

St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Friday Note



8th March 2024

Weekly Theme

This week we discussed Mary, who is mother of Jesus, and our mother too. As we move through this season of Lent and try to pray more, we have prayed the Hail Mary. You may like to say this prayer at home:

Hail Mary, Mother of God
Blessed are thou amongst women
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus,
Holy Mary, Mother of God
Pray for us sinners now
And at the hour of our death
Amen.



Mary provides the example to us of showing our Core Value of Courage as she accepted God's will for her, to give birth to Jesus.

Next Week's Theme

We will focus on our Core Value of 'Forgiveness', as we use this time of Lent to say sorry for our mistakes and ask for forgiveness. This is part of us accepting, that as human beings, we make mistakes and bad decisions but in order to reconcile these we have to be prepared to show forgiveness and move on, without holding grudges.

In the Lord's Prayer, we pray

"Forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us"

World Book Day

This week, we celebrated World Book Day. Many thanks to adults who came to join us and read with our children. A reminder that we expect all children to practice reading at home, at least 3 times per week, as part of their homework. Reading is a key skill which provides us with the ability to access learning across the curriculum and in our daily lives.

Class Assemblies

Well done to Class 5 (Miss Woodhead's Class), who led our assembly this week on the theme of Mothers' Day. Many thanks to parents/carers who came along to support.

Class 8 (Mrs Boardman's Class) will lead the next class assembly on Monday 18th March. Parents/carers of children in Class 8 are invited to join us for a 2:45pm start.

Parent Library

A reminder that we have a library loans facility in the main entrance for parents/carers. Please take a look and feel free to select a book to enjoy.

Curriculum Enrichment

There has been lots going on since we returned from half-term to enrich our learning across different subjects.

- Last week, Year 3 and 4 took part in a pizza making workshop as part of their work in Design and Technology. They used equipment to chop and cut ingredients. They smelt delicious and most children enjoyed eating their pizza creation at the end of the workshop.
- Reception children have taken part in Bikeability sessions this week. They have had good fun and developed balance and core strength needed for cycling.
- We had fantastic support for our Stay and Play sessions in Reception this week. It was lovely to see so many adults enjoying time playing with your children whilst finding out more about what they have been learning.
- Next week, we have the science workshops for all classes, from Pre-school to Year 6. Please can you check that you have sent contributions of £2 in, along with your permission slips.

Next week's events

Year 6

There is a SAT's information meeting for Parents/carers of children in Year 6 next Thursday 14th March. The meeting will start at 2:45pm and will be repeated at 5pm to allow as many parents as possible to attend. We will share important information about what SAT's week entails and how you can support your child in preparation to do their best. We will also share ideas on how to alleviate stress and worry.

Big Lent Walk

Next Friday 15th March, we will combine our Fit Friday with our big Lenten Walk. We are aiming to raise money for our chosen charity - CAFOD. Please bring a £1 contribution.

It would be lovely to have as many families as possible join us for this walk. If you, or a relative, would like to accompany us, please let teachers know through seesaw or Class Dojo.

As it is Fit Friday, but we will be walking around the local area, please can we ask that children wear their P.E tracksuits so they can be easily identified. (It is **NOT** own clothes day).

As the route may be muddy, children can bring wellies or an old pair of trainers to walk in. Please check that they fit as we cannot do much to address footwear that is rubbing mid-walk.

Before we set off on our walk, Key Stage 2 children will celebrate our usual Friday morning Mass with Fr Paul. Parents/carers of all children are welcome to join us for Mass which will begin at 9:15am. We are aiming to set off on our walk at about 10am. When we return to school, there will be refreshments available for family members who have kindly given their time to join us.

Parish Mass

You may want to consider coming along to our Parish Mass which is held each Saturday evening in St Ambrose Barlow Church, Astley at 6pm. As we move through this season of Lent, it would be lovely to see families from our school community join together in prayer and reflection as we prepare for the great celebration of Easter.

Y4 'With You Always'

There is a separate letter that has been sent home with children in Y4, who will receive First Holy Communion this year. A reminder that there is just one date for all children which is Saturday 27th April at 2pm, in Holy Family Church, Boothstown.

Parent Feedback

Many thanks to everyone who attended parents' meetings before half term. Your feedback is extremely positive. Thank you for all your comments and we will try to address any suggestions you have made. The feedback is attached - We are really proud that 99% of parents tell us that their children are happy and feel safe in school.

Mothers' Day

As we celebrate Mothers' Day this weekend, I would like to thank all the special ladies who give their love and care to our children. I hope you have a lovely day and realise just how much you are appreciated.

Clothing Donations

We have received our box for our charity Collection4clothes. We will be accepting donations of unwanted/pre loved clothes each Friday until Friday 15th March. Thank you for any support you can give for this great charity.

Key Stage 2 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. More information on tickets will follow.

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 will be sent home next week for our Easter Raffle. If you would like to purchase any extra tickets, please contact the school office.

AWARD WINNERS THIS WEEK

This week's certificates are awarded to:



Braelan, Santiago, Beau and Aamina for showing **LOVE & FORGIVENESS**



Stacy, Oscar, Jaxon, Amarah and Ayo for showing **RESPONSIBILITY**



Class 3 - Michael & Emilis

Class 4 - Daisy

Class 5 - Nikita

Class 6 - Mia

Class 7 - Kaiden

Class 8 - Ellie

Class 9 - Maya

Class 10 - Emma

Class 11 - Ruby

Class 12 - Brian

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

Congratulations and Well Done!



Reading

Our green readers this week are Class 7, 9 and 12. With Class 12 achieving 97%



Dates for this Half Term.

Thursday 14th March - Y6 parent meeting re SAT's 2.30pm or 5pm

Friday 15th March – Fit Friday & Big Lent walk after Mass at 9:15am to which parents are invited.

Monday 25th March - Key Stage 2 Easter Reflection 9.15am and 2.15 pm (more information on tickets will follow)

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

Easter Holidays-

School closes on **Wednesday 27th March at 2.30pm**

School re-opens– **Thursday 11th April**

Attendance

Please see the attendance results for each class last week. Congratulations to Class 2 with the best attendance at 98.81%. It is great to see that 6 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 –96.88 %	Class 7 - 95.83%
Class 2 - 98.81%	Class 8 - 96.77%
Class 3 - 88.94%	Class 9 - 89.73%
Class 4 - 91.50%	Class 10 - 92.50%
Class 5 - 97.00%	Class 11 - 97.58%
Class 6 - 93.75%	Class 12 - 91.02%