



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

9 February 2024

Dear Parents

Attendance Matters

Here are the figures for week ending 2 February 2024.

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| Inf 1 | 92.3 |
| Inf 2 | 89.0 |
| Inf 3 | 90.3 |
| Inf 4 | 92.7 |
| Inf 5* | 97.3 |
| Inf 6 | 93.0 |
| J1 | 95.2 |
| J2 | 94.1 |
| J3 | 86.3 |
| J4 | 89.3 |
| J5* | 97.9 |
| J6 | 90.3 |
| J7 | 91.6 |
| J8 | 95.7 |
| Total for whole school | 92.5% |

Our whole school attendance target as set by the Department of Education is 96.7%.

Inf 5 and J5 were the winners of the class attendance awards this week.

Well done to the classes in green who met the target.

Mental Health Day

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week. The theme of the week has been 'My Voice Matters' and how every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them and to have their views considered and taken seriously. The children have enjoyed learning about ordinary children who have used their voice to make a big difference in the world. They have participated in interactive livestream events with other schools across Liverpool and joined in with key stage assemblies in school. PSHE lessons this week have focused on what matters to them, with the children designing some lovely stickers to represent their ideas. The children all looked brilliant today for Express Yourself Day and wore their stickers proudly! Thank you to our Student Council who organised today and thank you for your generous donations for the children's mental health charity, 'Place2Be'. We raised in total £438, which is wonderful! Please see attached information giving top tips for families talking to children about mental health.

Poetry Week and Matt Goodfellow Visit

The children have had a fantastic week studying and celebrating poetry. A highlight was definitely the visit on Wednesday from Matt Goodfellow who is a published poet. He shared his love of poetry and read a selection of his own poems in KS1 and KS2 assemblies, which the children thoroughly enjoyed listening to. He also discussed the inspiration behind them and why he loves poetry so much. During the day, Matt led poetry workshops with Year 4, 5 and 6 and shared his craft of how to write poems. All of the children were engaged throughout and were inspired to write their own poems in a similar style.

This morning, each year group performed poems during their own key stage assembly which they have been preparing all week. We were all so impressed with their performances; it was lovely to hear a range of poetry styles

being shared. I am sure we have some budding poets of our own and hopefully one day they will return to Holy Rosary as a published poet!

Cross Country Champ!

Last weekend, Grace in Year 6 competed in a Cross-Country race on the Wirral, to represent Sefton. She ran a fantastic race and did very well to be placed 16th in the 2.7km race coming in first place for Sefton. The coaches were so impressed that Grace has been selected to run for Merseyside at the national finals in March! This is an amazing achievement Grace, and we are all extremely proud of you!

Holidays during term time

As we move into the warmer months of spring and summer can I please remind you that holidays in term time are unauthorised (unless considered exceptional circumstances). Where possible we try to plan our Inset Days next to a school break to try and help a little with cheaper flights etc. Whilst I understand the frustration families face with holiday companies inflating prices during school holidays, I urge you to consider the hours of schooling that your child misses. Many thanks.

Be Active is back for February Half Term!

Be Active is a programme of activities for your children to do over the half term holiday. See the attached booklet with all the different activities, sessions, prices, and information you will need.

Reception Health Screening

You would have received a Parentmail in December regarding Reception school health screening. The school health team will come to school on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March 2024 to carry out the screening. If you do not wish your child to be included in any aspect of the screening programme (all or part of it), please contact the Sefton School Health team directly on 0151 247 6354 or mcn-tr.seftonschoolhealth@nhs.net Please do not inform the school.

Holy Rosary Parish Newsletter

Please see the attached link which takes you directly to the Holy Rosary Parish website, where you can view the most recent Parish Newsletters. By accessing this link holynosarychurch.co.uk you will be able to find out what is happening in the parish, the Archdiocese, and the wider community.

Diary for w/c 19 February 2024

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| Monday | Football (Invited) – Boys - Yr. 5 & Yr. 6 - ends 4.15 pm. Football (Invited) – Girls – Yr. 5 & Yr. 6 – ends 4.15 pm. Gymnastics – Yr. 4 – ends 4.15pm |
| Tuesday | J2 Swimming – ends 20 th February 2024 Mother Dough Cookery – Yr. 5 – ends 4.15 pm. - **Last one 20 th February 2024 Performing Arts Club – Yr. 2 – ends 4.15 pm. |
| Wednesday | Dodgeball - Yr3. & Yr. 4 – ends 4.15 pm. |
| Thursday | Choir - Yr. 5 & Yr. 6 – ends 4.00 pm. Sign Language - Yr. 3 – ends 4.15 pm. Football – Yr. 3 & Yr. 4– ends 4.15 pm. |

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FUTURE DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 19th February 2024 – Return to school after Half Term Break
Wednesday 28th February 2024 – J3 Class assembly 9.10am - School Hall
Tuesday 5th March 2024 – Reception Health Screening
Wednesday 6th March 2024 – Reception Health Screening
Friday 15th March 2024 – Review Day
Wednesday 27th March 2024 – Disco Day (own clothes)
Thursday 28th March 2024 – School Finishes for Easter Break – EARLY 2:15pm
Monday 15th April Return to School