

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 19th September 2024

Friday 24th November 2023

It has been lovely to have some sunshine again this week.

In Nursery our pupils have been listening to lots of stories including ‘How to Hide a Lion.’ Our Reception pupils enjoyed matching pairs of silly faces. In RE, Year 1 have been learning about how God keeps us safe. After reading ‘Traction Man’, Year 2 are now writing character descriptions about him. As part of their art topic, Year 3 have been learning the cross-hatching technique. In history, Year 4 have been learning about why the Anglo Saxons came to England. Our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a drama workshop run by Our Lady’s staff linked to traditional tales this week. In science, Year 6 have been testing the reflectiveness of different materials.

**Assembly**

**If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. Mark 8:34**

This week, our assembly focused on God’s plans for us which are so much bigger than our own and may be unexpected. Following Jesus means that we need to think and put other people before ourselves. When we trust in God and the plans He has in store for us, we can be sure that Jesus will be with us.

**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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| N | Michael for settling into Nursery so beautifully. | Lucia for settling into Nursery amazingly and having a big smile on her face every morning! |
| RDM | Isabella for always making good choices and bringing so much joy to the classroom! | Elizabeth for wonderful maths work this week! |
| RS | Reggie for always bringing positivity to our class! | Anastazja for using her name card independently every time when she does a piece of work. |
| Y1G | Chidumebi for caring for her classmates. She has been so kind to others and brought a smile to many, including the adults. | Florence for her enthusiasm in music. Her actions and singing were amazing! |
| Y1S | Oskar D for always doing the right thing and being a fantastic example to follow. | Ivy for fantastic writing about Bog Baby in English. |
| Y2C | Ryan for his amazing behaviour in class and attitude to work. | Tomasz for beautiful letter formation |
| Y2D | Ugochi for an amazing start back to school and adapting to Year 2 so well. | Elijah for your amazing character description of Traction Man. |
| Y3F | Marvelous for being an excellent addition to our class, fantastic start to St Clare’s. Keep it up! | Shay for doing some excellent RE work this week around a painting of Jesus and his family. |
| Y3H | Luca for his excellent understanding of the properties and uses of rocks. | Pippa for writing a super setting description. |
| Y4H | Avayah, for always behaving beautifully and having lovely manners. | Olivia K for her amazing knowledge on the digestive system- she has shared so many facts with the class!! |
| Y4O | Alex D for writing an entertaining story in English! | Elisa for being a kind and considerate friend! |
| Y5G  CARITAS | Ludiana for being so organised and helpful, always noticing when someone is in need. | Julia for being a super scientist and having intelligent suggestions to ensure our investigation is a fair test. |
| Y5K  CARITAS | Annie for showing resilience and perseverance in her Maths work this week. | Elsie for asking amazing questions and coming up with brilliant responses during our drama workshop. |
| Y6S | Sam for great enthusiasm towards his science learning this week. | Aliyah for a fantastic diary entry in literacy: she included lots of higher level vocabulary! |
| Y6W | Josh for continuously showing a desire to improve his work and understanding in every subject. | Ryan B for his fantastic effort writing a diary this week. |

**Headteacher Awards**

Luke in RDM for a great start to Reception.

Szymon in 1S for being kind to a friend when he was upset.

Talia and Anuli in 2C for beautiful handwriting.

Emiley in 3H for great work in all subjects.

Kody in 4O for good letter formation.

Majesty in 5S for being a good addition to Year 5.

**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 Toby in 5K for being very kind and looking after the new member of the class this week, making him feel very welcome.

**Attendance**



The school day now starts at 8.45am. Doors open at 8.40am. This means that lessons begin at 8.45am. Most children are arriving at school for the start of the day, however there were **50 instances of children being late** this week. This does impact on learning and disturbs the other children who are already settled in class working. Please ensure that your child is in school at 8.40am when the doors open, so that they are in ready for the start of the school day. If you are experiencing any problems with attendance or punctuality, please speak to Mrs Burges Hamlett who will be happy to offer support.

Whole school attendance this week is 96%. We are aiming for 97%. This week 3F had 100% attendance which is fantastic. They will be rewarded with an own clothes day next Friday and a treat.

**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**

We will once again be hosting a MacMillan coffee morning in order to support the charity on Friday 27th September. Our Year 6 pupils will be hosting the event – you will be hearing from them shortly. 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.



Enjoy the weekend!

Mrs Howe

**Upcoming dates:**

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

26th September – Our Lady’s High School open evening

27th September – MacMillan coffee morning