



# St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

### Walk with Wildlife

This week has been Walk to School Week, with the theme being 'Walk with Wildlife'. The children have been challenged to walk, scoot, cycle or 'park and stride' to school for as many days as possible. Each day was linked to a theme to focus upon. These themes are; inclusion, sustainability, health, mindfulness and friendship. The children have received a Walk with Wildlife activity diary and a sticker if they have walked or made an alternative active journey to school that morning.



Well done to all those who have made an effort to have active journeys to school this week. The challenge now is to continue with this lifestyle choice.

### Key Stage 1 SATs

From Tuesday, the Year 2 class having been working on their Key Stage 1 SATs. The children have some Maths tests to complete next week but have taken everything in their stride. Well done Year 2.

### Year 5 visit to Safeside

On Wednesday, Year 5 visited Safeside in Nechells to learn about and experience first-hand aspects of being safe in the home and when they are out and about. The children had an interesting, informative and enjoyable day. Thank you to Miss Gold, Mrs Lal, Miss Bryan and Mrs Guest for taking the children on this visit.

### Ascension Thursday Mass at St. Teresa's Church

Yesterday, The Junior classes walked to St. Teresa's Church to join the parish for the mass celebrated the Ascension of Our Lord, a holy day of obligation. This was an opportunity to strengthen the links between the school and the parish. Thank you to Joshua, Amelia, Jayden, Amrit, Ava, Soyini, Maya, Arvin, Mila, Thiago, Rylei and Che for leading the readings and the bidding prayers. Thank you to Chikwere, Chizi, Essey and Liz for altar serving. Thank you to the staff and the two parents who got the children safely to and back from the church yesterday.

### Reception Class visit to Ash End Farm

Yesterday, the Reception Class were very excited to be going by coach for their visit to Ash End Farm. It was a memorable day for the children who were a credit to their families and to the school. Thank you to Miss Gravell, Mrs Jones, Mrs Gogna, Miss Bryan, Mrs Guest and the two children's parents who took the children on this visit.

### Head injuries

Thank you to the staff and parents who helped a parent who suffered a head injury as she was coming to school to collect her child at the end of the school day yesterday. Thank you in particular to Mrs Keogh who, after administering first aid, persuaded Mr Keogh to drive the parent and her child to the family home and made sure an adult was there to monitor the injured parent.

This week we have introduced a specific injury note for the children to inform parents of any head injury and the signs of concern to be aware of. These purple notes have been given to several children this week.

### Football Results

Yesterday afternoon, the Year 4 6-a-side football team competed in the Year 3 and Year 4 Boys' Aston Primary Schools' tournament. The team played three matches losing 1-0, 1-0 and 3-0. It was a gallant effort by Jaimar, Elijah, Mason, Lewis, Thomas, Hoger, Saran and Matthew. Thank you to Miss Gibbon, Mrs Murdock and the parents and siblings who came to support the team.

### **Year 1 Class Assembly**

Thank you to Year 1 for an entertaining, exciting and scientific assembly this morning. Well done Year 1 for making your first ever class assembly so successful.

### **Reach Out Roadshow**

This morning, the nine Caritas Christi In Urbe primary schools held Reach Out Roadshows - a touring performance in which four children from each of the schools were grouped with the team of children from two other schools to present an Anti-Bullying assembly. We were working with children from St. Edmund's and St. Patrick's Catholic Primary Schools. The children involved performed at each of these schools. Well done to Arissa, Amelia, Eesah and Remy who represented us so well.

### **Fr. Peter's visit to Reception**

This afternoon, Fr. Peter came in to school to visit the children in the Year 3 class as part of the First Holy Communion preparation and to the Reception class as part of their R.E. curriculum work. Thank you to Fr. Peter for coming in and further enhancing the links between the school and the parish.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Well done to Year 6, which were the best attending class the last week, with a perfect 100% attendance, followed by Year 2 and on 98.7% attendance. Congratulations to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 for being the most punctual classes. There were no Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 children late before or after the registers closed last week.

### **Wednesday Word**



The Wednesday Word for this weekend is available on the 'Catholic Life' page of the school website at <https://www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk/religious-life/wednesday-word>. Please do make time to consider the theme of 'Friendship' from this weekend's gospel.

### **School meals**

Next week will be Week 3 of the School Meal menu choices. The menu is on the School Dinners page on the school website, which is at: [www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk/parents-info/school-dinners](http://www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk/parents-info/school-dinners)

### **Miss Shirley**

It was lovely to have Miss Shirley back in school for part of this week. Please do continue to pray for Miss Shirley.

### **Dates for the Diary**

- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 10.15 a.m. - Year 6 to represent the school at the Good Shepherd Mass at St. Chad's Cathedral and to present the cheque for the money raised in the Lenten Good Shepherd appeal.
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 p.m. - Music Evening.
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May - 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. - Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 visiting St. Teresa's Catholic Church. Reception and Year 1 travelling by coach. Year 6 walking to church. Parental help walking Year 6 to and from church is welcome.
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May from 4.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. - Year 4 Girls' 6-a-side Aston Primary Schools' Football tournament at Goals, Perry Barr.
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30 p.m. - End of the first half of the Summer Term.
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 8.50 a.m. - Start of the second half of the Summer Term.
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 Phonics Screening assessments.
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check.
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 12.00 noon - First Holy Communion Mass at St. Teresa's Church.
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 visit to the Butterfly Farm.
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June - Year 2 visit to Hatton Farm.
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 visit to Lunt Roman Fort.
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Rags2Riches4Schools collection day at school.
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 4 visit to Lunt Roman Fort.

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