

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 13th May 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has been a very important week for our Year 6 children as they have completed their SATs tests. We are all very proud of how they approached them and we know that they have done their best. Results are available from 5th July. Our Year 2 pupils have also started their assessments. They are being staggered over the two week period to allow staff to conduct them in small groups. Although the tests are a measure of a pupil's academic attainment, they do not reflect the true beauty of our children and the very many different talents they have. The tests do not measure their character, potential, happiness, creativity, honesty, determination, gentleness, compassion, helpfulness, patience or their thoughtfulness. We are blessed to have our pupils – they truly are a unique group of wonderful children.

Elsewhere in the school, staff and pupils have been busy learning. Nursery have started reading 'Giraffe's Can't Dance' and have done lots of activities based on this: dressing up as wild animals; painting patterns on giraffes; and dancing jungle dances. Sounds like a lot of fun! Year 1 have been continuing work based around the book 'Beegu' and are now designing a space rocket for him in their Design and Technology lessons. Year 3 pupils are very excited about using microscopes this week to look at flowers and Kyle's fossils. Key Stage 2 pupils were treated to one of very talented pupils, Matiyar in Year 3, playing Fur Elise on the piano. It was his first big performance to an audience of over 200 people and he stunned everyone with his talent. Year 5 are learning about the rainforest and are making sustainable bags in Design and Technology.

Assembly

On Monday and Friday our Nursery children performed their class assembly for their parents. They focused on Our Lady being our mother. They are the youngest children in the school and they were amazing – they even shared their art work of Mary and their own mums.

Jesus said: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." John 10: 27 – 30

In our Key Stage 2 assembly, we continued to celebrate that Jesus is alive, He is our friend, and we can listen to and follow His voice. Through a role play about a wayward sheep, we thought about whose voice we choose to listen to – and that if we want to follow Jesus' voice, we need to recognise it!

Class Assembly

4RW will be performing their class assembly on Monday 16th May at 9.10am. Parents are welcome to join us for the collective worship.

Pupil certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Kai for always setting a beautiful example and being a perfect role model to all of his friends in nursery	Riley for expanding his vocabulary and making great strides with his communication this week
RH	Carter S, for excellent behaviour and being a super helper at tidy up time.	Fabian, for working out which numbers were odd and even.
RC	Brody for being a fantastic role model within class	Bryn for writing a fantastic sentence about her favourite old toy
Y1S	Kian for putting in 110% effort into every lesson every day!	Ronnie for counting (and writing) in tens all the way to 200!

Y1D	Jake for never failing to make Miss Dodman and the rest of the class smile.	Felicity for always being ready to learn and trying hard in every lesson. You have developed a resilient attitude to your learning which is lovely to see.
Y2M	Iremide for always being kind and considerate to others and a great friend to all of his classmates!	Tolani for her excellent inference and prediction skills during guided reading.
Y2L	Jack for displaying a super work ethic and always being willing to give everything a go!	Jacob for always giving wonderful answers to all subjects in class discussions.
Y3M	Ollie, for being very enthusiastic about our Roman topic.	Siam for writing a fantastic recount of living on Madagascar during a cyclone
Y3G	Daniella for being a team player and helping those around her.	Alex for trying hard to produce more work in lessons, it's really paying off. Keep it up!
Y4RW	Ivy for having a fantastic attitude towards her work in History this week, sharing the knowledge she has read around the topic with the class.	Archie for working extremely well during maths, producing great work while working on real life scenarios for money.
Y4S	Orlaigh for having a great attitude and working really well as part of a team.	Jacob W for working really hard in English this week, he produced a fantastic newspaper report plan and introduction.
Y5OH	Emilia for always being a fantastic role model! She has such lovely manners, she is so hard working and just a delight to have in class!	Evie for creating great work over the week in English for our adventure narrative! Well done
Y5K	Gift for always having a brilliant attitude to her work and for never giving up!	Freddie for some great work in English this week, using his senses to describe a rainforest setting.
Y5H	Emily for taking pride in every piece of work that she does and always having a positive attitude.	Tyler for producing some excellent maths work in our decimals topic.
Y6F	Stephen for having an excellent week during a very difficult week	Wiktoria for always trying her hardest in PE and being a great role model
Y6H	Dayton for great behaviour during his SATs exams and having a good attitude to his learning.	Halina for amazing maths work on the ipad.
Y6S	Billy for his perseverance during his SATs despite being poorly!	All of 6S for their fantastic effort in their SATs tests this week! Well done

Headteacher's Awards

Brynn in RC for writing a fantastic sentence about old toys.

Heidi in 1D for great, independent writing and being so focused on her work.

Matiyar in 3G for playing the piano so beautifully in the Key Stage 2 assembly.

Freya in 5H for good work on the different layers of the rainforest in geography.

Lottie in 6F for applying her knowledge to answer maths questions.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 93.4%. The expectation is 97% attendance, so we are falling short of this. The best class attendance this week is 6F with 100%. Well done 6F!

Maths videos

Class teachers have made some short maths videos to show you how the four main operations are approached in the different year groups. They are on your child's class page on the school website.

<https://www.st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/>

Condover

On Wednesday next week, fifty of our Year 6 children and numerous staff are going on the residential trip to Condover Hall. We will be away for two nights and return to school on Friday afternoon. This is the first time that the trip has been able to go ahead since the Covid pandemic and the children are very excited. The weather is set to be glorious and we have some great activities planned including orienteering, abseiling, kayaking, raft building and a climbing wall. We will post photographs on the school Twitter account @st_clarescp

I am going on the trip, but Mrs O'Keefe and Miss McGarry will be in school should you need to speak to a member of the leadership team.

St Joseph's Penny

We are holding a raffle to raise funds for St Joseph's Penny. Tickets are £1 a strip. The prize is a Manchester City training top (size small adult), a Manchester City football and a watch. Second prize is a football. Our Mini-Clares will be out on the front playground selling tickets for this worthy cause.

Support

We know that families may experience difficult times and difficult situations throughout a year. As a school, we are part of the local community along with our church. We are here primarily to educate and support our children, but that extends to their families too. We are here to support you in any way we can - should you need it. If you are experiencing any financial or other worries, please do not suffer alone, get in touch. If we are unable to help you, we may know of a group who can help. Please contact Mrs Sylvester at school for a discrete conversation if you require some support.

Upcoming dates

Sunday 15th May – Family Mass 10.30am in church.

Wednesday 18th-20th May – Year 6 Condover Hall residential trip

Wednesday 25th May – Year 2 trip to Knowsley Safari Park

Wednesday 25th May – Young Voices concert at AO Arena Manchester

Thursday 26th May – Queen's Jubilee Fun Day in school

Thursday 26th May – Finish school for half term at 3.15pm

As I will be away with Year 6 next week, there will not be a newsletter.

Enjoy the good weather which has been forecast for the weekend,

Mrs Howe.