

St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

Friday Note



27th September 2024

Weekly Theme

Next week, we will continue to think about the role of Angel Gabriel, as the messenger for God. We will be joined by Fr Nicholas, a priest who was brought up in Ghana. He will share his experiences with us which we are looking forward to.



St Gabriel's Feast Day/Macmillan Coffee Morning

Today, we celebrated the Feast Day of St Gabriel, the patron saint of our school with Mass then the Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was lovely to have so many parents and visitors celebrate with us. I hope you enjoyed listening to our children singing beautifully in Mass. We have raised £297 for Macmillan—thank you for your generosity. All children shared cake as part of our school celebration.

CAFOD Harvest

We will be supporting CAFOD's harvest appeal this autumn as part of our fundraising work.

Fit Friday

Friday 4th October is our first 'Fit Friday' this year. Children may wear their own sports clothes or their PE tracksuit to take part in physical activities. We ask that you either make a £1 contribution or send an item of food for the foodbank.

Ofsted Inspection

As you know, our school was inspected by OFSTED this week. Many thanks to parents/carers who either provided feedback online or in person this week. Your support is very much appreciated. Our children were amazing and many were selected to speak to inspectors which they did with great responsibility, confidence and positivity. We are very proud of them. I look forward to sharing the report with you once it is published in a few weeks time.

Y6 Visit to St Mary's

Year 6 enjoyed their visit to St Mary's High School this week, experiencing high school routines and sample lessons. They behaved superbly and represented our school with responsible attitudes and courteous manners. Well done.

Transition to High School.

Your child's transition to high school is an important decision for you. We are privileged to have Mrs Brahms, the headteacher from St Mary's High School, visiting us, on Friday 4th October, to talk to parents and children in Years 4-6. Please try to come along to help you make an informed decision about your choice of high school. This meeting will start at 3:20pm.

High School applications

The online application form for High School places for children going into Y7 2025 is now open.

You will need to apply for a secondary school place before the closing date for applications, which is **31st October 2024**.

The application form is available through the web page at [Secondary schools \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/secondary-schools), before an application is made you must read the 'Applying for a Y7 place' booklet which is available on the web page. The booklet will explain how applications are considered, the oversubscription criteria for all Wigan Secondary School and how to apply.

As part of the online application form the system, you may be asked for a UID however, You **do not** need the UID number to apply, you just need to click no UID.

If you require any additional support or have any questions, please contact the Admissions Team at their customer contact centre on 01942 489013 or email schoolplaces@wigan.gov.uk.

A list of the Open Evenings has been previously sent out via email.

Parent Governor Elections

We have two parent governor places available. The nomination forms have been sent home. The parent governor role is to support the Governing Board with strategic decisions, contributing views from a parental perspective.

Please note this is not a 'parent spokesperson' role and you cannot get involved in individual concerns.

If you are interested in putting yourself forward for this role, please complete the nomination form and return to school by 12pm on Thursday 10th October.

Complaints

A positive working relationship between home and school is important for your child's education. There may be times when you wish to raise concerns or need clarification on specific matters.

Please rest assured that we want to work with you to address your concerns. If you wish to raise a concern, it is necessary to follow the complaints procedure.

In Short:

1– Speak to class teacher

2– speak to a member of SLT with responsibility for your Childs year, or for pastoral matters ask for Mrs Ashurst.

3– If the matter cannot be resolved, arrange to meet with Mrs Williams.

4– At this stage, your concerns may be escalated to our Chair of Governors.

Residential Trips

There re two residential visits booked for this academic year. Separate letters, with further details, have been sent home.

1 - Y6 residential to Dobroyd Castle on Monday 2nd-Wenesday 4th June.

2 - Y3/4 residential weekend to Low Bank Ground, Coniston on Friday 23rd—Sunday 25th May.

Bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis. We are sending this information now to give you plenty time to cover the costs with a payment plan.

Date for your Diary

Parent's evening will take place on Wednesday 16th October. Forms will be sent home next week for you to request your preferred time slot.

AWARD WINNERS THIS WEEK

This week's certificates are awarded to:

★ **Emilia, Summer, Amelia and Louie** for showing **RESPECT**

★ **Jack, Mia, Micheal and Margarita** for showing **LOVE**

★ **Lily-Rose** for showing **HONESTY & COURAGE**



Class 3 - **Alfie**

Class 4 - **Autumn**



Class 5 - **Roland**



Class 6 - **Hiva**

Class 7 - **Sophia**

Class 8 - **Elara**



Class 9 - **Miki**



Class 10 - **Isla**

Class 11 - **Freddie**

Class 12- **Charlie**

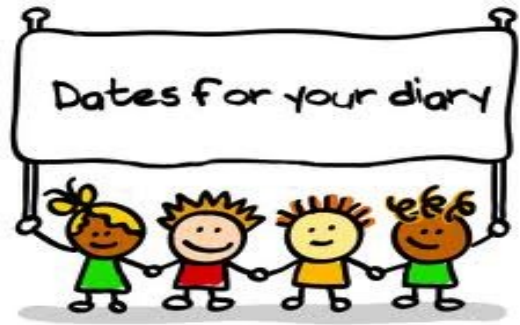


Class 13- **Rae**



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

Congratulations and Well Done!



4th October-

Fit Friday

St Mary's Headteacher visit to speak to Y5/6 Parents.

8th October-

Y/5 Trip to Chester Zoo

14th October

Class 13 assembly on E-safety

16th October

Parents Evening

18th October

Close for half term