



Holy Family School Newsletter - 24

Friday 18th March 2022

With Christ at the centre, we live, love and learn together, reaching out to all. Together, with Jesus, we can do it!



'Only the best is good enough'

CONGESTION AT GATES DURING HOME TIME

We have spoken with a few parents who were concerned at the congestion at the middle gate leading on to the front playground. This gate is small, so it was posing some difficulties for some parents trying to get into the playground whilst others were trying to exit at the same time. This was particularly troublesome for parents with prams etc. We have trialled a one-way system the past few days and this seems to have helped. However, this has resulted in some congestion on the car park gate.

Therefore, we will encourage parents to use common sense and good etiquette going forward. We will give parents a choice to choose which way to enter and exit but we will encourage people who are coming on to the front playground to enter either via the **car park gate** and then walk through the side yellow gates or enter **via the middle gate** and either exit through this gate or walk through the side yellow gates and exit **via the main car park gates**. Basically, please enter and exit via the gate that isn't the most congested. Hope this all makes sense.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK

This week we have had a successful Science week throughout the school. Pupils have enjoyed taking part in the 'Curly Wurly' challenge. Trying to beat the record for stretching a Curly Wurly, which is actually over a mighty 4 metres!

To fit in with the theme of 'growth', across the school the challenge is on to grow the tallest sunflower. We planted our seeds this week and will tend to them until the Summer Term when we will see whose is the biggest. Mr Quigley and Mrs Wall/Mrs Corker are already certain that theirs is going to be the winner!

We have also enjoyed other activities in class including visits from parents who work in different scientific fields and have kindly volunteered to speak to children. We really appreciate them taking the time to educate us about their profession and spark curiosity about science in our pupils.

Y5 COHORT CLASS MASS

Fr. Matthew was in school on Wednesday to celebrate mass with our Y5 cohort. The children and staff really enjoyed the time to sit and reflect in silence.

ATTENDANCE NEWS

The race for our Pizza Party is on!! Remember any class that gets 100% receives 2 green marks that week! Attendance for this week from the 14th to 18th March is as follows:

Green - 97%+, **Yellow** - 94%+, **Red** - 93.9% & below

Class	% Score	Rating	Total amount of green won this term
Ms O'Neill (Yr6)	93%	Red	3
Mrs Macaulay/Mrs Faulkner (Yr5/6)	93%	Red	3
Ms McCoy (Yr5)	95%	Yellow	2
Ms Monaghan (Yr4)	92%	Red	4
Ms Williams (Yr3/4)	89%	Red	4
Mrs. Davey (Yr3)	94%	Yellow	2
Ms Jones (Yr2)	97%	Green	7
Ms Donohue (Yr1/2)	94%	Green	7
Ms Wiggins (Yr1)	97%	Green	8
Ms Kendall (Rec)	96%	Yellow	8
Ms Mottram (Rec)	97%	Green	7

TENNIS TASTER SESSIONS

The children in Year 3-6 will be taking part in a taster tennis session with LFC Foundation.

The children will be completing the sessions in their uniform, but they will need to bring in appropriate shoes for this session.

Y4 will have their session on 22nd March.

GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL

This year each class will be selling raffle tickets for 20p each from 4th April until 12th April for a prize of 2 large Easter eggs per class to be drawn on 12th April. All proceeds raised will be sent to the Good Shepherd Appeal. Come on children save all your 20p's!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Wow! What a lovely sight it was with a sea of green around school to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Once again thank you all for making such a great effort!



BIKEABILITY

The Bikeability team were in school this week to hold sessions for Y3 and Y4. For those who missed their class session due to Bikeability cancelling a few weeks back, your new dates are 3rd/4th/5th/6th and 9th of May. Parents have been informed of their child's date via the app. Y5 will be having their Bikeability sessions from 4th to 12th April, however we have received a call this morning to let us know that Bikeability are having staffing issues. We will notify all parents for their child's day via the app once we have received confirmation from the team at Bikeability.

PARENT'S EVENINGS Y6

Parents of pupils in Year 6 will have received information regarding parents' evenings via the app. Please make sure you go onto the app and book your appointment, if you have booked 2 appointments in error, please let the office staff know so that they can free up one of the appointments not needed for another parent.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Our extra-curricular clubs have now resumed with the children all having a great time. If you haven't yet paid for your club, can you please pay as soon as possible. If you are having difficulty logging into ParentPay, please call the school office and they will let you have your log in details again.

The clubs are:

Monday - Well-being Club (Yr 1 and Yr 2), Dance (£15 for Yr 3 and Yr 4) SATs Club (Y6)

Tuesday - Ninja Warrior (£15 for Yr 1 and Yr 2), Book Club (Yr 3 and Yr 4), Netball (Yr 5 and Yr 6), Well Being club (Reception)

Wednesday - Hockey (Yr 5 and Yr 6), Taekwondo (£15 for Yr 5 and Yr 6)

Thursday - Multi-Sports (Yr 1 and Yr 2), Reading Plus club (Yr 5 and Yr 6)

Friday - Tag Rugby (Yr 3 and Yr 4), Football Tots (£15 for Reception)

Can we please remind you all that all after school clubs finish at 4.15p.m. this is especially important that the children are collected on time for the clubs taken by external providers.

