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Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school we are always looking for opportunities and ways to educate our pupils on how to keep themselves safe. Alongside schools in Sefton, we have decided to team up with [#kNOwKnifeCrime campaign](#) and London Marathon 2024 and we will be fundraising for bleeding control kits and cabinets for outside our schools in Sefton.

We are working alongside over 30 Sefton schools to make a difference, with each school taking part in a relay event in which schools will pass on a 'baton of hope' to one another (the staff who are good runners will be taking part with several children in this event).

Nursery to Year 6 Pupils – Mini Marathon at St Monica's

We will be having a mini marathon event in our school **the week of 15th April 2024** where all pupils will participate in running 2.6 miles in our school grounds. For participating in this event all children will receive a London mini marathon certificate and our school will receive a trophy.

This Friday, we will be having an assembly about how our mini marathon run will fundraise for a medical cabinet outside our school. Younger pupils will focus on important lifesaving facts on how they can ask for help if anybody ever needs medical attention (call 999, etc). It will also focus on keeping healthy and achieving ambitious goals by setting ourselves the mini marathon challenge.

Next week, pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 will be having a virtual assembly from the the #kNOwKnifeCrime campaigner Laura Hughes (who established in Memory of Colin McGinty) a -kNOwKnifeCrime initiative to educate young people on the wider lasting impact of knife crime in a sensitive manner. The assembly will be age appropriate and help children to consider the choices they can make as they grow up. As part of our safeguarding work, we need to educate our pupils on the dangers they may be exposed to. The purpose of the fundraiser is not to scare or worry our community but to raise awareness of the possible risks as they move towards high school.

To support the campaign, a fundraising link will be sent to parents/careers prior to the event to sponsor the children for the Mini Marathon and the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils representing our school during the #kNOwKnifeCrime campaign relay.

If we have any parents who actually run marathons who would like to take part in the relay initiative (Wednesday 17th April) , please email me on ht.stmonicas@schools.sefton.gov.uk.

It is important to see Sefton come together to educate and inspire our children to make our community and parishes safer places for our children to grow up in.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gouldbourne

Headteacher