Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Despite the rain, what a lovely end to our Spring term. It really was a 'fun-filled' week with Y5 & 6 Ancient Egyptian day on Monday, our end of term mass and all the Easter activities.

The whole school celebrated our Lenten Mass at church on Tuesday. My thanks to Y6 for their beautiful readings, to all our altar servers and to the rest of Year 6 for being such amazing 'buddies' to our Reception children – they really showed them how to pray and join in at Mass. Thank you also to Fr. Gerard and Mrs. O'Connor for her help with the music.

On Wednesday we had our Achievement assembly – a truly beautiful celebration of achievement and of how supportive the children are to each other.

Today the children have all gone home with an Easter egg! This is thanks to the scaffolding company, Equans, at the paragon site. They wanted to say thank you to us for any disruption during the last few weeks.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy and prayerful Easter and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 15th April for the final term of this academic year.

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week

25th March 2024

Reception: Anna & Gabriella
Yr1: Pola & Rebecca
Yr2: Max & Nathaniel
Yr3: Iza & Matilda
Yr4: Julia & Lily
Yr5: Max & Joseph
Yr6: Sasha & Kaydene



Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's designated safeguarding officer: Mrs Cunningham or in her absence the deputy safeguarding officer Mrs Sheehan. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with their line manager, Mrs Cunningham to seek further advice.

We are a PEANUT & NUT FREE SCHOOL

Due to severe allergies of some pupils and staff, please ensure no nut or peanut products are brought into school.

Congratulations to the children in St. Patrick's who received the most house points last week.

The children in St. Patrick's will receive 15 minutes of extra play in Key stage 1.

The children in in Key stage 2 will receive a Homework pass for this week's homework.

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	246
St Andrew	126
St George	193
St David	192
St John	224
Winners	St Patrick

House point winners for this half term

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	1253
St Andrew	1198
St George	1033
St David	1203
St John	1259
Winners	St John

Punctuality & Attendance

Position	Year	%	Late
1st	4	100	1
1st	5	99.3	1
2nd	6	99.3	8
2nd	3	99.3	4
3rd	1	95.3	1
4th	2	91.7	3
5th	Rec	91.4	0
6th	Nur	89.7	4







Congratulations to Year 4 on their 100% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play!

Congratulations to all of the children in St John's.

They were invited to come into school, wearing their own clothes wearing a symbol of white.

School Council update

The School Council have been very busy. Here are some of the things that we have done this year:

- **We have repaired the taps in the boys' toilets upstairs.**
- **We raised money for Children in Need £1224.63.**
- **We celebrated Christmas jumper day and raised £127.**
- **We held Number day and raised £570.55.**
- **We have purchased some paint to paint the benches in our playground.**
- **We celebrated Red Nose day and raised £390.70**
- **We have also purchased some games for Key stage 1 and key stage 2 to play on the benches**

We look forward to doing lots more in the summer term

Writer of the month
March

Reception: Blen
Yr1: Jackson
Yr2: Bella
Yr3: Maria
Yr4: Emmanuel
Yr5: Gabi
Yr6: Chryselle



Sports Leaders

Every week, at celebration assembly, our Sports leaders will be awarding two Stars of the Week.
These stars will be chosen as a result of their contribution, enthusiasm and participation during the activities that the Sports leaders are providing during lunch time play.

This week the winners were Ethan & Elikya



Important Dates - April/May

Monday 15th April
- Beginning of summer term

Wednesday 17th April
- Yr4 cake sale

Thursday 18th April
9:00 Beginning of term mass

Friday 26th April
3:00-5:00 Movie night

Sunday 28th April
- 1st Holy Communion

Monday 29th April
9:00 Yr6 Kingswood meeting

Wednesday 1st May
8:50 Yr5 assembly
- **Nursery & Reception Cake sale**

Friday 3rd May
- **INSET DAY**

Sunday 5th May
- 1st Holy Communion

Monday 6th May
- Bank holiday

Wednesday 8th May
8:50 Yr4 assembly

Thursday 9th May
9:00 Ascension Thursday - mass in church

Monday 3th May-Thursday 16th May
- Yr6 SATS

Friday 17th May– Monday 20th May
- Yr6 Residential trip

Friday 17th May
- Yr4 trip to Sky Studios

Monday 20th May
- Walk to school week

Wednesday 22nd May
8:50 Yr2 assembly

Friday 24th May **Pyjama day**
3:00 End of half term

Achievement awards

	Achievement	Effort	R.E
Rec	Sofia	Wiktor	Modupeola
Yr1	Gabriel	David	Eleanor
Yr2	Rapha	Aatifah	Richard
Yr3	Albie	Kikiyrah	Victoria
Yr4	Julieta	Bronagh	Nathan
Yr5	Arabella	Franky	Naana
Yr6	Maya	Dominik	Ethan

Congratulations to the children who received their award this morning.



Yr3&4 trip to Hampton Court

Last Friday (22nd March), Year 3 and 4 were in awe as we were lucky enough to visit the historic, Hampton Court Palace. We were all in utter shock as we walked around the gardens, all the courtyards, visited the lavish Tudor apartments, huge Tudor kitchens and even had time to see which group could beat each other in the garden maze!
We also got to see the most famous crown from Tudor history - King Henry VIII's.

All the children had a wonderful time, and displayed exemplary behaviour.

A big thank you to all those involved, especially Mrs Potterachi, Miss Fehres, Mrs Sheehan, Ms Ryan, Mrs Harb. Thank you to all the parents in each class who were able to give up their time and support us on our trip.





Yr5&6 Egyptian day

On Monday, Year 5 and 6, went back in time to Ancient Egypt to the 14th century BC, the 8th year of Akhenaten's reign.

The children served as workers finishing the construction of the city. They completed important tasks in ancient Egyptian culture, including embalming, tomb painting and amulet making.

In the afternoon, the children took part in drama and dance workshops and presented their finished pieces to the pharaoh and his wife.

This was a fantastic day and the children enjoyed being immersed in the history that they have been studying over the last half term.





Nursery & Reception stay and play

Reception had parents visit for stay and play this term. We really enjoyed having the parents seeing how we learn. They saw our routines and how much we are developing.
Thank you to all the parents who signed up for stay and play. We look forward to the next visit in the summer term.













Homework club

Mrs. Sheehan & the School council will be running a homework club for the juniors in the ICT suite.

Monday & Tuesdays

12:15-1:00

A huge ‘thank you to Equans for our Easter eggs!

