



Catholic Academy

The Communicator

Friday 2nd February 2024



A message from Mrs Hamilton

On Monday, we welcome Miss White back from her maternity leave. It is hard to believe that baby Albie is now 9 months old and it is time for Miss White to come back to work. For the rest of this academic year, Miss White will be working part time, teaching Y4 on a Tuesday, Reception on a Wednesday and other classes on a Monday.

Sadly, Miss Clarke will be leaving us at Easter to move to a role which will give her more family time. We will be very sorry to see Miss Clarke go but look forward to welcoming Mrs Pitchers who will teach Y4 in the Summer Term. The children have already met Mrs Pitchers this week and she has lots of experience teaching Y4 and working in other Collegiate schools. We are confident that she will do a wonderful job of looking after Y4 after Easter.

Poetry Day

On Monday 29th January, we had a fabulous Poetry Day led by Poet in the Peaks, Andy Tooze. All classes enjoyed learning about rhythm and rhyme and joining in with lots of fun action poems.

During their workshops, our talented children wrote some amazing poems which were of a superb quality in a very short time. Although only a few children could perform their poems in our final assembly, we were very proud of all our children for their super effort and determination.

You can see lots of photographs of our fun on the next page.











“With God, all things are possible!”

Year Four reflected on the bible story behind our Mission Statement:

“With God, all things are possible!”

Jesus was the first person to say this in Matthew 19: 26.

He taught His followers that to truly have eternal life, we must trust God and have faith in Him, whatever He asks of us.

One day, a rich man went to Jesus and said "Jesus how do I get to Heaven?"
"first you have to follow the ten commandments" Jesus said,
"I have, I've followed all ten commandments"
the rich man said,
"now you have to sell everything you own and give it to the poor" Jesus said, so then the rich man sadly walked off. After that the disciples said "how come he has to do that to go to Heaven?"
"Because he is a rich man" Jesus said
"It is easier to get a camel through the eye of a needle than a rich man to get to Heaven. To do something on his own for man it can be impossible. but with God all things are possible."

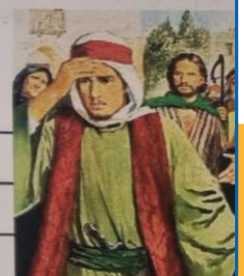
Good Works

Y5 reflected on the good works that we do at St Joseph's, We learned that good works, although very important, are not enough by themselves to get us to the Kingdom of God. For this, we must trust in Jesus Christ, putting him at the centre and above all else, especially material possessions. We must open our hearts to Jesus to find our way to the Kingdom of God – but we will continue with our good deeds as well.

A Personal Reflection

Although good works and good deeds are important in our life as a Child of God, these are not enough on their own. Write your own short reflection on this:

We must have God's trust and God's love to enter the kingdom of God.
We must always put God first.



Catholic Life

Our virtues this half term are Compassionate and

- Loving. We are compassionate when we show concern for others whether near to us or far away. We are loving when we show our concern for others through our words and our actions. Our children show love and compassion every day to their friends, their teachers, their classmates and those far away in their words, actions and prayers.



Sacramental Preparation

Our Reconciliation group continue to meet weekly and will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 28th February.

Baptised Catholic children in Y6 are preparing in school to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Monday 11th March.

Children in Y4 who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last year will receive a letter after half term inviting them to begin preparations for their First Holy Communion.

A reminder that Year Six parents are invited to join their child in the classroom on Monday 5th February 2024 at 2.15pm. Children and families will work together on a fun, faith based activity. We look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Safer Internet Day

Next week, we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day in school. Safer Internet Day is celebrated around the world in February each year to encourage the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people.

This year the campaign will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline

Please help your child by talking about their internet use with them using the free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at: saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents. Whether you have 5 minutes to start a conversation or hours to spare, there are top tips, quizzes and films which you can use at home with your child.

Golden Time Reward Menu

On Friday 9th February, those children in Y2 – Y6 who have not lost more than 3 golden minutes this half term will earn their golden ticket and be able to choose a reward from the menu. You will be notified on Thursday if your child has earned a golden ticket and the reward that they have chosen.

Reward choices:

- Own clothes
- Biscuit decorating
- Free choice playtime
- Party games

All rewards will take place on Friday 5th February

Award Winners

WOW Award	
Nursery	Oliver Hamilton
Reception	Inaaya Mahmood
Year One	Molly Worrall
Year Two	Keiran Tramaloni
Year Three	Eva Thomas
Year Four	Billie-Mae Nixon
Year Five	Frankie Lesti-Johnson
Year Six	Noah Sutton

Virtues Award – Compassionate and Loving	
Nursery	Esme Bailey
Reception	Kaila Smedley
Year One	Brooke Davis
Year Two	Zainab Mehdi
Year Three	Roya Mahmood
Year Four	Anaya Butt
Year Five	Callan Jones
Year Six	Jaxson Jordan

Award Winners

Presentation Award	
Nursery	Isabella Mannion
Reception	Elsie Wiltshaw
Year One	Isaac Adams
Year Two	George Bourne
Year Three	Amelia Stefani
Year Four	Aisha Diallo
Year Five	Lilly Green
Year Six	Morgan Viggars

