



St. Monica's Primary School

Newsletter 12th January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a cold one this week, but we are glad for a pause in the rain!

This week the staff have begun our OPAL (outdoor play and learning) journey, with a whole staff training session, and the first strategy meeting where we audited our current play provision. Our OPAL mentor, Beth, spent lunchtime with the children yesterday and she was very complimentary about them saying how friendly, caring and fun their play was. The children have lots of ideas of what they would like to see improved in their play experience, and we will be working closely with them through the process. As this is a strategic change in the way we look at and provide for play experiences, it is a journey of 18-24 months to become established. We are in the process of setting up the OPAL Working Party group, and beginning on our first step - establishing our policy for play. It is an exciting journey to be on, and one which we know will support all children in school in having the best play experiences they can. Watch this space for OPAL news, which we will put out regularly so that you are kept abreast of where we are up to, what help we need, donation requests and good news stories from the children.



Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs J Pearson

Clubs

We have had a fantastic start to our clubs this term. We still have some spaces available in KS1 Board Games on Mondays and French Club on Fridays.

There are also spaces available in KS2 Choir on Thursdays. The choir have an exciting opportunity coming up this term, and will be performing with 4 other schools in an evening concert at the Brindley Theatre in Runcorn on Tuesday 19th March. Details of this will be sent out to the choir members so that you can get the date in your diaries and buy tickets from school for the event. We currently have 9 pupils signed up for junior choir this term, and it would be lovely if we had a few more members to join us. We have a lot of pupils in school who love to sing and you would be very welcome. Rehearsals are Thursdays 3.30-4.30pm.

Please contact the school office if you would like to register your child for any of these clubs. Thank you. Could I also politely remind parents that any payment for chargeable clubs must be made by Monday 15th January.

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Dates for your diary

20th February—Y4 First Reconciliation Parents Meeting in school at 6pm

25th February—Reconciliation Enrolment Mass at 10am

28th February—Y3 First Eucharist Parents Meeting in school

3rd March—First Eucharist Enrolment Mass at 10am

26 March—Passion Play at 6pm

Assemblies

2nd Feb—Y5 Swifts

9th Feb— Reception Pupils

1st March—All Y1 and Y2 Pupils

Trips

23/01—Blackbirds Y3 to Warrington Museum (ParentPay and Google Form must be completed by Monday 15th January)

25/01—Swifts Y5 to Jodrell Bank (ParentPay and Google Form must be completed by Monday 15th January)

05/02—Young Voices at Manchester Arena

Date TBC—Y1 and Y2 to Delamere Forest (The date for this trip will now be in June/July)

Open Day

Thank you to everyone who kindly shared our Open Day Leaflet on their social media pages. We had another successful day showing new families our school.

Plea for sponsorship

With the school budget being as tight as it is, I would like to reach out to our St Monica's community for sponsorship help with some projects in school.

Our first project we would really appreciate help with is to upgrade the facilities in the staffroom. Our kitchen area for staff is small, and our appliances are now coming to the end of their life. In particular our fridges (we have two small ones) and our dishwasher are not working to their optimum, and have parts broken due to age. Do you know a kitchen company who would take this on as a charitable project? Do you know someone who can sponsor us to raise money to replace the white goods?

Following our plea for sponsorship, we'd like to say a huge thank you to one of our St Monica's families who are gifting the staffroom with a new fridge.

Any help you can provide in talking to contacts would be highly appreciated. The children and their resources always come first, which is how the staffroom has not had the share of the love it desperately needs.

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Library competition



By the Librarians

Alba, Alyssa, Eve, Annabelle, Maya, George and Daisy

KS1 Competition

The competition for KS1 is to make a book cover about anything they wish. It could be about aliens attacking the universe or a magical fairy from a faraway land.

KS2 Competition

The competition for KS2 is to make a book cover about spreading love and kindness around the world. Make sure it is very colourful! Good luck guys!

KS1 and KS2 Runner Up

The KS1 and KS2 Runner up prize is a back of pens with a door hanger. It will be announced on Friday 26th January 2024. All entries need to be handed in to the Year 6 classroom by Tuesday 23rd January please.

KS1 and KS2 Winners

The KS1 winner will be awarded a colouring book and a door hanger.

The KS2 winner will be awarded a diary and a door hanger.

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FOSM are excited to share the events we have planned in for this year, we are really looking forward to them.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Rainbow day - Monday 22nd January
- Family Bingo - date to be confirmed
- Adults Quiz Night - date to be confirmed
- Easter Egg hunt - Wednesday 27th March
- Summer disco - date to be confirmed

More details will be sent out closer to the dates.

If anyone has any ideas or would like to get more involved in helping with these events please email FOSM or let your class rep know.

Money raised over the last couple of years was put towards:

- Guitar lessons
- Little Wandle scheme subscription
- Ballet
- Stage
- Sunshine room
- Prayer room

This years money will go towards:

- Guitar lessons
 - New library books
 - Books to go towards the new reading scheme
- New outdoor seating, which we are hoping to get soon.
- And lots more, watch this space.

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RAINBOW DAY

Please bring in a donation for the colour of your year
in exchange you can wear the
COLOURS of the RAINBOW
Monday 22nd January



Robins - Purple
Blackbirds - Blue
Swifts - Green

Wrens - Red
Kingfishers - Orange
Skylarks - Yellow



**Prizes for
Bingo Night**

St Monica's Staff will wear pink and bring in donations for a prize.

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