

# ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

What a beautiful week we have had! The lovely weather has meant that the children could enjoy the good weather and have been playing on our school field. Everything seems better when it is sunny!

Yesterday, we celebrated Earth Day in school. The children have been busy planting seeds – tomatoes and wild flowers. They have discussed pollution in terms of litter, de-forestation and why it is good to walk to school rather than come in a car. Lots of subject specific vocabulary was used and the children were able to use words such as 'lucrative' appropriately. We reflected on the wonderful world that God created for us and how we need to care for it. Please visit our school website for photographs from the day.

Year 6 have been busy imagining they are evacuees during the Second World War and have been writing home to their parents. Year 5 celebrated Mass in church. Year 4 have been writing newspaper reports based on a story called 'Egyptian Cinderella.' Year 3 have started to find fractions of amounts and how to order them using a number line. We look forward to welcoming 2M back to school on Monday. Year 1 have been learning to use the prefix 'un' and looking at pop art based on Romero Britto. Reception have been ordering numbers to 20 and finding missing numbers in a sequence. Nursery have been on a mini-beast hunt on the school grounds.

As the weather does seem to be improving, can I please remind you to send your child into school with a water bottle which may be re-filled during the course of the day.

## Assembly

Jesus said, "Have you anything here to eat?" And they offered Him a piece of grilled fish, which He took and ate before their eyes. **Luke 24: 35 – 48**

Our assembly this week focused on the fact that the disciples struggled to believe that Jesus had truly risen from the dead until Jesus ate with them and taught them. They learnt that Jesus does the same with us in the Mass through the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist! We were reminded that people sometimes find things hard to believe if they haven't actually seen them, but our faith is based on events we know through the recordings of others in the Bible.

## Children's certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Jacob for looking after the nursery resources so well and setting a great example to his friends.	Harlen for excellent independent mark making in the investigation area about mini-beasts Finley for great enthusiasm about our story this week, "The Snail and the Whale."
RH	Kacper for making a fantastic robot. He chose tools and materials very carefully.	Leah for being a kind and caring friend.

RC	Poppy T for showing resilience and persistence during our first P.E lesson using the apparatus	Alex D for doing some amazing independent writing and even remembering a full stop!
Y1S	Layla for really standing out in phonics, she is really growing in confidence.	Bradley for moving up to Blue Books.
Y1D	Roman for his brilliant work on counting in 10's.	Mustafa for always being ready to learn.
Y2M	Karis for always participating in google meets and being a team player.	Joshua for challenging himself to complete trickier work in Maths.
Y2S	Oliver K for great writing about Florence Nightingale in Literacy this week.	Nicholas for always doing the right thing and setting a good example to others.
Y3M	Amaya for asking lots of thoughtful questions and answering enthusiastically.	John Joe for making a massive effort with his learning.
Y3S	Ollie K for always being helpful and kind.	Oliver B for always being on task and working hard.
Y4RW	Mila for a fantastic week, working hard in every lesson, producing fantastic work and helping other children who were struggling.	Ollie for working extremely hard during guided reading and literacy, he has work really hard to on his handwriting and punctuation.
Y4B	Harris as he has come back so sensibly this week and is really keen to learn. He is being respectful, listening and putting his hand up instead of shouting out. Harris has worked particularly hard on some difficult decimal problems this week and has used his spare time wisely by reading. Keep up the good work!	Amelia as she has been really focused on her reading and has also produced some amazing science work on the states of matter. Well done!
Y5OH	Pierce - he has written a brilliant balanced argument based on deforestation this week. His writing and presentation has been outstanding!	Destiny - She puts a lot of time and effort into her work which can be seen in all of her books. Destiny has a bright and bubbly personality and lovely manners. A role model for all!
Y5O	Wiktorija for always being helpful and kind to everyone in every way.	Konor for brilliant problems solving on fractions and becoming a millionaire reader.
Y5L	Mariam because she is such a kind, good friend.	Mariatu for amazing work in literacy and using great vocabulary.
Y6F	Stephen for reading every night at home and trying to improve his minutes.	Ashley for trying her best in everything she does.
Y6H	Amelie for always helping others and being a star pupil.	Ryan for having such an amazing knowledge on WW2.
Y6D	Thomas for having a kind, considerate nature towards everyone he meets.	Ashley for a fantastic evacuee letter! It was so authentic and flowed beautifully!

Well done to all our children on a great first week back.

**Headteacher awards this week go to:**

Oliver in RC for great writing about dinosaurs.

Yoris for amazing writing about the local area.

Michael for writing convincingly as a one of Jesus's disciples.

Wiktorija for fantastic art work in the style of Banksy.

## **Millionaire Readers**

We are delighted to announce that we have some more Millionaire Readers. Well done to Konor in 5O and Daniel J in 5L for becoming millionaires and to Oliver in 4RW who has read two million words. Fantastic achievements – we are very proud of you!

## **Attendance**

Whole school attendance this week has improved to 96.5% which is good news. Let's keep the upward trend so that we surpass the 97% mark.

Please ensure that your child is in school five minutes before their start time as learning starts promptly at either 8.45 or 9.00am. If your child is late, they are missing out on valuable learning time and disturbing the learning of others when they arrive. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## **Staffing**

We welcome some new staff to our St Clare's family. Dawn Elliot has joined us as a daytime cleaner and lunchtime organiser. Francesca Hattersley joins us on Monday as a higher level teaching assistant and Lorraine Ager will be joining our administration team. We welcome them and know that they will be great additions to our school family.

## **Important Covid information**

Please do NOT send your child to school if they are showing any of the three main symptoms of Coronavirus – a new cough, a temperature or changes to their sense of taste or smell. Please arrange to take your child for a PCR test. Lateral flow tests are designed for asymptomatic cases – where the person is not showing any of the main Covid symptoms, so should NOT be used if your child displays symptoms.

If your child develops any Covid symptoms out of school hours, please notify us on the dedicated email: [covidpositive@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:covidpositive@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk) It is really important that you do this immediately, as we may have to notify other children of the need to isolate. We rely on your honesty with this information, so that we can protect our school community and help stop the spread of Covid 19.

## **Parents Evening**

Parents evening will be held next week. Please make sure that you have booked an appointment to discuss your child and their progress. If you haven't already done so, please contact school to arrange.

## **Swimming**

Year 4RW began their swimming lessons yesterday and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. It was another step towards normality for the class. Mr Willis reported that they were all amazing and he was very proud of them.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope that you have a great weekend,

Mrs Howe