

# St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

## Friday Note



22nd March 2024

### **Weekly Theme**

Class 8 delivered their assembly all about St Patrick, which led our theme of the week. They considered his importance as the patron saint of Ireland, after bringing Christianity to the country. Well done to the children in Class 8 for showing our Core Value of Courage and speaking publicly. Many thanks to all the adults who came to watch and support.

### **Y6 SATs meeting**

Many thanks to parents/carers who attended the information meeting about Year 6 SATs last week. If you were unable to make the meeting, and would like to find out more, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to provide you with an update.

### **Early Years Workshop**

A big thank you to parents/carers who attended the pre-school workshop last week that was well attended. We had a member of the Early Years team from the local authority join us to share ideas on supporting mental health and well-being. I hope you all enjoyed the session and took away some great ideas for working with your child at home.

### **Local Policing Team**

Last week, our neighbourhood policing team, PC Scott and PCSO Gemma, met children in Key Stage 2. They came initially to introduce themselves to children and to start to build trusting, positive relationships. They returned later in the week to talk to Year 5 and 6 about keeping themselves safe at home, in the community and online. Many thanks to them for joining us.

### **Science Workshops**

All classes enjoyed taking part in Science workshops last week. Many thanks for your contributions to help cover the costs of the visitor who led the sessions.

### **Big Lent Walk**

Well done to everyone for taking part in the Big Lent Walk last week as we continue to fundraise for our charity – CAFOD. The weather was not too kind to us but I am sure it did not spoil our walk with older children buddied up to walk with our younger children. There was a great turn out from parents and relatives who accompanied us on our walk. Thank you very much to everyone who came. Please can we ask that any outstanding donations are sent into school before the Easter break.

### **Reception Sports Festival**

Congratulations to some of our Reception children who took part in their first sporting competition last week. They represented St Gabriel's superbly as they competed against children from other local schools. Well done to Ayush, Penny, Ewura, Avayah, Harrison, Arlo, Milena, Eldar, Alex and Lyla.

### **Year 3 Swimming**

Please note that there will be no swimming next week for Year 3.

### **First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to Maisie and Jensen who received their First Holy Communion during mass at St Ambrose Barlow church last Saturday evening. You looked amazing and were a real credit to your family and St Gabriel's school.

### **Spring Clean**

Many thanks to William, Theo and Jacob who did their first spring clean around the school grounds with our new litter pickers. You did a great job!

### **Clothing Donations**

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to our sustainability clothing initiative by donating old clothes to be recycled. The collection box is overflowing. What a great team effort.

### **Year 4 Bedford High Performance**

On Tuesday evening, Year 4 were invited to watch the spring concert at Bedford High. They were a great audience, representing St Gabriel's superbly. They also showed our Core Values of Courage and Responsibility by going up on stage to perform one of the songs with the students from Bedford High. It was lovely to see some of St Gabriel's past pupils. It was a privilege to see how their talents have blossomed with their participation in the performing arts. Many thanks to the adults who also came along.

### **With You Always**

Year 4 had their final session with Fr Paul this week in their preparation for First Holy Communion, which takes place on Saturday 27th April.

### **Palm Sunday**

This weekend is Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week. We recall Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem as people waved palm branches and shouted 'Hosanna' before his arrest on Holy Thursday. Please try to join us for our parish Mass at St Ambrose Barlow Church, Astley at 6pm on Saturday evening.

### **Easter Reflection**

KS2 have been working hard during rehearsals for their Easter Reflection. It is a lovely occasion for quiet reflection along with the opportunity to observe fantastic singing that we are really proud of. We hope that you can join us on Monday 25th March at 9:15am and/or 2:15pm. Tickets have been sent home this week.

### **Easter Fun Days**

All classes will have the chance, on either 26th or 27th March, to take part in the Easter Fun Days. There will be an Easter egg hunt and lots of Easter-themed games and activities for all children to enjoy. A donation of £3 is requested for each pupil to help towards the costs. Please send all donations in to teachers through the classroom.



### **Easter Raffle**

Raffle tickets have been sent out for our Easter Raffle. This will be drawn next week. If you would like to purchase any extra tickets please contact the office.

### **Easter Holidays**

A reminder that School closes next week on **Wednesday 27th March at the earlier time of 2.30pm. There will be NO after school clubs.**

School re-opens– Thursday 11th April



## AWARD WINNERS THIS WEEK

This week's certificates are awarded to:



**Logan** for showing **RESPECT**



**Ellie, Jack, Layton, Kaira, Logan and Olivia** for showing **COURAGE**



**Willow and Margarita** for showing **LOVE & FORGIVENESS**



**Amelia and Harrison** for showing **RESPONSIBILITY**



Class 3 - **Nina**

Class 4 - **Lewis**

Class 5 - **Harry**

Class 6 - **Rory**

Class 7 - **Colby**

Class 8 - **All Class**

Class 9 - **Maya**

Class 10 - **Lily**

Class 11 - **Max**

Class 12 - **Olu**



For showing **EFFORT** (Star of the Week)

Congratulations and Well Done!

## **Dates for this Half Term.**

**Monday 25th March** - Key Stage 2 Easter Reflection 9.15am and 2.15 pm

**Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March** – Easter Fun Days

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## Attendance

Please see the attendance results for each class last week. Congratulations to Class 2 with the best attendance at 99.09%. It is great to see that 9 classes had attendance higher than 95%. Well done - keep it up. Let's aim for all classes next week.

### **Class attendance for last week:**

Class 1 - 96.67%	Class 7 - 97.33%
Class 2 - 99.09%	Class 8 - 94.84%
Class 3 - 98.46%	Class 9 - 97.93%
Class 4 - 97.60%	Class 10 - 89.33%
Class 5 - 96.00%	Class 11 - 98.06%
Class 6 - 96.92%	Class 12 - 92.50%