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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

### TT Rock Stars Day

**From start to finish, the atmosphere in school was electric today as we celebrated the magic of maths in TT Rock Stars Day. It was brilliant to see our pupils dressed up for the day, families had gone the extra mile and I think we can all agree the children looked amazing.**

During the day, classes went head to head in lively maths battles, showcasing quick thinking, teamwork and problem-solving skills. Year groups also designed and created their own maths board games, which was an impressive display of imagination, logic and perseverance. It was wonderful to see our Reception and Nursery on “number treasure hunts” around our grounds.

We celebrated the importance of maths in our assembly. I explained the importance of making friends with our ‘maths brains’: maths is a subject to treasure not fear! The children had a terrific day and hopefully will



fall in love with maths even more after today.

Finally, thanks to all the staff for getting dressed up and getting into the swing of things.

For more photographs capturing today, please visit our Twitter page:

<https://x.com/stmonicasbootle>



### **St Monica's: Harvest Festival Food Donation**

Today, our School Councillors delivered your generous donations to our Harvest Festival to St Monica's Church Foodbank.

These contributions will provide vital support to families within our local community, and we are grateful for the kindness shown by our school family.

Father Pat expressed his sincere thanks for the donations and praised our School Councillors for their conduct and initiative to drive Harvest Festival this year. Hopefully, our children will see they



can make a positive difference to our community and the wider world.

## **Bikeability**

Our Year 5 pupils have been working hard this week to earn their Cycling Proficiency Certificates with Bikeability. In all weather conditions, they have shown impressive focus, balance and road awareness while cycling on the roads around school. Pat from Bikeability told us, “St Monica’s pupils are always a delight. We love coming to this school. The children were sensible and worked hard to learn how to stay safe on the roads. Stay safe everybody!”



## **Weekly Attendance Update**

We have had a super week for attendance, with a whole school attendance at 96.20%, well above the national and local averages. The winning class this week is Mrs Ware’s class, with a superb 99.32%, with honourable mentions to Mrs Reardon’s class (98.62%) and Miss Tew’s class (97.86%). A huge well done to all pupils and families - you are creating great attendance habits that will last a lifetime.

## **Headteacher’s Hot Chocolate**

This week, a lovely group of children were chosen by their class teachers to enjoy hot chocolate as a special treat. Their teachers had some wonderful comments to share about them, recognising their hard work, kindness, and positive attitudes:

## Hot Chocolate Winners

Nursery	Hudson Harrison Murphy, for growing in confidence and independence. His eagerness to try new tasks and take initiative has really stood out this week.	3R	Elara Kelly has shown excellent aspiration and resilience with her maths work this week- subtracting 3 digit numbers with exchange. What a superstar - the sky is the limit.
RA	Maciek Carter for trying his best and showing great resilience when completing his writing. Well done Maciek, I'm proud of you!	3G	Jazmyne P consistently demonstrates the St Monica's Way. She is always respectful, gives her best effort, and is always eager to take on new learning challenges. She is a true role model for her peers. Well done, Jazmyne!
RH	Joel O'Connor for being a great example to others by always following our classroom rules and expectations. Well done, Joel. What a star!	4W	Fianna Mosey for displaying aspiration in her maths work. She has worked hard to successfully use column addition to add 4 digit numbers involving exchange. Well done Fianna - you are a mathmagician.
1H	Isabella - for always trying her best, showing resilience and determination in her work. A positive, happy pupil with a big future.	4T	Eva Stevens for showing integrity and always trying her best to make the right choice. She listens attentively in class and always puts in her full effort! She has particularly shone in maths this week. Well done Eva!
1T	Coraline for showing real flair with her phonics, and working really hard with her Fred fingers. Keep it up!	5GB	Sophia Garrity for displaying a wonderful St Monica's mindset each day - always ready to learn and produce excellent work. Always with a smile, too! Keep it up!
2M	Nora Knibbs - for being an excellent role model, listening carefully and being helpful in class. A pupil who always shows the "St Monica's Way".	5M	Grace Barton showed real confidence and a positive mindset during our PSHE lessons on Anti-Bullying, serving as an excellent example to her peers. An excellent role model to all.
2C	Joseph Dryhurst - for working extremely hard in Maths both in school and at home. He always tries his best and never gives up. Keep it up!	6M	Max Pearson - for writing a beautiful and thoughtful mission statement inspired by the words of Blessed John Henry Newman. He understands that he has been given an important vocation by God. A lovely pupil who always gives his best.
Miss Tohill	Alice Donnelly (Nursery) - for excellent balancing and demonstrating to others how it is done. A gymnast in the making.	6L	Jake Dunne - for showing determination in lessons. He is always willing to listen and learn. He is a pupil all other pupils want to be around - a quiet superstar. Keep it up Jake.
Mrs Hough		Elijah Reanny - For spreading positivity and working in a mature and sensible way in his lessons.	
Mr Gouldbourne		Georgie Callaghan - for being a superb role model in St Monica's. Not only is he a hard worker who produces excellent work, he also walks around school with a smile, spreading positivity around St Monica's each day. A superstar.	

### ***Prayer and Liturgy: David and Goliath***

In Prayer and Liturgy this week, we reflected on the story of David and Goliath and considered what this Bible story means for our own lives. We talked about

how David, though small and seemingly powerless, faced a giant with courage, trust and faith. The children explored how this reminds us that with faith, determination and the right intentions, we can face challenges that feel much bigger than us.

We also discussed the importance of believing in ourselves and recognising our strengths. Just as David used the gifts he already had, we thought about the unique talents each of us possesses and how these can help us meet any challenges we encounter at home, in our community and here at St Monica's.

**This weekend, why not ask your child to celebrate the special gifts that make them unique and ready to conquer the world?**

*"David said to the Philistine, You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty."*

*(1 Samuel 17:45)*

### **Key Dates**

<b>4W Family Assembly: Advent</b>	<b>Wednesday, 3rd December, 9am</b>
<b>Nursery Christmas Performance</b>	<b>Friday 12th December 2pm</b>
<b>Reception Christmas Performance</b>	<b>Friday 12th December - 10am</b>
<b>Y1/ Y2 Nativity Performance</b>	<b>Thursday 11th December 10am; 2pm</b>
<b>Y6 Carol Concert in Church</b>	<b>Tuesday 16th December, 6pm</b>

Thank you one and all, have a lovely and safe weekend.

**Best Regards,**

*Mr. James Gouldbourne*

**Headteacher**

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