



ST MONICA'S NEWSLETTER

Celebrating 100 Years of St Monica's School

Next half term, our school celebrates its 100th birthday. What a remarkable and proud milestone for St Monica's and everybody connected to our school over the years. We aim to make this a truly special celebration for all: past and present. We have a host of activities planned, including the all-important whole school photograph in July.

St Monica's is a family school, with many generations coming through our doors over the years. To mark this occasion, we would love the local community to share memories of St Monica's over the decades. We would love to receive:

- **Old photographs (class photos, sports days, nativity plays, trips)**
- **Stories of favourite teachers, playground games, or school traditions (typed or voice notes)**
- **Videos, voice notes, or memorabilia such as programmes or newspaper clippings**

Please email your contributions to:

Finance.StMonicas@schools.sefton.gov.uk by Friday 1st June, so we can include them in our celebrations. If you have physical items, these can be dropped at the school office, we will scan and return them safely.

We will create a digital scrapbook celebrating the first century of a school that has stood proud in our community and parish. A jewel in the heart of Bootle. Please share this appeal with former pupils, staff, and anyone with fond memories of St Monica's. Thank you for helping us commemorate this special milestone.





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Friday 24th April

Earth Day Assembly

Class 1T delivered a superb Earth Day assembly this morning to their families, with acting, readings and even performances from our musicians. The assembly explored small steps we can all take to protect our planet and how reducing our carbon footprint can help save the Earth. Every child played their part brilliantly, everybody had a reading and all members of 1T should be so proud of themselves.



The class then performed the assembly in front of the whole school with real confidence. After the assembly, each year group then presented what they had learnt about this week in their year group. This assembly capped off a fantastic week of Eco-Awareness and I hope your children are coming home as budding eco-warriors, ready to reuse, recycle, and rethink.



Looking ahead, we have visitors from Sefton Council and Sovini joining us in an assembly to build on this work and show our pupils how they can play a central role in keeping "Bootle Beautiful".



Parent Online Workshop - Tuesday May 2nd, 8:45

We are pleased to invite parents and carers to a Local Solutions online safety session on Tuesday 2nd May at 8:45am.

Local Solutions are specialists in the local and national online issues affecting children, offering trusted, expert guidance to families. **This workshop will provide practical advice to help you protect your child in today's ever changing online world.**

There is no need to book. Simply turn up on the day.





Headteacher's Hot Chocolate

Headteacher Hot Chocolate - 24th April

Mr Gouldbourne	Arlo Knibbs: for showing superb resilience and aspiration in St Monica's, a clever young man with a big future who overcomes all challenges and shines brightly. Arlo's smile brightens up St Monica's and he is a role model to all - keep it up, Arlo!
Ms Tohill	Thomas Riley: for showing a good attitude in PE, which is now reflected in his performance and ability. Thomas jumped 1.50m in standing long jump, which is huge for Y2.
Miss Byrne	Wealth Bazuye - For being a wonderful Mary and for joining in so well when learning about what Jesus said to John and Mary during the Crucifixion of Jesus. You showed great effort, thinking, and understanding during the lesson. Well done!
Miss Andrews	Melody McLauchlan - for working hard to improve her letter formation and brightening our classroom with her happy, cheery personality!
Miss Horder	Louis Spofforth - for demonstrating excellent determination in his writing. Louis doesn't give up and tries hard to complete his writing independently. Well done, Louis!
Miss Hatcher	Adhira Tharsan - for showing real determination and dedication to improve her reading and writing ! Well done Adhira, your smile makes my day.
Miss Tew	Liam S, for showing resilience: especially in writing. You've produced some brilliant work this week. I love your enthusiasm for learning and your determination to earn those dojos!
Mrs MacDonald	Phoebe Biggins - For a sustained effort in her maths work. She is showing a renewed determination. Well done Phoebe, keep shining!
Mrs Chorzepa	Lewis Holland-for his wonderful ideas in our English writing lessons, adding '-est' and '-er' to adjectives to make his sentences more interesting. We have a writer on our hands!
Mrs Reardon	Erik T for contributing excellently to our Science lesson, showing an excellent understanding of the parts of a plant and photosynthesis. He thought carefully about the results of our experiment to draw a clear conclusion. Well done, Erik!
Miss Gibbons	Cruz S for showing outstanding behaviour while attending Mass. He demonstrated a strong sense of faith by taking a quiet moment for silent prayer, reflecting respect and thoughtfulness. Well done, Cruz – we are very proud of you.
Mrs Ware	Adrienne Walker-Martin: her courage, resilience, and determination have been truly inspiring, and it is wonderful to have her back in class working as hard as ever.
Miss Thomas	Lottie Gelhardt - For a fabulous first week in our school. She has settled in well and shown great respect and aspiration. A lovely addition to our class. Well done Lottie!
Mrs Gilbertson/ Mrs Birch	Niamh Simpson- For trying her best in all of her work and being a kind and helpful member of the class. Well done Niamh!
Miss McGuckin	Loui Gelhardt - For an excellent first week in 5M. Louie has settled in well and displays an excellent attitude to all lessons. We are so glad to have you as an addition to the wonderful 5M. Well done, Lewis.
Miss McGiveron	Joseph Williams - For his excellent work on time in Maths this week. He demonstrated an excellent knowledge and positive attitude towards his learning. A lovely young man with a big future.
Miss Quick	Carrie Grant - For working consistently hard in English on the run up to SATs, demonstrating great determination and a positive learning attitude
Mr Lynch	Renee Gormley - For working hard in her English and making good progress with her reading. A pupil who is believing in herself and showing what she can do!
Father Ged	Sabin Noon, for being an outstanding role model in school and in our Church. Always ready to show the Catholic values of help and support, always with a smile and a positive mindset. A credit to St Monica's and his family. Keep it up, Sabin.



