**Easter holidays**

Please note that we finish for Easter on Wednesday 16th April at 1.15pm and return to school on Monday 28th April. It is a very short half term when we come back – just 4 weeks!

**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.



I hope that you all have a fantastic weekend

Mrs Howe

**Upcoming dates:**

Wednesday 9th April – Parents evening 3.30 -7pm

Friday 11th April – Balance Bike Day Year 1

Sunday 13th April – Family Mass in church 10.30am

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

Tuesday 29th April – Easter Mass 9.00am in church

***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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