SCHOOL TRIPS

If you haven't yet signed the permission slip for your child attending the Y5/6 trip on 29th March on the App or made a payment on ParentPay, please do so as soon as possible.

Y3&4 will be visiting the Catalyst Museum in Widnes on 26th April, more information will be sent out nearer the time.

All key stage 2 children will be going to the Empire Theatre on 17th June to see David Walliams' Billionaire Boy. More details will follow.

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<https://www.parishofstjohnvianney.co.uk/newsletter>

ABSENCE REPORTING

Can we please ask you not to call school to let us know if your child is absent or has an appointment **if you have already sent it in on the App**. This helps to free up school telephone lines. All Apps are opened as soon as they arrive informing office staff of any absences or appointments booked. Thank you for your support.

MARIE CURIE DAFFODILS

Mrs. Reeves and our school council are currently selling the yellow Marie Curie daffodil badges for a donation of 20p. If you would like to purchase a badge, please send in 20p with your child. All monies raised will be taken to Marie Curie. Thank you for your support

GREAT BIG SCHOOL CLEAN 2022

Y3/4W are campaigning to help keep Britain tidy as they will be taking part in the Great British Spring Clean, due to showing a great interest in looking after our environment.

The children will be completing lots of different activities from the 28th March - 8th April 2022 in school and around our local area, joining in with the #BigBagChallenge. As a class, we are pledging to pick up as much litter as we can and organising recyclable/non-recyclable waste in school. Knowsley Council are providing the children with rubbish bags, litter pickers and gloves to use for the duration of the campaign.

FAMILY LEARNING

Please see the flier attached to the end of the newsletter from Family Learning with information for free parenting courses.

AID TO UKRAINE

To donate or to help the people of Ukraine please use the following link for Red Cross supporting Ukrainians in war crisis:

https://donate.redcross.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-crisis-appeal?c_code=175151&c_source=google&c_name=Ukraine%20Crisis%20Appeal&adg=pure%20brand&c_creative=brand&c_medium=cpc&gclid=CjwKCAiAJoeRBhAJEiwAYY3nDHBXfBZuRkuPL7yWfHOa2CZtY5SOCDndw8H33CDkoVUgs_43h2YVvhoCROQQAvD_BwE

Or just this one for donations to Ukraine is in the first page:

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/>

Please see information at the end of the newsletter sent to all schools by the Archdiocese of Liverpool requesting your help at this distressing time for the people of Ukraine.

Thank you for your support.

A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their
choices.

We pray for the world
that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity
to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways
so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.



BIG WALK AND WHEEL WEEK CHALLENGE

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge and a great campaign to be involved in.

The events aim is to encourage more families to travel to school actively helping to create healthier and happier communities. On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can record the greatest proportion of their pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school. We have decided to enter this competition and there are prizes to be won each day.

This year's challenge will run from 21 March- 1 April. It's more important now than ever to travel actively. Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine. It helps them arrive to school more relaxed and alert and is great for their mental wellbeing too. [A 2021 YouGov study](#) showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school and that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels. Taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel and travelling actively instead of driving is a great and fun way to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. For those of you who need to travel in a vehicle, the challenge is for you to park away from school and complete at least a 10 minute active travel to school.

Please see additional information at the end of the newsletter.

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

Miss Bird who has been employed with us as a 1:1 teaching assistant will be leaving us on 31st March 2022. Miss Bird joined Holy Family a few years ago as a 1:1 teaching assistant and was due to leave when the child she was supporting transitioned to secondary school. Another 1:1 position became available with Miss Bird taking up the post but as this child left our school to go to another school in January, Miss Bird was due to leave then, however she has remained with us for a couple of months longer until the end of the financial year. Miss Bird has been a great asset to Holy Family and we will be sorry to see her leave. We wish her the very best of luck for the future.



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BIG WALK AND WHEEL

21 March - 1 April 2022

Go on an amazing journey every day

- Be active and feel more energised
- Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- Help your school win some fantastic prizes

Are you taking part in the UK's biggest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling to school competition?

21 March - 1 April 2022

www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk

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2. Understanding your baby (postnatal)
- 3a. Understanding your child (0-19+ yrs, main course)
- 3b. Understanding your child with additional needs (0-19+ yrs, main course)
4. Understanding your teenager's brain (short course)
5. Understanding your brain (for teenagers only!)
6. Understanding your child's feelings (a taster course)
7. Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing (accompanies 3a and/or 3b)
8. Understanding your relationships (coming soon!)

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