



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 29th September 2017

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Year 6 School House Captains, Vice-Captains and School Councillors

Last week, the children had the opportunity to vote for Year 6 house captains, vice-captains and school councillors - an example of democracy in action. The elected representatives are; St. Matthew: Katherine and Esemme, St. Mark: Milen and Ben, St. Luke: Anna and Thinh and St. John: Aaron and Aryan. (Apologies to the St. Matthew and St. Mark's house captains and vice-captains for mixing them up in last week's newsletter. School Councillors from other classes from Year 2 to Year 5 will soon be announced.

Visit to Kingswood Activity Centre

Last Friday afternoon a small group of children; Mylee, Teneve, Malakai, O'Shae and Sam A, accompanied by Miss Goupilliere, set off with other children and staff from Caritas Christi In Urbe schools; our family of local Catholic schools, to Kingswood Activity Centre in Staffordshire. The group had wonderful and memorable experiences throughout the weekend, returning to school on Monday afternoon. Thank you to Miss Goupilliere for giving up her weekend to take the children on this visit.

Playleaders

On Tuesday a group of Year 5 children; Hannah, Charlotte, Raqqaya, Gabriel, Malakai, Z'kea, Tajah, Prabjot, Ria and Sharla went out of school for training to become Playleaders. Thank you to Mrs Keogh for taking the children to this event. The group were a credit to the school and have diligently taken on the responsibility of helping the Infant children to play at dinner times.

Visits to places of worship

Yesterday, Year 3 were taken by Mrs Allport, Mrs Dawson, Mrs Keogh, Mrs Carbery and Mrs Roberts to visit Singers Hill Synagogue. Also yesterday, Mrs Lal and Miss Siddique took Year 5 to visit the Shri Venkateswara Hindu Temple. The third visit yesterday was Mrs Higgins and Mrs Lamb taking Year 6 to visit the Birmingham Central Mosque.

Today, Miss Gibbon and Miss Siddique took Year 4 to visit St. John's C of E Church. Also today, Mr Donaghy, Miss Shirley and Mrs Dignan took Year 2 to visit the Guru Nanak Gurdwara.

Thank you to Miss Shirley for organising these visits which have helped us to learn more about other faiths. Thank you to the staff that have taken the children to these places of worship. Thank you also to these venues which have been so welcoming to our children.

National Poetry Day

Yesterday was National Poetry Day, the classes and several staff performed pieces. Videos of these performances are on the Special Events page of the school website. Well done to all who participated.

Football result

Yesterday evening, the school football team played their first matches of the season. The team played St. Chad's School, winning 3-1. The team beat St. Clement's School 2 - 0 and lost 4-0 to St. Vincent's School. Well done Thinh, Aaron, Daejon, Malakai, Bilal, Luca, Diego, Kallum, Ben and Mekhi.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who donated cakes and biscuits, or came for a cuppa and a cake for MacMillan Cancer Support. Thank you to Mrs Robinson, who came back to visit us and help the staff and parents in managing the Coffee Morning. There are enough cakes for a sale after school today and may be enough for another cake sale on Monday. A substantial amount has been raised for this worthwhile cause.

Rosary Group

As October is the month of the Rosary, there is an opportunity to pray a decade of the Rosary at the end of each lunchtime. All of the children are invited to come for prayer. The Rosary Group is led by children from Year 6 working in pairs starting from Monday lunchtime.

Parents' and Carers' Evening letters

Earlier this week, you should have received the appointment letter with details about the forthcoming Parents' and Carers' evenings on Tuesday 10th or Wednesday 11th October. Please return your reply slip by Tuesday 3rd October. From Wednesday 4th October the reply slip will be returned to you. Please contact school if you require another copy of the appointment letter.

Due to the Parents' Evening there will not be a Zumba and Fitness After School session on Wednesday 11th October.

Photographs

On Friday, 13th October, the school photographer will be in school. If you have a pre-school aged child and would like a photograph of him or her with your children who are at school please come to the school office from 8.30 a.m.

If you do not wish your child or children to have photographs taken please inform the school in writing.

School building improvements

Last weekend new drainage was installed on the Junior playground and this week new external toilet doors have been installed. Both of these improvements, following on from the new windows and doors in the classrooms, have enhanced the school for the children.

School dinners

The menu choices for the school dinners are on the school website. Go to www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk, click on 'Parents and Carers Information' then click on 'School Dinners' and scroll down the page. The meals are on a four week rota. Next week is Week 4 of the rota.

Attendance and Punctuality

Well done to Year 3 who were the best attending class last week with a 97.4% attendance. Congratulations to the most punctual class last week which was Reception.

Top Table

Children are chosen from a year group each week to eat at the Top Table for a range of positive behaviours or work. The children selected to eat at the Top Table this week are from Year 3. Well done to Ryleigh, Madison, Jacob, Amrita, Charlie and Mya who joined me for lunch today.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 2nd October - Year 6 visit to the Black Country Museum.

Thursday 5th October at 9.00 a.m. - Mass at school. All are invited to join us.

Friday 6th October - Children in Year 5 and Year 6 receiving the sacrament of Confirmation later this school year are visiting St. Chad's Cathedral.

Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th October - Parents' Evenings.

Friday 13th October - Individual and Family photographs.

Friday 20th October - End of the first half of the Autumn Term

Best wishes,



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