

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 13th September 2024

Friday 24th November 2023

It is so lovely to greet happy, smiling children each morning coming into school. They have soon got back into their routine.

Our Nursery children have spent their first full week in school and have been busy settling in and getting used to the routines. They have loved playing outdoors. Our Reception pupils have been learning about our wonderful world – what they like about it; which parts make them happy and how we can learn to look after it.

In geography, Year 1 have been learning the names of the seven continents of the world through a song. Year 2 have been writing similes linked to their story book ‘Traction Man.’ In geography, Year 3 have been looking at how igneous rocks are made through volcanoes. In science, Year 4 have loved learning about how food travels through the body – the particularly liked the ending! As part of their history topic, Year 5 have been learning the differences between the city states of Athens and Sparta. Year 6 are reading ‘The Light Jar’ and have been writing setting descriptions linked to it.

**Mass**

This week, we went as a whole school to celebrate the beginning of our new school year in church. As always, the children were wonderful – they were reverent and sang beautifully. A highlight for me was looking onto the altar to see our altar servers fully engrossed in their singing and doing actions to the hymns too.

**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 beautiful. You are very welcome to pop in from 8.15am each Tuesday.

**Sacramental Programme**

Any parent who wishes to enrol their child on this year’s Sacramental Programme is invited to a registration meeting on September 26th at 6pm in the parish hall. You should attend with your child. All the meeting and celebrations dates have been sent out to you and a copy is available on our school website. <https://st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/religious-life-at-st-clare-s/sacramental-programme-dates-2024-25>

**Pupil certificates**

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|  | Pupil of the week | Achievement |
| RDM | Jessen for being an absolute superstar! | Milton for wonderful independent name writing! |
| RS | Heidi-May for being so helpful around the classroom! | Michelle for doing a beautiful drawing of her family. |
| Y1G | Patrick for being a kind member of our class. | Amelia for beautiful handwriting. |
| Y1S | Mickey for being on task and trying hard in all lessons. | Jayson for fantastic handwriting in all of his work. |
| Y2C | Pharrell for always trying his hardest and following the school rules | Ethel for amazing vocabulary in English |
| Y2D | Lennox for an amazing week following all of our school rules and trying your hardest. | Sofia for trying hard to write sentences independently using capital letters and fill stops. |
| Y3F | Aubree for really trying in her maths even when she struggled at first, well done! | Kian for giving some brilliant answers in RE this week, all about family at home and how it is linked to God. |
| Y3H | Jamie, for writing excellent 2a sentences (Expanded noun phrases). | Ellion for excellent listening skills |
| Y4H | George for always behaving beautifully and setting a good example to others. | Kacper for some excellent drama work based on The Incredible Book Eating Boy |
| Y4O | Maria for always being ready to learn! | Tyler for having a super understanding in our Science lesson! |
| Y5G | Anastasiia for her caring and considerate nature and for helping her peers with making a dice from the net of a cube. | Constantine for his enthusiastic attitude whilst learning about Ancient Greece and always suggesting improvements for our vocabulary choices in lessons. |
| Y5K | Jovi for an amazing attitude towards his work and for always trying his very best. | Nova for some brilliant work in Maths this week and for working exceptionally well with her classmates. |
| Y6S | Keir for always being ready in every lesson, his enthusiasm and positive attitude to learning is great to see. | Desmond for putting 100% effort into all of his work this week, especially in his RE work where we discussed the meaning of love and analysed the words of Isaiah. |
| Y6W | Sharon for her fantastic attitude in reading and quizzing, passing many quizzes with 100% | Frankie for an impressive setting description. |

**Headteacher Awards**

Mikaela in RS for always being so happy!

Erin in 1G for looking after a new friend so well.

Hugo in 2D for working so hard and being on task.

Emily in 3F for using great adverbials and similes in her writing.

Leah in 4H for great effort and resilience in her maths work.

Phoebe in 5G for always working hard and being such a great role model.

Laura in 6S for great maturity and settling into Y6 so well.

David in 6W for leading the altar servers in song and praise in Mass.

**Caritas Award**

The Caritas is awarded each week in recognition of someone in school who has shown kindness to others by putting love into action. The award this week goes to Milena in Year 2 for being incredibly kind to her partner in PE by showing them where and how to bounce a ball.

How kind Milena!

**Attendance**



Attendance and punctuality are really important and the government are putting a huge focus on it this year. They have put new statutory guidance in place from August this year. <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66bf300da44f1c4c23e5bd1b/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance_-_August_2024.pdf> Mrs Burgess Hamlett has sent you information relating to this.

As you know, the school day now starts at 8.45am. Doors open at 8.40am. This means that lessons begin at 8.45am. Thank you for having your child in school on time, so that they do not miss any valuable learning time.

Whole school attendance this week is 96.2%. We are aiming for 97%. Thank you so much for ensuring that your child is in school and on time. The classes with the best attendance this week are RS, 1S and 4O with 99% which is great. They will all get a longer breaktime. Well done!

**Our Lady’s High School**

Choosing your child’s high school is an important decision that you will make. Parents in Year 5 and Year 6 will need to start considering this. As a Catholic school, our hope would be that you continue your child in Catholic education. Our Lady’s, our feeder school, are hosting an **open evening on** **Thursday 26th September from 4.30pm – 7pm**. This will give you the opportunity to look around the school, see their facilities and meet some of their staff.

**MacMillan coffee morning**

I am just giving you early warning that our Year 6 pupils will once again be hosting a MacMillan coffee morning in order to support the charity on Friday 27th September. This event has always been very well supported and attended. It is the time when you get chance to donate cakes for us to sell back to you! Thank you!

**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.

**Safeguarding**

Safeguarding children is everyone’s responsibility. 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.



Today’s motivational quote: Always give 100% - unless you are giving blood!

Have a fantastic weekend!

Mrs Howe

**Upcoming dates:**

26th September – Sacramental Programme registration 6pm in the church hall.

27th September – MacMillan coffee morning