



ST MONICA'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 13th March

Faith Aspiration Resilience Respect

A Fantastic Term for Sports in St Monica's

It has been an outstanding week for sports here at St Monica's. Last Friday, our boys' football team travelled to Jericho Lane for their final league fixtures and finished in fantastic style, winning all three of their games. What a way to end the league campaign. We finished third overall in the League and first in the Intermediate Schools League. Well done boys. The girls ended their League campaign the week before and have finished second overall and also first in the Intermediate Schools League.



This week our pupils competed in the Bootle Swimming Gala with remarkable success. Every swimmer and relay team qualified for the finals, which was an achievement in itself. In the individual events we secured one gold, one silver and two bronze medals, while our relay teams delivered an exceptional performance, bringing home three gold medals. Our boys' team were crowned overall winners, and most impressively of all, St Monica's finished the gala as the winning school overall. Our families even made a wonderful guard of honour for the children at the end. Two more trophies in the cabinet, and our first swimming trophy for many years.



In further sporting news, our pupils took part in the Sefton Cross Country Championships this week and delivered their strongest performances of the year. More children than ever before took part and every runner gave their very best.



Can I say a genuine thank you to Miss Tohill, who leads PE and Sport with passion and distinction here in St Monica's. She always strives to include all pupils and relentlessly drives standards ever higher.





Sports Report - A range of superb sporting achievements! Such talent here in St Monica's!





St Monica's - Attendance Matters

Phase winners		
EYFS	RA	96.59
Year 1 / Year 2	2C	100%
Year 3 / Year 4	4T	97.58%
Year 5 / Year 6	5GB	98.65%

Another strong week for Attendance in St Monica's! Mrs Chorzepa wins the trophy with an astonishing 100% - well done all!



Mothers' Day Parent Assembly - 1H

This morning, we enjoyed a very special Year 1 Mother's Day Assembly. Our wonderful class 1H shared a heartfelt celebration with their families. The children shone brightly, using sign language, musical performances and thoughtful reflections, reminding us all of a powerful message: love sits at the heart for all of our children.



St Patrick's Day Assembly - 5M

Year 5 delivered a wonderful family assembly about the life of Saint Patrick today. The children showed great confidence and maturity as they shared their learning with the school community through thoughtful reflections, acting and even some Irish dancing. A highlight of the assembly was the beautiful singing of the hymn 'Hail Glorious St. Patrick', performed with enthusiasm and pride. We are extremely proud of Year 5.





Headteacher's Hot Chocolate

Each week, pupils who have lived out our values and have demonstrated the “St Monica’s Way” are selected by their class teacher. They are celebrated in assembly and then enjoy a hot chocolate and a chat with Mr Gouldbourne to celebrate their inspirational week.

Mr Gouldbourne	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clara Spencer and Briar Rose O’Neil for being fantastic Buddies - helping and supporting others who may need a smile or somebody to play with. Two superb pupils who embody the St Monica’s Way.• Francis Smart: For being such a superstar, he walks around school with a beaming smile at all times, always works hard and is held in very high regard by all
Ms Tohill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jack Quayle - 5GB - For great football coaching in After School Club and also showing an excellent attitude to all PE lessons.
Miss Byrne	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daisy Small - for always doing her best and being a wonderful member of the class. A brilliant member of St Monica’s.
Miss Andrews	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joseph Farrington - for having a really sensible week in school. Joseph has shown a fantastic attitude to his learning and followed our school rules and routines. Well done Joseph!
Miss Horder	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Louis Moran - for showing determination in his phonics lessons. He has been working super hard on his handwriting and has been completing his work more independently. Keep it up, Louis!
Miss Hatcher	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alice Cimoch is reliable and always tries her very best in everything she does. She is a wonderful role model in our class and always shows our school values.
Mrs MacDonald	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ava Davidson - For listening to advice and trying very hard with her writing. Ava sets a positive example for all the children in the infants - she is a leader in the making! Well done Ava.
Mrs Chorzepa	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ezra Griffiths- For his fantastic contributions in our lessons. He often shares thoughtful ideas and answers that show curiosity, careful thinking, and a real love of learning.
Mrs Reardon	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Myles C - for fantastic work in Phonics and trying incredibly hard with his handwriting. We are so proud of you, Myles!
Miss Gibbons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evgeni Genchev for showing fantastic respect to everyone this week. He has come in every day with a smile on his face and a fantastic attitude towards his learning. Well done, Evgeni - keep it up!
Mrs Ware	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jude Williams - for his enthusiasm in science lessons. Jude loves to share his knowledge with the class and has already started to research our next topic! Keep up the great attitude to your learning Jude.
Miss Thomas	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lilly Stubbs - For working so hard to improve her handwriting. She has made great progress and is well on her way to earning her pen license. Keep up the great work Lilly!
Mrs Gilbertson/ Mrs Birch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Esmay Harrison- For consistently trying her best in all she does and being an excellent role model to her peers. Well done Esmay!
Miss McGuckin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sienna Marley - For her positive attitude and determination towards her learning and for being a helpful member of our class. Well done!
Miss McGiveron	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gabe Doyle - For being really conscientious with his reading which has come on in leaps and bounds as a result. Well done Gabe!
Mr Lynch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enzo Goodaker-Green - For showing an improvement in his attitude towards his learning and representing the school for the swimming gala. Well done, Enzo!



