

St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Friday Note



19th April 2024

Weekly Theme

This week we have discussed the significance of this great season of Easter. In keeping with our Mission 'Pray, Learn, Achieve and Celebrate Together' we had a wonderful Mass where we celebrated Jesus rising from the dead to bring new life. The singing was amazing and very inspiring. Parishioners commented on how 'moved' they were by our children's behaviour, reverence and participation in Mass responses and singing. Olive and Jack also sang a beautiful duet of 'Amazing Grace.' Well done to everyone.

Thank you to parents who joined us too.

Next week's theme is linked to St George - the patron Saint of England - and his example of showing our Core Value of 'Courage'.

Class Assembly

Mr Howes' class will lead the whole school assembly on Monday 22nd April. Parents/Carers of children in Class 7 are welcome to join us for a 2:45pm start.

Year 5 Visit

On Tuesday 23rd April, Year 5 are visiting Crucial Crew in Wigan. The workshops are linked to all aspects of safety and children have found these very interesting and useful in the past. Please can you ensure consent forms and a £3 contribution are received by Monday next week.

Key Stage 1 visit to Lytham

Year 1 and 2 had a fantastic day out at Lytham - exploring the Geographical features of the coast and seaside. They were very lucky with the weather and had the opportunity to play and build sandcastles on the beach. Children represented school superbly with respectful behaviour. Many thanks to the adults who joined us for the visit.

Year 5/6 visit to Liverpool

Year 5 and 6 children enjoyed their visit to the Synagogue in Liverpool. Again, their behaviour was exemplary - showing respect and reverence for this special place of worship. They were in awe of how beautiful and ornate the Synagogue was and asked some interesting questions, making links between Judaism and Christianity. Thanks to adults who joined us for this visit.

Walking Bus

On Monday 22nd April, to celebrate Earth Day, you are invited to join our Walking Bus home. We will be meeting outside the front gate at 3:20pm and following the route (which has been sent out on Class Dojo). Parents/Carers must accompany their children.

Bolton Wanderers Trip

We took forty children to watch Bolton Wanderers vs Shrewsbury this week. This was a great experience and members of the public commented on the good manners and behaviour of our children. It was a late night but very enjoyable - and a draw was better than a defeat.

Leigh Leopards Rugby Match

Mrs Worden has organised for all children at St Gabriel's to attend the Leigh Leopards rugby match next Friday evening for free - which is fantastic news.

All children, plus 2 adults and siblings are able to go along and support Leigh as they play Catalans next week.

Separate letters have been sent home with further information.

Please note parents/carers are responsible for accompanying their children to the match.

If you want to take advantage of this offer, we need you to return the request for tickets slip by **Tuesday 23rd April** so we can ensure we have sufficient places for everyone who wishes to attend.

New Reception Intake for Reception

If your child has been allocated a Reception place for September, you need to confirm that you want to accept the place by contacting the school office by **Tuesday 30th April**.

First Holy Communion

Our First Holy Communion date is fast approaching. A reminder that this will take place on Saturday 27th April at Holy Family Church, Boothstown. Children need to arrive by 2:45pm. Parents are invited to a 5-10 minute meeting on Tuesday 23rd April at 3:15pm, where any questions can be answered.

Ties and rosary beads will be distributed at the meeting and alternative arrangements made for anyone who can't attend.

Traffic light letters

Today everyone will receive their attendance certificate. These letters are issued each term, to keep you updated and detail your child's current attendance.

Green - 100% to 96% - Best chances of success, Fantastic!
Yellow - 95% to 94%- Worrying. Less chance of success, NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT.
Red - 93% and below. Very poor with serious concern. DANGER ZONE PERSISTENT ABSENTEE. Referral to attendance enforcement may be needed

Punctuality

Timekeeping is also important in the education of your child. It ensures that lessons start on the most positive footing, it avoids classroom disruption, and it helps children work and achieve their full potential. ***School doors open at 8.40am and school starts at 8.50am promptly.***

Dates for this Term.

Monday 22nd April - Class 7 assembly (Mr Howes' class). Parents are welcome to join us for a 2:45pm start.

Friday 3rd May - Fit Friday

Friday 3rd May - Y4 'With You Always' children to bring their First Communion clothes to wear during Mass in school.

Monday 13th May - Year 6 SAT'S Week

Thursday 16th May - Year 5 and 6 Sports Day at 2pm (Weather permitting)

Friday 17th May - Year 1 and 2 Sports Day at 9:15am (Weather permitting)

Monday 20th - Friday 24th May - Y5/6 Low Bank Ground Visit

Thursday 23rd May - Year 3 and 4 Sports Day at 2pm (Weather permitting)

Friday 24th - Sunday 26th May - Y3/4 Low Bank Ground Visit

Friday 24th May - Reception Sports Day at 2pm (Weather permitting)

Friday 24th May - School closes for Half Term

Monday 27th May - 31st May - Half Term

Monday 3rd June - Staff INSET day - school closed to children

Tuesday 4th June - School re-opens for Summer 2 half term

Friday 14th June - Mrs Hughes class to lead assembly. Parents/carers welcome to join us for a 2:45pm start.

Wednesday 19th June - Pre-school visit to Smithills Farm

Friday 21st June - Fit Friday

Thursday 27th June - New Reception Intake Meeting (times TBC)

Thursday 4th July - Y6 end of year visit

Tuesday 16th July - Reception visit to Imagine That

Tuesday 16th July - Year 6 children end of year celebration 3:20pm - 5pm

Wednesday 17th July - Class 2 assembly. Parents/carers welcome to join us for a 2:45pm start.

Thursday 18th July - Class 1 assembly. Parents/carers welcome to join us for a 2:45pm start.

Friday 19th July - Year 6 Leavers' assembly. Parents/carers welcome to join us for a 1:30pm start.

Friday 19th July - School closes at **2:30pm** for the summer break.

AWARD WINNERS THIS WEEK

This week's certificates are awarded to:



Amelia, Heesmat and Max for showing **RESPECT**



Oshay for showing **COURAGE**



Sapphire and Harley for showing **LOVE & FORGIVENESS**



Joshua, Rose, Angela, Paige and Phoebe for showing **RESPONSIBILITY**



Class 3 - All Class

Class 4 - Sofia

Class 5 - Chelsie

Class 6 - Ellie

Class 7 - Willow

Class 8 - Marco

Class 9 - Braxton

Class 10 - Lilly

Class 11 - Jacob

Class 12 - Ava



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

Congratulations and Well Done!