Headteacher's Hot Chocolate-17th April

Mr Gouldbourne	Jude Farrington, a hard working and polite young man who has a kind word about others and works hard in class. A beaming smile and lovely handwriting - Hey Jude, keep it up!
Ms Tohill	Summer Garcia (Nursery) For being the best PE Pirate ever. What a sportsperson we have here!
Miss Byrne	Albie Mawhinney - for being a kind and thoughtful friend who always listens, shares, and cares about others.
Miss Andrews	Phoebe McNulty - for trying her best in all areas of the curriculum and being a kind and caring friend. Well done Phoebe!
Miss Horder	Autumn O'Keeffe - for always being a kind and thoughtful friend to others. Autumn always follows the class rules and sets a great example for everyone around her.
Miss Hatcher	Nella - always showing the correct values and being a kind and hardworking member of our class well done!
Miss Tew	Isla Edwards, for working hard on her listening skills and challenging herself to use adjectives. Well done!
Mrs MacDonald	Briar Rose O'Neil - For always giving her best in everything she does. She shows resilience and kindness every single day.
Mrs Chorzepa	Joseph Devine- For his remarkable improvement in handwriting, demonstrating dedication, perseverance, and consistent hard work.
Miss Hoy	Harry Cavanagh-for working extremely hard in his writing. Harry demonstrates aspiration and shows willingness to work hard and improve his writing.
Mrs Reardon	Carter G has shown a great attitude to all his work this week - listening carefully and trying his best. We are incredibly proud of him. Keep it up, Carter!
Miss Gibbons	Daisy - for exceptional confidence whilst reading and dancing in our Easter Pageant. She showed real dedication to learning her lines and performing her dances. A performer in the making!
Mrs Ware	Lilly McCarthy - for her thoughtful and reflective 'sorry' prayer in RE. Lily demonstrated how Christians have faith in God's love and forgiveness. Well done Lilly!
Miss Thomas	Diyaah Varatharajan - For her lovely use of descriptive writing in her writing. She has worked hard to include our new technical vocabulary in her work. Well done Diyaah!
Mrs Gilbertson/ Mrs Birch	Niamh Simpson- For trying her best in all of her work and being a kind and helpful member of the class. Well done Niamh!
Miss McGuckin	Eva-Grace Ashworth - For showing a great mindset in her Science work producing a fact research page on our unit on Earth and Space. Well done!
Miss McGiveron	Freya Mulvaney - For consistently trying her best in all of her work and displaying a positive attitude towards her learning. A pupil who could become anything she wants.
Miss Quick	Anya Kristensen - For working particularly hard in her maths. She demonstrates great aspiration and listens carefully to advice given. Well done, Anya!
Mr Lynch	Skyler Holland - For consistently trying her best in all of her work and displaying a positive attitude towards her learning



Nursery - by Miss Byrne



We have been eagerly waiting for our eggs to hatch, sharing excitement and curiosity each day. We spent time talking about all the different creatures that can hatch from eggs, including dinosaurs, spiders, worms, ducks, and chicks. When the eggs finally hatched, we were delighted to discover they were chicks!