Homework Hero	
Nursery	Simey Doherty
Reception	Primrose Latham

75 Dojo Awards	
Abukar Bilal	Emmy-Rae Taylor
Eva Hamilton	Kieran Tramaloni
Nyle Jones	Olivia Cope
William Summerfield	Anaya Butt
Ella Gilbert-Spencer	Lacey-Mai Booth
Lewis Schifano	Mia Kearney
Chace Sowerbutts	Mylo Moran

Award Winners

75 Dojo Awards

Lewis Price	Ruby Seabridge
Caleb Jenkinson	Bella Hopwood
Harper-Lilly Picken	Aiden Tramaloni
Frankie Lesti Johnson	Lucy Shaw
Alfie Potts	Harry McKinlay
Callan Jones	Lilly Green
Beau Bewley	Francis Bailey
Ella Johnson	Tia Bailey

100 Dojo Awards

Morgan Viggars	Natasha Cook
Jorgie Malkin	Zainab Mehdi
Layla Grance Bradley	Nicola Kumosz
Elsie Meakin	Decoda Doherty
Flourish Akinlawon	Harri Hargreaves
Lucas Barnett	Aurora Shaw
Ethan Bewley	Bailey Hawkes
William Beardmore	Darcie Davies
Brooke Davis	

Attendance

Congratulations to

Year 6

who have the best
attendance this week

96 %.

A polite reminder that children who are ill with vomiting or diarrhoea MUST stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

This year, our attendance reward trip to Drayton Manor will be for any children who have 100% attendance. The class with the best attendance will have a treat of their choice in school.



As you know, St Joseph's provides a high quality education to help all children to achieve their very best. Children can only benefit from this education if they are in school and so we encourage children to attend school every day that they are well enough to do so.

As you know, we are only able to authorise a Leave of Absence in term time in the most exceptional circumstances and some requests will result in a referral to the Education Welfare Service for a Penalty Warning. Please ensure that all holidays are booked during the school holidays:

Diary dates

This term

Monday 05.02.24	Y6 Inspire Workshop 2.15pm. Y6 families are encouraged to join their child in the classroom.
Tuesday 06.02.24	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 07.02.24	Y4 Visit to the Potteries Museum
Thursday 08.02.24	Y2 in school workshop with the Royal Opera House
Friday 09.02.24	Golden time golden ticket reward menu School Closes for Half Term
Monday 19.02.24	School Opens
Wednesday 28.02.24	6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church
Friday 1.3.24	St David's Day. Children in the yellow team may come to school in their own clothes including something yellow
Monday 4.3.24	Nursery Class visit to Westport Lake
Monday 4.3.24	Year Five visit to SMW for a Science lesson
Tuesday 5.3.24	World Book Day celebrations in school. Children may come to school dressed as a favourite book character <u>if they wish.</u>
Friday 8.3.24 2.30pm	KS1 Mother's Day Service. 2 female relative per child in Y1 and Y2 are very welcome to join our celebration

Diary dates

This term	
Wednesday 6.3.24	Recorder Group to perform in the Recorder Festival
Thursday 7.3.24	Reception class visit to Peak Wildlife Park
	Choir to perform at Stoke Gotta Sing
Monday 11.3.24	Year Five visit to the Safe and Sound Event
Monday 11.3.24 6.30pm	Sacrament of Confirmation in Church for Y6 children
Tuesday 12.3.24	Fire Service visit to Nursery and KS1
Tuesday 12.3.24	Year Five to perform in the Manchester Camerata project
Friday 15.3.24	St Patrick's day celebrations. Children in St Patrick (the green team) may come to school in their own clothes including something green
Friday 15.3.24	3.30pm Easter Egg Hunt
Monday 18 th March	Parents Evening
Friday 22.3.24 2.30pm	Nursery and Reception Easter Bonnet Parade

Future Diary Dates

Wednesday 17th April 2.30pm - Y3 Class Saint Liturgy. Y3 parents invited into the classroom to celebrate the feast of St Bernadette

Monday 22nd April - Watch Me Learn. Parents invited to join their child in the classroom. Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y3 and Y5 9.45 - 10.45, Y2, Y4, Y6 10.45 - 11.45, Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May - Y6 SATs

Monday 20th - Friday 24th May - Y6 residential trip to Stanley Head

Monday 10th June - Class and Team Photos

Monday 24th - Friday 28th June - Change4Life Week

Wednesday 26th June - Sports Day. 9.30 EYFS, 11.00 KS1, 1.00 KS2

Sunday 30th June - First Holy Communion

Wednesday 3rd July 2.30pm Y4 Class Saint Liturgy. Y4 parents invited into the classroom to celebrate the feast of St Peter

Thursday 4th July - Summer Disco

Friday 5th July 2.00pm - Y1 Inspire Workshop

Tuesday 9th July 6.00pm - Y6 Production

Friday 12th July - Achievement Assembly

Tuesday 16th July 6.00pm - Y6 Presentation Evening, Meal and Disco

Wednesday 17th July 2.15pm - Summer Concert

Thursday 18th July 9.30am Leavers Mass in Church

Friday 19th July 9.00am Leavers Assembly, Toy Day, School closes