



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN

8 March 2024

Dear Parents

Attendance Matters

Here are the figures for week ending 1 March 2024.

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| Inf 1 | 86.8 |
| Inf 2 | 92.0 |
| Inf 3 | 97.2 |
| Inf 4* | 97.7 |
| Inf 5 | 95.7 |
| Inf 6 | 97.3 |
| J1* | 98.1 |
| J2 | 90.9 |
| J3 | 94.0 |
| J4 | 87.0 |
| J5 | 96.6 |
| J6 | 91.9 |
| J7 | 85.3 |
| J8 | 90.0 |
| Total for whole school | 92.89% |

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

Inf 4 and J1 were the winners of the class attendance awards this week. Well done to Inf 4, two weeks in a row!

Well done to the classes highlighted in green who met the target!

World Book Day

Reading most definitely came to life this week as we celebrated World Book Day!

Our Infant children studied the book 'Change Sings' by Amanda Gorman which teaches children that they have the power to make changes – big or small – in the world and in themselves. Each Infant year group learned a song, complete with actions sharing their abilities and how they could be the change.

Year 3 and 4 studied the book 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry which tells the story of a man who starts to chop down a great kapok tree in the rainforest. Exhausted from his labours, he puts down his axe and rests, but as he sleeps the animals who live in the tree come and plead with him not to destroy their world.

Year 5 and 6 studied 'Window' by Jeannie Baker which is a wordless picture book exploring the concept of exponential change. A mother and baby look through a window at a view of wilderness and sky as far as they can see. As Sam, the baby, grows, the view changes. At first, in a cleared patch of forest, a single house appears, A few years pass and there is a village in the distance and over the course of twenty years the village has developed into a city. Our chosen texts really captured the children's imaginations and inspired them to consider changes we can be and changes we can make to make our world a better place.

This morning, all the children enjoyed taking part in a parade in the school hall and wore their t-shirts with pride, it was quite a spectacle. We certainly have some talented artists and possibly some future fashion designers in our school! During the day, the children also completed a variety of activities involving reading and our junior children thoroughly enjoyed reading and sharing books with our younger children. What a fabulous end to the week!

A Day of Prayer

Archbishop Malcolm called for a day of prayer in the schools and parishes of Liverpool Archdiocese for the Holy Land today, Friday 8 March 2024. Our school community shared the following prayer from Pope Francis:

A prayer from the Holy Father for peace

“Let us pray with one heart and one soul – Lord come to our aid, grant us peace,
teach us peace, guide our steps in the way of peace.
Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: Never again war.’
Lord Hear Us.”

Perhaps you could join in prayer for this important intention this evening at home.

Grace

A huge well done to Grace from Y6 who was selected to run for the Merseyside team in the National Cross Country Final last weekend at Loughborough. Both the Merseyside team and the Year 6 Merseyside girls came 1st! What an achievement, well done Grace, we are very proud of you!

Lent Walk

For our Lent fundraising activity this year, we have signed up to join in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. We will be holding a ‘sponsored walk’ on Tuesday 26th March where every child in the school can participate to help raise money and awareness for those who live in poverty. Each class will have a turn to walk a 1km route marked out around the school grounds and teachers will post their event on Class Dojo. We are inviting families to support us; this can be through sending a cash donation into school on the day or through our registered CAFOD Just Giving page, by following the link below.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/holy-rosary-catholic-primary-school>

If you would like to add to our target by doing a family walk, please send details of the distance walked and money raised to Mrs Casey, via your Class Dojo messaging so it can be added to our School total.

#kNOwKnife Crime

Sefton Schools say #kNOwKnifeCrime - We want to keep our community safe and be well resourced in the event someone needs medical assistance.

As a school we are always looking for opportunities and ways to educate our pupils on how to keep themselves safe. We have decided to team up with #kNOwKnifeCrime campaign and London Marathon 2024 and we will be fundraising for bleeding control kits and cabinets for outside our schools in Sefton.

