



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School, A Voluntary Academy
NEWSLETTER - Friday 15th October 2021
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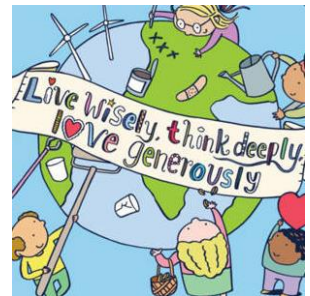


Dear Parents and Carers,

In this month of October, we pray to our Mother Mary, who is also our Trust patron saint. It's a special month where we honour Our Lady, so the children have been learning about The Rosary. We invite you to honour Our Lady at home, so please find this link to learning how to pray this special, traditional prayer in your homes too: <https://ndcys.com/how-to-pray-the-rosary/>.

Harvest Mission Week

During Harvest Mission Week, we focussed our efforts on putting others first, following Our Lady's example. We gathered so many generous donations of food for the food bank and pennies for CAFOD, so a huge thank you to all families for your continued support in our efforts to be good disciples. The stage full of foods is going off to the food bank and we managed to raise an amazing £240.84 in school. Added to the parish's £233.25, this makes an incredible total of £474.09! Well done to you all! You've all played a big part in supporting Pope Francis' mission for us to take care of our common home and all who live in it. For more information, visit CAFOD's Go Green and Give campaign and recap Pope Francis' encyclical through the video clip: <https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Primary-teaching-resources/Laudato-Si-for-children>. Thank you.



Joint school parish mission Tins for Stables
£ 233.25 raised from parish
£ 240.84 raised from school
Total: £474.09



World Mental Health Day

In addition to brightening up for Harvest, we all wore yellow on Friday 8th October and spent time thinking about ways to make sure we feel good in ourselves. We learned that we all feel good, bad, happy and sad at different points, and that this is ok. We learned that there are always people here for us, to listen and support, so we're never alone and must always reach out and look out for people who might need our help or our smiles too. A great story was shared as part of each class' liturgy. Anyone who wants to view this again can find it at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UmrUV8v-KQg>

Diversity and Black History Month

Black History Month gives everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture. It also serves as a reminder of the incredible beauty of our diverse communities. It inspires us to celebrate our differences and recognise that we are all unique and important parts of the Body of Christ. Think this week about what you bring to your community and just how much you receive from those around you.

Our Y1 children led a beautiful whole school Collective Worship on 'DIVERSITY', including a wonderful story called 'Mixed', read by the author Arree Chung. You might enjoy sharing the story at home too: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mn0ep5u0kZo>. Mrs. Lund, Y1 and the Chaplaincy Team set us all a mission to research lots of inspiring black leaders and role models who have showed great courage and determination in standing up for equality and doing what God wants us all to do - to make our beautiful world fair and equal for all. Over half term, we want you to find out about an inspiring black person. Draw, craft or paint their picture and write a summary of their brilliant achievements and we'll add them to the new display. We can't wait to see and share an amazing gallery of inspiring black individuals! Each class in school has spent time learning about a range of role models to start the mission off, so good luck with your art work to celebrate these great heroes of our time!

Mansfield Town in the Community

On Wednesday of this week, we welcomed 'Mansfield Town in the community' to St Patrick's. They delivered an inspiring assembly which focussed on diversity and the values of treating everyone with respect.

Foundation Governor Vacancy

Our school Local Governing Body currently has a vacancy for a Foundation Governor. If you are a practising Catholic and are interested in finding out more about this role, please feel most welcome to contact myself. Mrs Maria Keay, Chair of our Local Governing Body would then be delighted to discuss this position with yourself.

Parents Evening

Many thanks to all our families for attending their child's parent's evening appointment. We had an excellent take up of appointments. We are very grateful for your support in working in partnership with us to provide the very best education for your children.

Use of the Internet

The **National Online Safety** is an organisation that specialises in ICT and Online Safety. It is a free guide for parents and covers issues such as spam messages, Stranger Danger etc. Please help spread the message about keeping children safe on the internet by retweeting their online guide for parents and carers:

<https://twitter.com/nationalsafety/status>

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/> Along with this website www.thinkuknow.co.uk is another useful website full of ways to keep children safe whilst on the internet.

The advice is: If you are buying your child any digital device, please make sure they do not have unsupervised access to the internet and also make sure you know how to use it as well.

Extra Curricular Clubs for the second half of the Autumn term.

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| After School | Art and Craft | Netball | | Band ICT | |

Y6 Application to Secondary Schools:

Parents of children in Y6 should now be in the process of applying for their secondary school place. This must be done before the **31st October 2021**. A reminder that applications should be made through NCC's school admissions website. Our secondary feeder school is All Saints. If you are applying for this school, please put them as your first choice and ensure you also complete the supplementary form. If you do not complete the application on time, your application will be classed as a late application and you will not be considered until after all other places have been allocated. At this point you will be allocated your nearest school which may not be the one you have selected. If you have any questions/queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We have enjoyed a wonderful start to the new academic year, our children have played, prayed and worked very hard and deserve a fantastic half term break! Well done, everyone!

On behalf of the school community, may we wish you a happy half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 1ST November.

In prayer and partnership,
Mrs J Smedley,
Headteacher.