Nursery - by Miss Byrne



In Maths, we have been exploring height and length through a range of practical activities.

We compared our own heights with our friends and talked about who was taller or shorter. The children enjoyed standing next to each other to see the differences and using language such as tall, taller, and shorter.



We also compared a variety of toys and looked closely at the lengths of different ribbons. The children discussed which objects were longer or shorter and sorted them by size. These hands-on activities helped the children begin to understand early measuring concepts while developing their mathematical vocabulary and observation skills in a fun and engaging way.



Reception - by Miss Andrews and Miss Horder

This week in Reception, we began exploring our new Farm topic as we get ready for our exciting trip next week.

The children are eagerly counting down the days and have been learning about the different animals they might see on the farm, including their babies.

We have also been preparing for Mother's Day, making beautiful cards and talking about all the things that make our mums so special. The children even performed a lovely song – check our Twitter page to see their wonderful performance!





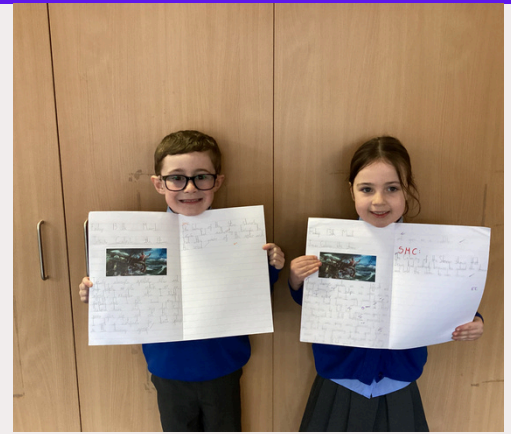
Year 1 - by Miss Hatcher and Miss Tew

This week, Year 1 put on their wellies and headed outside to plant trees.

The children had a wonderful time getting their hands muddy and working together to plant our new saplings. We learnt all about how trees grow and what they need to stay healthy, including soil, water, sunlight, and care. The children were also excited to discover how planting trees helps the environment and provides homes for wildlife. A big thank you to the Woodland Trust for providing us with our new trees. The children are already looking forward to checking on the trees and watching them grow over the coming years!



Year 2- by Mrs Macdonald, Mrs Chorzepa and Miss Partington



This week in RE, the children learned about the story of Jesus calming the storm from the Bible (**Mark 4:35-41**). We talked about how the disciples felt when a huge storm appeared while they were out on the boat with Jesus, and how frightened they were when the waves crashed around them.

The children listened carefully to the story and then retold it in their own words, showing a great understanding of what happened and how the disciples must have felt.

The children enjoyed a creative activity where they made a boat together and added Jesus and the twelve disciples inside. This helped them imagine the scene and remember the important parts of the story.



Year 3 - by Mrs Reardon and Miss Gibbons

Year 3 have had an exceptional week with their writing! We have been exploring The Big Blue Whale and learning lots of fascinating facts about whales. During the week, the children focused on similes and how they can be used to describe something by comparing it to a noun using words such as like or as.

