

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 2nd July 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week, the children have been focusing on wellbeing in some of their afternoon sessions. They have carried out mindfulness activities; had a dress down on Tuesday; Wellbeing Wednesday afternoon where the children chose activities; and a no pen Friday. Some of the Key Stage 2 children took part in an outdoor Zumba session led by Miss Meadows which they thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to Miss Coleman and Mrs Lyons for organising the week and for Miss Meadows for being so energetic in her sessions!

In addition, the Reception children made masks of their own choice; played outside more and had ice pops. Year 2 focused on our world being a treasure created by God and made a fantastic collage showing all the 'treasures' in our lives. Year 4 have tried extra hard to be creative this week and the children were using their imagination to make rhythms using the glockenspiels.

Assembly

Now you are the Body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." **1 Corinthians 12: 27 – 28**

Peter and Paul, are considered the founders of the Christian Church, and 29th June is their designated Saint's Day. To celebrate, our assembly remembered St Paul's words about the vital and varied parts we each play in the body of Christ. Through a sporting analogy, children celebrated the rich and diverse expressions of the Church around the world. We focused on the fact that the Church stretches all around the world; there are different traditions around the world, but we are all members of the same Church; and a name for this worldwide Church is 'the body of Christ' The analogy reminds me of the beautiful hymn 'Christ has no body now but yours' based on the words of St Teresa of Avila: "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours." What a mighty task we have been given! Have a listen to the hymn on Youtube if you have never heard it. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SUfm7Mr7SMg&t=1s>

Holy Communion

Congratulations to the Year 3 children who received the Body of Christ for the first time last Sunday. What a beautiful Mass and celebration of this wonderful event! The children all looked amazing and their behaviour was impeccable and reverent. Thank you to Father Jeremiah for leading this and for the families who joined us at Mass.

Children in Year 4 will be making the Sacrament of Holy Communion this Saturday 3rd July, followed by Year 3 on Sunday. Mass is at 12.30pm. There will be celebration masses over the next two weekends too as Father tries to fit all the children in under the current restrictions.

We also celebrated a whole school Mass on Tuesday to celebrate the feast of St Peter and St Paul via zoom. Year 5 went into church for Mass and led the readings. Thank you to Year 5 and Father Jeremiah.

Children's certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Pippa for always working hard and trying her best.	Noah for excellent work on 2D and 3D shapes.
RH	Denver for brilliant sharing into two groups in maths.	Jake for starting to develop a lovely friendship when playing in the continuous provision areas.
RC	Elisa for always doing the right thing and being an amazing role model within the class.	Nylah for developing her writing skills so well. She can now write several sentences using a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop.
Y1S	Whole class	
Y1D	Jasmin for your wonderful behaviour and for always being so helpful around the classroom.	Elsie for your beautiful handwriting.
Y2M	Jacob D for making a huge effort to be mature and make the right choices in class.	Poppy H for achieving full marks in both of her reading assessments.
Y2S	Ramani for being a great team player in PE this week.	Kyle for making good choices and improving his behaviour this week!
Y3M	Orlaigh for doing amazingly well in all of her assessments and working so hard all year. Your confidence has improved so much.	Jacob D for being a fantastic friend and making sure that nobody is left out.
Y3S	Etinosa for joining and contributing to ALL live lessons.	Bella for keeping a positive attitude during our live lessons, and online, even if she is feeling a bit down about being in isolation.
Y4RW	Freddie for a fantastic attitude towards his work online and in school, I was impressed with how hard he worked all week and the work he produced.	George for fantastic work all week especially in literacy where he completed amazing pieces of writing. He included lots of detail and emotive language.
Y4B	Thomas as he has shown brilliant focus and great listening skills this week with a mature attitude to work (including wanting to challenge himself in every lesson). You have made great choices this week Thomas, keep it up!	Emilia, Paris and Praise for getting 100% in their times tables! All three are brilliant at them and practise often. Well done girls!
Y5OH	Lee for being such a role model when we were in Mass. He listened carefully and respectfully, answering some questions as well.	Billy for trying his best in all of his subjects and progressing throughout the year.

