

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 18th October 2024

Friday 24th November 2023

Just a reminder that **we are in school next week. Our half term begins on 28th October.**

Many children have created some amazing structures this week at home linked to the space topic. We have some very creative children (and parents.) I hope that you have enjoyed working together on the project. The children are so proud of their work.

Pupils in our Nursery this week have been sorting objects by their colour, size and shape as part of their maths work. Our Reception children enjoyed their session in forest school where they made nature pictures. In D and T, our Year pupils have been cutting and juicing fruit. As part of their RE topic, Year 2 have been learning all about the Sacrament of Baptism. Year 3, in maths, have been adding and subtracting numbers with exchange. Year 4 have been busy writing a persuasive piece about whether or not all children should be given a free school meal. In history, Year 5 have been debating whether or not children had a better life in Ancient Greece or now. As part of their RE topic, Year 6 have been looking at vocations and commitment and the role of service in our lives. They also took part in a carbon monoxide workshops.

**Assembly**

**It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. Mark 10:25**

In our Gospel story this week we listened to the story of the rich young man who followed all of God’s rules. He was asked to give up his possessions on earth, so that his reward in heaven would be great. Jesus tells us how difficult it is to enter the Kingdom of Heaven when we have many possessions. In this assembly, children were encouraged to think about what is, and what is not, truly valuable in their lives.

**Sacramental Programme**

Thank you to everyone who attended the first family Mass as part of the Sacramental Programme this year. What a lovely surprise for the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop John. The children were wonderful – as always!

**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.

**Harvest**

We are holding our Harvest service in church on Tuesday 22nd October at 9.00am. You are very welcome to join us.

Thank you for all the food donations that you sent into school today to support the parish food bank. Your donations are very much appreciated.

**Pupil certificates**

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|  | Pupil of the week | Achievement  |
| N | Eloise for being an amazing role model to all of her peers!!  | Mayah for amazing engagement during carpet times |
| RDM | Kieran for trying so hard in all lessons  | KJ for wonderful phonics |
| RS | Asa for a fantastic attitude to learning, especially in forest school! | Zion for improving his pencil control! |
| Y1G | Uyi for helping to set up our altar in prayer and liturgy by placing down a candle.  | Abbie for her super listening in our PE sessions this week.  |
| Y1S | Miles for always being ready to learn and having a brilliant attitude towards all of his work. | Ayden for showing great predicting skills during reading comprehension. |
| Y2C | Eliana for always showcasing her amazing behaviour | Yaroslav for amazing number knowledge in maths |
| Y2D | AJ for being a superstar and helping others.  | Olivia G for writing a super set of instructions.  |
| Y3F | Zane for having a brilliant week and really trying hard in everything | Saffron for showing what an amazing writer she is in our short write this week. |
| Y3H | Brody for excellent scientific enquiry during our soil investigation. | Lewis for working really hard to write a fantastic witness report for a volcanic eruption. |
| Y4H | Felicity for always behaving beautifully, and being really helpful tidying up all the noodles at the end of swimming. | Lilith for some incredible maths work this week, she has tried very hard! |
| Y4O | Nylah for being a kind and helpful friend to someone in need! | Marnie for using superb persuasive language in her writing! |
| Y5G | Adam for being caring and helping his classmates to make their Greek clay pots.  | Max for making a tremendous effort in English lessons and writing a fantastic myth about Theseus and the Minotaur.  |
| Y5K | Arwaa for an absolutely beautiful piece of artwork about relationships in RE | James for a fantastically well planned and written myth in English! |
| Y6S | Ollie for putting 110% effort into all of his assessments this week  | Nadia for a making a great advertisement for a specific vocation in RE |
| Y6W | Scarlette for a fantastic attitude and improvement in her reading quizzing five times this week, now reading 115,000 words. | Sharon for impressing me and Mrs Vickers in all her practice SATs assessments. |

**Headteacher awards**

Yasir in RDM for a brilliant effort in all aspects this week.

Amelia in 1G for using the conjunction ‘and’ in her sentence.

Ellis in 2D for great space homework.

Delina in 3H for practising her maths at home which helped her learning in school.

Jolene in 4O for being so focused and concentrating well.

Sophia and Hussain for being welcome additions to St Clare’s.

**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. This week the award goes to Uhmiana in Reception for always being the first to show kindness to others when they are upset - she will share toys and give them hugs if she sees they are sad.

**Attendance**

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Whole school attendance this week is 96.45% which is another improvement on last week. Thank you! 6W achieved 100% attendance this week which is brilliant. They will receive a dough-nut and own clothes day next Friday as a reward. Well done 6W!

Thank you to everyone who brings their child to school on time. This week, staff have been closing their doors at 8.45am prompt as that is when registration and lessons begin. Even if you are 1 minute late, you are late. Due to this, there has been an increase in recorded lates this week with 116 occasions of lateness from 86 pupils. Some pupils are late several times in the week. We do need children on the school premises for 8.40am so that they in school and ready to start lessons. Thank you for your support with this and if your child is late, please contact Mrs Burgess Hamlett for support.

**Parents Evening**

Parents evening is scheduled for Wednesday 23rd October. The app is now open for you to book your slot to meet your child’s class teacher.

**SEND coffee morning**

There will be a coffee morning in school on Friday 25th October from 8.40-10.00am. It Is an opportunity for any parents of children with SEND to come together to chat, meet other parents in similar situations and offer support and guidance to each other. Our school SENDco will be available to answer any of your queries.

**Rugby**

Blackley Rangers are running kids rugby union sessions on Thursday evenings at 6.15pm. All children between the ages of 5-11 are welcome to attend. The sessions are being held at Blackley cricket club on Crab Lane and the cost is £1 per session.

**Unintentional injury prevention**

There is a host of information on our school website with guidance and advice on how to avoid injuries and help keep children safe. To access it, please follow the link

<https://st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/parents/unintentioonal-injury-prevention>

**Abusive relationships apps**

**Bright Sky** is a free to download mobile app providing support and information for anyone who may be in an abusive relationship or those concerned about someone they know. The app is also available to use in Polish, Punjabi and Urdu. For more information see <https://www.england.nhs.uk/supporting-our-nhs-people/support-now/wellbeing-apps/bright-sky/>

**Hollie Guard** is a smartphone app that provides individuals with enhanced protection. It is a personal alarm, deterrent, evidence catcher and more. For more details see <https://hollieguard.com/>

**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 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.



Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Mrs Howe

**Upcoming dates:**

22nd October – Harvest Service in church 9am

23rd October – Parents evening 3.30 -7pm

25th October – SEND coffee morning