

I know the children have really enjoyed this week. We have had our annual science day where we were visited by Nerys from The Royal Institute. It was amazing to see a real scientist at work teaching us all about food. I hope that the parents who were able to join us at the family workshop at the end of the day thoroughly enjoyed the experience also. We have also had a visit from some guide dogs and their trainers to talk to us about the very important work that they do. Please look on Twitter for some photographs from our amazing science day. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all the mums in our school community a very Happy Mother's day.

Stars of the week:

Pre-school – Amelia and Eleanor

Reception – Leevi and Charlie

Year 1 – Brandon and Lily

Year 2 – Maddie and Katie-Mae

Year 3 – Aurora and Isla R

Year 4 – Edward and Blanka

Year 5 – Mariana and Jack

Year 6 – Sonny and Lucy

Out of Hours Club – Molly

Lunchtime stars – Catherine, Gabriela, Aoife, Isla B, Nathan, Noah, Sonny

Parking:

Recently, we have had several complaints from our school neighbours about parking at the beginning and end of the school day. I know that parking is very difficult at these times but can I please ask that everyone parks courteously without blocking anyone's drive. Thank you.

Mrs Hughes:

I am delighted to be able to share the news that Mrs Hughes is expecting her first baby. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Hughes and her husband. 😊

Easter Club:

Progressive sports will be running a sports club during the second week of the Easter holidays. This will be free for pupils eligible for free school meals but places are also available for parents who wish to pay for care during that week or are simply looking for activities to keep their children busy. Please see the school office if you require further details. Thank you.

Important Dates:

Tuesday 21st March – Mothers' day afternoon tea (more details to follow)

Wednesday 22nd March – Y5 cake sale

Wednesday 22nd March – Friends KS2 Easter bingo 3.15pm – 4.15pm (more details to follow)

Wednesday 22nd March – Reconciliation for Y3 pupils receiving the Sacraments 6pm St John's

Friday 24th March – Mass led by Reception class (All welcome)

Tuesday 28th March – Parent consultation evening

Wednesday 29th March – Rec/Y6 cake sale

Thursday 30th March – Parent consultation evening

Friday 31st March – Mass led by Ministers of Faith and Virtues team (all welcome)

Friday 31st March – EYFS and KS1 Easter bonnet parade 2.15pm

Friday 31st March – Easter egg decorating competition – KS2 / Easter egg raffle

Friday 31st March – School closes for Easter holiday

Prayer for Lent:

God, heavenly Father,
look upon me and hear my prayer
during this holy Season of Lent.
By the good works You inspire,
help me to discipline my body
and to be renewed in spirit.
Without You I can do nothing.
By Your Spirit help me to know what is right
and to be eager in doing Your will.
Amen

Attendance Matters:

Good attendance at school is vitally important if pupils are to reach their full potential. Congratulations to Y6 with the highest attendance for the year so far. Please note that our target is 97% for every child. If your child falls below 90% attendance, they are classed as being 'persistently absent' and you are likely to receive further contact from school or the Local Authority. Thank you.

Attendance figures for the year so far:

Reception - 93.1%
Year 1 - 94.1%
Year 2 - 92.3%
Year 3 - 96.4%
Year 4 - 94.2%
Year 5 - 94.5%
Year 6 - 97.1%

Sticky Knowledge:

Why not try this week's 'sticky knowledge' questions with your children to see if they have retained this important information? It is crucial that we keep revising important knowledge with pupils to ensure they know and understand more as they progress through school. You could try the question for your child's year group and the ones for younger year groups to see what they can remember.

Pre-school - Can you think of 3 things that make you happy and 3 things that make you sad? Talk about them to a grown up.

Reception - Can you find the following 2D shapes in your home? Describe the sides and corners: circle, square, triangle, rectangle, pentagon, hexagon and octagon?

Year 1 - Circle all of the even numbers. Explain to an adult how you know they are even numbers.



Year 2 - Can you identify 6 different materials that are used in the home? Can you then think about their properties?

Year 3 - What do we call the top and bottom number in a fraction? Write some fractions and explain what each part means.

Year 4 - When do we use apostrophes? Write some sentences using apostrophes correctly.

Year 5 - Explain everything you know about Reconciliation and Forgiveness to an adult. Why is lent an important time in the liturgical year?

Year 6 - Explain to an adult how to find missing angles in a triangle, parallelogram and a quadrilateral.

Pope Francis says:

"In this season of Lent, let us learn to allow the Holy Spirit to form us so that our prayer might become a living testimony of God's tenderness for every person experiencing difficulty."



Science Day 2023