We will be having a mini marathon event in our school the week of 15th April 2024 where all pupils will participate in running 2.6 miles on our school grounds. For participating in this event all children will receive a London mini marathon certificate and our school will receive a trophy. Next week we will be having an assembly about how our mini marathon run will fundraise for a bleed control kit cabinet outside our school. Further information regarding this whole borough school event will be sent next week via Parentmail.

Parking Around School

I have had a couple of complaints from our neighbours this week regarding inconsiderate parking around our school at drop off and pick up time. Whilst I appreciate how congested it becomes on the surrounding roads at the end of the school day, it is never acceptable to leave your car parked across someone’s driveway, preventing them from accessing or leaving their own property. Please be courteous at drop off and pick up times.

SWACA

This week Katie and Ashley from SWACA (Sefton Women’s and children’s Aid) came into school to deliver healthy relationship sessions for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. The workshops were linked to the PSHE curriculum and helped the children explore and understand healthy and unhealthy behaviours in relationships. Both Katie and Ashley commented on how well our children participated in the workshops and how amazing they are! They said this was the happiest school they had attended in 20 years! What a lovely thing to say about our wonderful school, well done everyone!

*SWACA is a free and confidential service for women and children. It provides a safe place to talk about worries and concerns relating to domestic abuse. The SWACA Domestic Abuse Helpline is 0151 934 1400. Information about the services SWACA offer can be found on their website, <https://swaca.com/>
Our school website also provides information regarding support around domestic abuse.*

Collection/School Pick Up

Can I please remind you to inform your child's class teacher if there is to be a change to who usually collects your child from school at the end of the day, particularly if your child is to go home with the parent of another pupil for playdates etc. This can be done through the school office or a quick note or Dojo message to the class teacher. Many thanks.

Review Day

Review Day takes place on Friday 15 March 2024. As you know appointments went live earlier today on ParentMail. These can be booked via the app, under Parents Evenings on the left-hand tab. Children do not attend school on this day, though the children from Yr1-Yr6 are asked to accompany their parents to the meeting. Please arrive 5/10 minutes before your appointment time so your child can share the work in their books with you, while you wait to see the teacher.

Raring2go! – E Brochure

We have been asked to share with you Raring2go! Spring brochure. Please click on the following link [Spring 2024](#) which will direct you to Raring2go's brochure, it has lots of events and activities for you to do with your children throughout Spring.

Friends of Holy Rosary

You will have received a Parentmail last week from the 'Friends of Holy Rosary', our PTA, appealing for parents to take up the roles of Chair, Secretary and Fundraising lead, as well as general volunteers. Thank you to those of you who have expressed an interest in supporting us so far. If you think that you may have the skills to help and would consider joining the group or would just like some further information, then please email friendsofholyrosary@hotmail.co.uk Many thanks.

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 holyroarychurch.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 11 March 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 | J1 Swimming – ends 16 th April 2024 Mother Dough Cookery – Yr. 5 (NEW Group) – ends 4.15 pm - **Last one 16 th April 2024 Performing Arts Club – Yr. 2 – ends 4.15 pm |
| Wednesday | J3 Reconciliation, J3 parents are welcome to join us at 2:30pm at church Dodgeball - Yr3. & Yr. 4 – ends 4.15 pm |
| Thursday | J4 Reconciliation, J4 parents are welcome to join us at 2:30pm at church 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 Handball – Yr. 6 Mr Beenham – ends 4.15pm Charity Champions – Yr. 6 Mrs Oldfield – ends 3.45pm |
| Friday | REVIEW DAY |

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FUTURE DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Thursday 21st March 2024 – Y5 and Y6 Science Fair – Afternoon
- Friday 22nd March 2024 – Y3 and Y4 Science Fair – Afternoon
- Tuesday 26th March 2024 – Big Lent Walk
- 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