



St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 22nd March 2024

Little Flowers Growing and Giving Glory to God

Attendance and Punctuality

From Monday 11th to Friday 15th March:

Attendance; 1st Year 6 - 99.3%, 2nd Year 4 - 98.7%, 3rd Year 3 - 97.0%. Overall School Attendance - 93.1%.

Punctuality; 1st = Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6. Late before registers closed; 0. Late after registers closed; 0.

3rd Year 2. Late before registers closed; 2. Late after registers closed; 0.

4th Year 4. Late before register closed; 4. Late after registers closed; 0.

Year 6 Residential Visit to Aberdovey

Twenty-four of the Year 6 children, Miss Walk, Mrs Murdock and myself returned to school at 5.45 p.m. last Friday afternoon after this year's Year 6 Residential Visit to Aberdovey.

At the link <https://www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk/classes/year-6-2023-2024/aberdovey-residential-visit-2024> you will see images of and read about the group's adventures. You are welcome to add a comment to our guestbook.

Bench Ball

On Monday morning, ten of our Year 4 children participated in a Bench Ball festival at Dorrington Academy. The children; Adam, Layla, Phoenix, Mariam, Roshan, Khadija, An, Saif, Daya and Amelia, had an energetic and enjoyable morning. The group were a credit to the school. Thank you to Mrs Murdock for taking the children to this event.

Wednesday Word



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

The Wednesday Word booklet for Easter, including this weekend gospel's reading, is available on the 'Catholic Life' page of the school website at <https://www.stteresa.bham.sch.uk/religious-life/wednesday-word>. Please consider the themes of 'Praise', 'Easter', 'Encourage' and 'Believe' in this weekend's gospel and the subsequent three weekend's gospels shared in the Wednesday Word booklet.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings were held for all classes, on Monday and Wednesday evenings this week. Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to attend the meetings. Parents/carers of 198 of the 209 children (94.7%) attended Parents' Evening. I hope that you found the appointment(s) informative and useful.

Percussion Ensemble at the Area Gala Concert

On Wednesday afternoon, children who attend the Percussion Ensemble group, which takes place at the end of the school day each Tuesday, went to Royal Birmingham Conservatoire in the city centre. The Ensemble were one of a number of schools, represented at this event. The Ensemble performed in an evening of high-quality entertainment by talented musicians. Well done to Eesa, Muganzi, Samar-Hayat, Edward, Thomas, Joseph, Elijah, Jaimar, Matthew, Dominik, Zane, Jayden, Anthony and Kwesi. Thank you to Mr Palmer, our percussion teacher, who prepared the children for this event, to Mrs Murdock who looked after the children and to the parents who came to support their children, some of whom did not get back to school until 9.00 p.m. on Wednesday evening.

Mass in school

Yesterday morning, Mass in school was supported by Year 3 children who led the readings, bidding prayers and the Offertory Procession. Well done to Viktor, Lainey, Kimi, Hoang, Florence, Theo, Ashay'a, Troy, Antony, Senay, Amal and Aaliyah for playing their part in the mass. Thank you to Kimran for managing the audio-visual system. Thank you to Mrs Paciorek for leading the music. Thank you to Sr. Michela and Sr. Irene who helped our readers. Thank you to Fr. Peter who celebrated yesterday's mass and then presented Confirmation certificates to Nicola, Andrea, Chizi,

Jaimar, Divine, Matthew, Mia, Mason, Tannia, Hoger, Josh, Elijah, Mayana, Motunrayo, Edward, Zuzanna, Joseph, Thomas, Muganzi, Tyler, Sophia, Louisa, Dawid and Essey. Fr. Peter then presented sacrament of Reconciliation certificates to Viktor, Florence, Kimi, Troy, Theo, Hoang, Lainey and Antoni.



Football results

Yesterday, the Year 4 and Year 5 Girls' 6-a-side football team competed in the finals of Aston Primary Schools' tournament after qualifying on 14th March. Chiamaka, Lumaya, Louisa, Sophia, Shalom, Eva and Zuzanna gave a good account of themselves in the three matches that they played. The team drew 0-0 and lost 4-1 and 2-0.

In the final game, following two injuries, we had to call upon Amelia from amongst the supporters to join the team. A special well done to her for playing in her school uniform - tie and all! Thank you to Miss Gibbon for managing the team and to the parents who came to support the team.

Prayers in the Hall

All children, parents and members of the school and parish community are welcome to join us for a few minutes on Friday afternoon at 3.00 p.m. each week during Lent for a reflection on Stations of the Cross in the Hall led by the children. Thank you Motunrayo, Inayah, Osagie, Osamudiamen, Chiziterem, Chiamaka J, Zane, Essey, Reyamar, Divine, Deborah, Logan and Sophia who led today's reflection.

School meals

Next week is Week 2 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

Faith-filled and Hopeful

This half term the two Virtues that will be a focus for us and the other Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham are to be Faith-filled and Hopeful.

Faith-filled: We are faith-filled when we are living life as God inspires us to live it, putting the Gospel into action through our deeds. Faith gives us belief and trust in God and in other people. We have to build on it every day through prayer, being part of a faith community and living out the gospel values. Faith gives us hope.

Hopeful: We are hopeful when we are optimistic about the future, we trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up. Our faith teaches us that God is hope - that Christ walks before us and gives us the courage to follow. Hope makes us unafraid to step into the unknown and face challenges. Hope can deepen or restore our faith.



Eggs and Bonnets

Junior children are asked to use their creative skills to design and make a scene based on an egg (hard boiled or blown - not fresh). The children in the Infant classes are to make an Easter bonnet, which will be worn in a parade, weather permitting, around the playgrounds for parents and carers to see. Parents/carers may come onto the hall at 2.30 p.m. and/or to the playground at 3.00 p.m. through the gates you normally come through in the morning or afternoon. Any egg designs or bonnets are to be brought into school on Wednesday, 27th March to be displayed or worn respectively for all to enjoy

Dates for the Diary

- Tuesday 26th April at 2.00 p.m. - Way of the Cross Liturgy on the school site for the children in the Junior classes. All are welcome.
- Wednesday 27th March - 'Eggs and Bonnets' Day. Parents are welcome to come to the school hall at 2.30 p.m. to see the egg designs and a rehearsal for the bonnet parade then to come to the Infant Bonnet parade at 3.00 p.m. on the playgrounds.
- Thursday 28th March at 3.20 p.m. - End of the Spring Term.
- Tuesday 9th April at 8.50 a.m. - Start of the Summer Term for children.

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