



Catholic Academy

The
Communicator
Friday 9th February 2024



A message from Mrs Hamilton

On Tuesday, we celebrated Safer Internet Day . We joined in with the live assembly “Be Internet Legends” and completed the challenges, thinking about what to share and not share, how to speak to others online , when to click and not click, checking for truth and thinking about whether something seemed too good to be true, how to make our accounts secure and spread positivity not negativity online.

The children enjoyed joining in with the challenges and many asked to watch it again. You can watch the recording here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yoeKlaSpXqs>

I encourage you to watch with your child and chat about the challenges.

Things change so fast online, it's hard to keep up with what my child is doing

Staying up to date with what children are doing online can feel like a challenge sometimes. However, you don't have to be an expert in every new app or service. Simply having conversations with your children about their lives online, and what to do if they need help or something goes wrong, is what's most important. Here are a few simple steps you can take to help bridge the gap.

Talk little and often

Stay proactive

Seek support

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day->

Catholic Life

Wednesday 14th February is Ash Wednesday which marks the start of Lent. As this is in the half term holiday, the children will not receive ashes in school. However, you can receive ashes at 9.15am at English Martyrs Church in Biddulph and 6.30pm at St Joseph's Church.

In school, we will grow closer to Jesus as we prepare to celebrate His death and resurrection through prayer, fasting and giving to others.



Pre School

We are very blessed to be able to offer our children the very best start to their education from age 2 years in our wonderful Pre School. Pre School is over subscribed and some children are having to wait for a place and may not get one at all. We will consider **applications for September 24, January 25 and April 25 starts in April 2024.** If you are considering sending your child to Pre School at any time next year, **I urge you to complete an application form before April 2024.**

Pre School offers morning, afternoon and all day places and accepts 15 hour and 30 hour funding for both working and disadvantaged families

Look at our AMAZING Art Work!

Year Four have been learning light and shade and drawing and painting techniques and exploring famous still life pieces. This inspired them to create their own still life. We were blown away by their skill and creativity; their final pieces are incredible!



Award Winners

WOW Award	
Nursery	Mamadou Diallo
Reception	Anele Mpofu
Year One	Delilah Lawton
Year Two	Cody SZ-Balla
Year Three	Lisa Quinn
Year Four	Lewis Price
Year Five	Ann-Maria Shiju
Year Six	Lexi Jones

Virtues Award – Compassionate and Loving	
Nursery	Niall Dempsey
Reception	Maya Kotlenga
Year One	Mitchell Kelsall
Year Two	Maybel Don
Year Three	James Smith
Year Four	Skylar Statham
Year Five	Nicola Kumosz
Year Six	Ruby Yearley

Award Winners

Presentation Award	
Nursery	Jimmy-Dean evans
Reception	Harry Price
Year One	Ifeh Okeke
Year Two	Harley Evans
Year Three	Niyar Mohammed
Year Four	Ruby Worrall
Year Five	Rosie Maughan
Year Six	Persayus Doherty

Homework Hero	
Nursery	Chimamanda Ikedinobi
Reception	Mya Kotlenga

75 Dojo Awards	
Francis Bailey	Keira-Lei Kelly
Billie-Mae Nixon	Joseph Esposito
Persayus Doherty	Braxton Klebukowski
Heidi Burgess	Chisimdi Nnajofofor
Finnley Turnock	George Rigby
Grayson Simock	Olaf Alaj

Award Winners

75 Dojo Awards

Joylene John-Vincent	Noah Bates
Lucas Dupoi	

100 Dojo Awards

Abu-Baker Bilal	Filip Prokopiuk
Maciej Jezierski	Sienna Bailey
Bailey Hawkes	Lucas Barnett
Grace Zhang	Tim Sidley
Edward Dupoi	Chibugo Okeke
Chaiyse Taylor	Amelia Stefani
Lola Nixon	Tia Bailey
Theodora Peter	Ruby Yearsley

Attendance

Congratulations to

Year 4

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

Friday 09.02.24	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 19.02.24	School Opens
Wednesday 28.02.24	6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation in Church
Thursday 29.2.24	First Holy Communion preparation sessions begin for children in Y4 who have already received the Sacrament of Reconciliation
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>
Wednesday 6.3.24	Recorder Group to perform at the Recorder Festival
Thursday 7.3.24	Reception Class visit to Peak Wildlife Park Choir to perform at Stoke Gotta sing
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	
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 18.3.24	Y5 visit to SMW for a Science lesson Parents Evening
Tuesday 19.3.24	St Joseph's Day Please join us to celebrate Mass in Church at 9.30am and for refreshments in school after Mass
Thursday 21.3.24	Ks2 Dance Group to perform in the Dance Extravanza
Friday 22.3.24 2.30pm	Nursery and Reception Easter Bonnet Parade School closes for the Easter holidays
Monday 8.4.24	School opens to staff and pupils

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