We used similes to describe the appearance of a whale and then applied this new skill to create our own poems. The children worked incredibly hard and produced some fantastic pieces of writing. Take a look at our wonderful poems!



As preparation for our Easter Pageant, we ask that children practise songs at home.

[Risen - Lyrics](#)



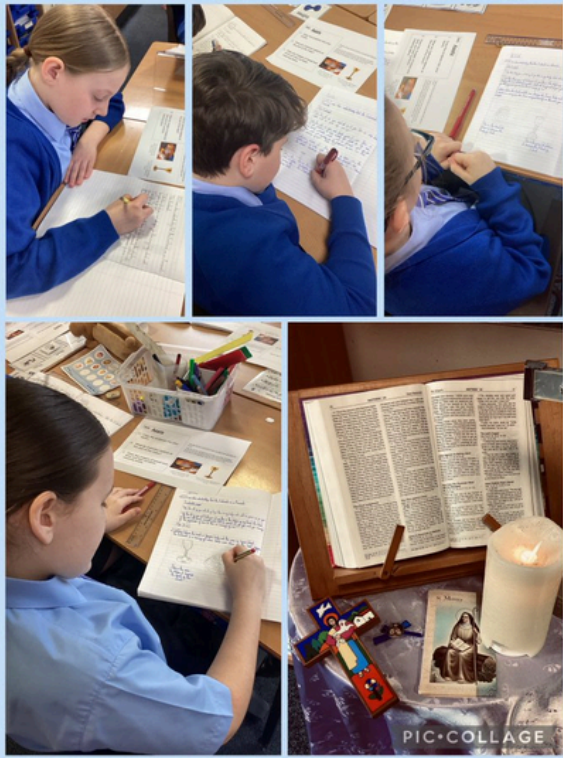
Year 4 - by Mrs Ware and Miss Thomas

This week in Geography, Year 4 have been exploring the world using maps, atlases and globes to learn about lines of latitude and how they affect climate. The children located important lines such as the Equator, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, Arctic Circle and Antarctic Circle, and discovered how a country's position on the Earth can influence how hot or cold it is. They enjoyed becoming "geography detectives", using atlases to locate different countries and discussing why places near the Equator are warmer while those closer to the poles are much colder.





Year 5- by Mrs Gilbertson/ Mrs Birch and Miss McGuckin



This week, Year 5 have been learning about the Eucharist and its importance in the Mass. They explored how the Eucharist is a memorial of Jesus' sacrifice on the Cross, helping Christians remember and keep the memory of Jesus alive each time it is celebrated. The children also made links to how Jewish people remember their freedom from Egypt when celebrating Passover.

Year 5 learned that Catholics believe the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. They also discussed the meaning of the priest elevating the host and the chalice, and how this is a moment for people to look up in faith and remember Jesus' words at the Last Supper.

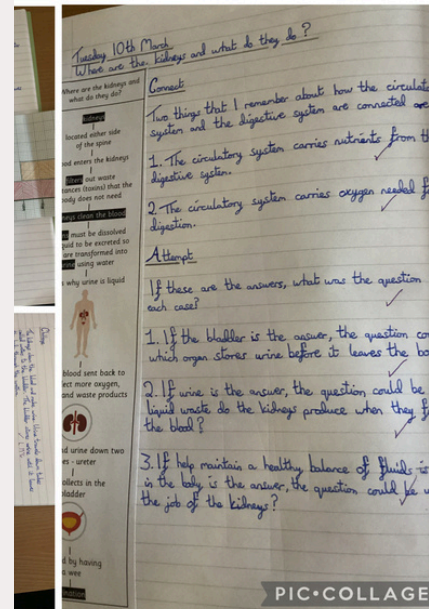


Year 6- by Miss McGiveron and Mr Lynch

This week in Science, our Year 6 pupils have been learning about the important role of the kidneys in the human body. The children discovered how the kidneys help to filter our blood, remove waste products, and balance the amount of water in our bodies.

As part of their learning, the class explored how water leaves the body throughout the day. They discussed different ways this happens, including through urine, sweat, breathing, and other natural processes. The pupils worked incredibly hard and even created their own graphs to show how much water the human body loses each day and the different ways it is lost. This helped them practise their scientific enquiry skills while also developing their ability to present data clearly.

Well done, Year 6!





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