The excitement continues as we now look forward to watching our caterpillars grow and change, observing their fascinating transformation together.



Reception - by Miss Andrews and Miss Horder

Reception have had a busy and exciting week growing and planting. We have planted radishes, beans, and flowers outside, and we have been taking great care of them as they begin to grow.

We are also very lucky to have tadpoles and chicks in our classrooms, which has been a wonderful way to learn about life cycles. It was so exciting watching the chicks hatch, and we can't wait to see them grow!

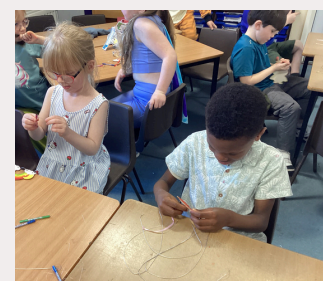




Year 1 - by Miss Hatcher and Miss Tew

Year 1 had a wonderful time celebrating World Earth Day with a range of fun and creative outdoor activities. The children took part in a colour scavenger hunt around the school grounds, where they searched for natural items in every colour of the rainbow. They showed great enthusiasm and teamwork as they explored, carefully observing the environment around them.

Later, year 1 used a range of materials to make their own wind chimes because we wanted our planet to look beautiful and cared for. The children loved getting creative while also thinking about how we can all help make the Earth a prettier place. It was a fantastic day filled with exploration, creativity, and a growing appreciation for the world we live in.



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



Year 2 took part in a litter picking activity on Earth Day, and it turned out to be a much bigger eye-opener than we expected. At the start, we thought we might only find a small amount of rubbish, but as we began to explore the playground and the local area, we were surprised by just how much litter had been left behind.

Bags quickly filled with wrappers, bottles, and bits of plastic we hadn't even noticed before.

The experience helped us understand how easily rubbish can build up and how it affects our environment. It also showed us that even though we are young, our actions still matter. By working together and making small changes, like putting rubbish in the bin, recycling, and encouraging others to do the same, we can make a real difference. Earth Day reminded us that caring for our planet starts with simple steps, and those small steps can lead to big change.



Year 3 - by Mrs Reardon and Miss Gibbons

This week, Year 3 began preparing to write their own independent information texts about blue whales. To plan their writing, the children recorded key facts from our class text, focusing on the whale's appearance, diet, migration patterns, and the dangers they face.

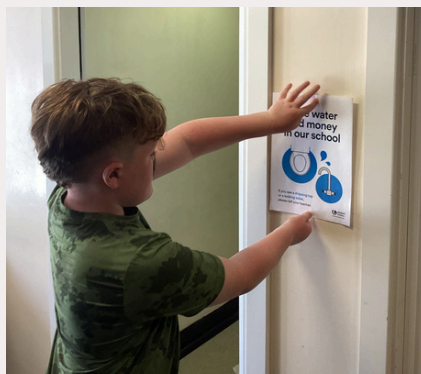
To make their work even more engaging, the children used Chromebooks to carry out additional research and discover fascinating facts. For example, did you know that blue whales are the largest animals to have ever lived on Earth? They are even bigger than dinosaurs! We are very excited to read their finished information texts.



Year 4 - by Mrs Ware and Miss Thomas

As part of our Earth Day learning, Year 4 explored the water cycle and discussed how our daily water use impacts the environment. Inspired to make a difference, the pupils worked together to raise awareness about the importance of saving water in school. With support from our site manager, Mr Cooney, they placed reminder stickers around the building encouraging everyone to report leaking taps and avoid wasting water.

The class showed fantastic teamwork and environmental responsibility – proving that every drop counts as we work together to protect our planet for the future!





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