Y5OK	Ayla Rose as she is such a kind, thoughtful classmate who always works really hard and perseveres with anything she finds challenging until she understands it.	Skylar for her incredible non-chronological report on spiders. Her use of vocabulary and higher level punctuation blew me away and I thoroughly enjoyed finding out all about spiders!
Y5L	Halina for always putting effort in to everything she does. It has really shown in her assessment results!	Rory for fantastic results on his SPAG test.
Y6F	Rhianne for always doing the right thing and being a great role model	Stephen for really progressing in his reading
Y6H	Lucas for having so much enthusiasm in everything that he does, he is a joy to have in class.	Suzy for putting optimum effort into everything she does, all the work she produces is of a great standard, and presented beautifully.
Y6D	Olly for his fantastic behaviour. With his lovely manners and helpful nature, Olly is a joy to have in the classroom!	Oskar for making consistent progress in all subjects throughout the year. Oskar is conscientious and very ambitious!

Headteacher's awards this week go to:

Poppy Leigh in RC for being brave and having no more tears in the morning.

Marcel in 2S for completing extra maths challenges every day.

Evie in 4RW for working so hard with her assessments.

Freya in 5OK for making a brilliant recycling robot at home.

David in 6F for being a thoroughly lovely, friendly, polite, young man.

Every day I am privileged to see how amazing all the children at St Clare's are – they are a credit to both you and us.

Enterprise Day

Year 6 had a fantastic day on Wednesday leading Enterprise Day. In groups, the children had worked together to try and raise as much money as they could by enticing the rest of the school to come and try / buy from their stalls. We had a host of activities going on: football shootout, a straw game, hands in slime game, basketball shootout and sweet /cake stalls to name but a few. The Year 6 children were so excited to take the lead role in this event and they managed it very well. Thank you to you all for supporting the event and to the Year 6 teachers for providing this opportunity. The children are thrilled to have raised around £160 which traditionally goes towards their end of year events.

Zach in 6H also needs a special mention this week. He participated in a Zumba event to raise funds for the Teenage Cancer Trust and raised an amazing £614.32. What a fantastic achievement Zach – we are all very proud of you!

Bikeability

Children's safety when riding bikes is really important. There are some free courses being held over the summer holidays at Heaton Park. Please follow the link to find out more information or to book your child on a course. <https://www.bikeright.co.uk/sponsors/manchester-city-council/>

Attendance

This week, our whole school attendance is 95.8%. We have had to close another bubble in Year 1 this week, but welcome back 3S on Monday. Both 6D and Nursery have had 100% attendance – well done!

Important Covid information

We have had to close another class bubble this week due to positive Covid tests. Rates in our area are certainly on the rise. We all know that Covid affects people differently. Therefore, if your child shows ANY of the three main symptoms of Covid – a new cough, a temperature or changes to their sense of taste or smell - please arrange to take them for a PCR test and do NOT bring them into school. 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. We know how frustrating it is if your child has to be sent home with a cough, but we have to follow the national guidelines to help protect our school community. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

If your child develops any Covid symptoms out of school hours, please notify us on the dedicated email: 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.

We keep everyone who is affected by Covid 19 in our thought and prayers.

School Uniform

It is important that your child attends school wearing the correct uniform. School uniform for boys is black or charcoal grey trousers or tailored shorts; a blue polo shirt and a blue school jumper. For girls, the uniform consists of a black or charcoal grey skirt, pinafore or school trousers; a blue polo shirt; and a blue school cardigan. For PE, the children should be wearing plain white t-shirts, black shorts (or leggings / tracksuit bottoms if outside) and black pumps or trainers if outside. As PE is currently being done outside, the children may wear a black or grey jumper / sweatshirt. There should not be any logos on any clothing worn. Flat black shoes, not boots, should also be worn as part of the uniform.

Classes next year

Below is a list of class teachers for next year and the classes they will be receiving.

Nursery	Mrs Drury / Mrs Barrie	
Reception	Mrs Moorcroft/ Mrs Harrison	
Reception	Miss Coleman-Atherton	
Year 1	Miss Dodman	RH
Year 1	Miss Sumner	RC

Year 2	Mrs Lyons	1S
Year 2	Miss McDermott	1D
Year 3	Miss Meadows	2S
Year 3	Miss Guidon	2M
Year 4	Mr Willis	3S
Year 4	Miss Sabor	3M
Year 5	Mr Haynes	Mixed
Year 5	Mrs O'Keefe	Mixed
Year 5	Miss O'Hara	Mixed
Year 6	Miss Howard	5L
Year 6	Mrs Salza	5OH
Year 6	Mr Flint	5O

Let's hope that England win on Saturday night and we can keep our excitement in the Euros going on a little bit longer! The children think that 'It's coming home!' – wouldn't it be wonderful for them if it did?

As always, thank you for your continued support and I hope that you have a great weekend,

Take care,

Mrs Howe