



ST MONICA'S NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th October

School Councillors 2026/27



A big welcome to our School Councillors for 2026/27! They should be proud of their campaigns and the trust their classmates have shown by electing them to represent their views.

Their first task has been to gather ideas from their classes about new playground equipment. They will now put their persuasive skills to work with myself and our governors as we explore what we can buy to make playtimes and lunchtimes even better. They already have some cracking ideas.

We look forward to hearing their ideas and seeing them make a difference to school life!

Own Clothes Day next Friday

Next Friday, 16th October, children are welcome to wear their own clothes for a suggested donation of £1 to support our Glasses to Tanzania project. We are raising funds to buy two pairs of glasses for children with albinism at our linked school. Thank you to everyone who has already donated. There is no need to donate twice, and all children are welcome to take part.

Thank you for helping us make a difference to children in our wider school family.



Nursery - by Miss Byrne



This week in Nursery, we have been learning all about colour! We started by talking about the different colours we see around us and looking carefully at objects in our classroom. We became colour detectives, searching high and low to find objects that matched a given colour. They enjoyed spotting colourful resources, toys and everyday objects around the classroom and sharing their discoveries with their friends.

The children were excited to take part in our colour hunt and showed great curiosity as they explored their environment. It was lovely to see them working together, listening carefully and using new colour vocabulary as they described what they had found.



Reception - by Miss Andrews and Miss Welsh

This week, we have been exploring our "All About Me" topic and learning more about ourselves, our families and the places we call home.

We have had lots of fun creating self-portraits, thinking carefully about our features and what makes each of us unique. We have also been talking about our families, sharing photographs and telling our friends all about the special people in our lives.

We explored the idea of homes, talking about where we live and what makes our homes special. The children enjoyed drawing pictures of their own homes and discussing the different rooms and features they have. We also explored homes around the world, discovering that people live in many different types of homes. We talked about how homes can look very different depending on where people live, while still being special places where families live, love and spend time together.

It has been a wonderful week of sharing, talking and celebrating what makes each of us unique!





Year 1 - by Miss Hatcher and Miss Tew

Year 1 have been learning about the different shops and businesses found in our local community. The children enjoyed discussing the purpose of different shops and the important role they play in our everyday life.

We talked about why it is important to support local shops and considered what might happen to our community if these shops were to close. We also explored specialist shops, such as bakers, butchers and pharmacies and discussed our favourite shops and why we like them. The children had a real depth of knowledge!

The day prompted some fantastic discussion, as pupils explained and justified their choices while listening to the opinions of others.



Year 2- by Mrs Macdonald and Mrs Chorzepa



In Year 2 Science, the children have been learning about living things and their habitats. They have explored the characteristics that identify something as living and have used their knowledge to explain why Toffee the rabbit is a living thing.

The children understand what Toffee can do: he moves, breathes, eats and drinks, grows, responds to his surroundings, reproduces and produces waste (MRS GREN). They have enjoyed applying their scientific knowledge to a real-life example and have been able to explain their ideas using scientific vocabulary. The children are developing confidence in observing, questioning and explaining what makes something living.



Headteacher's Hot Chocolate Winners

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CLASS	WINNER	WHY WE ARE CELEBRATING
Nursery	Charlotte Crowley	Lottie has been a superstar at matching in Maths! She understands that matching items must be the same and has been matching objects brilliantly. Well done, Lottie!
RA	Wealth Bazuaye	For being a joyful and kind presence in our classroom and always striving to try her best in all areas of learning. Well done, Wealth!
RW	Luca Calder	For showing growing independence and resilience throughout the school day. Keep trying, believing in yourself and taking those next steps, Luca!
1H	Chloe Winters	For always trying her best and being so kind and helpful. Thank you for the care you show others, Chloe. You should be very proud!
1H	Alice Creggy	For making a superb start to Year 1, always with a big beaming smile and a positive mindset!
1T	Florence Callagher	For showing a fantastic improvement in her mindset this year and for demonstrating brilliant scientific enquiry skills whilst exploring and investigating leaves.
2M	Alba Gimblett	For overcoming barriers to her learning with resilience and bravery. She is a fine example of someone who always gives 100%.
2C	Paisley Marley	For being such a wonderful friend and always being willing to help others. Your kindness and thoughtfulness make a real difference!
3R	Harry Cavanagh	For trying hard to make sensible choices and working independently in class. Well done, Harry!
3P	Ryan McLauchlan	For working incredibly hard with his writing this week. Your effort and commitment deserve to be celebrated. Keep it up, Ryan!
4G	Millie McNulty	For always having fantastic enthusiasm in school and putting 100% effort into every task. Keep on shining bright, Millie!
4T	Georgia Idusogie	For her positive attitude and hard work across the curriculum. Your willingness to give your best is something to be proud of, Georgia!
5W	Thomas Ftacek	For independently researching Ancient Greece and creating a report to extend his learning. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and enthusiasm with the class, Thomas!
5M	Millie Hulse	For her positive attitude and effort in every lesson, especially her enthusiasm for Writing and willingness to use feedback to improve. Well done, Millie!
6M	Bonnie O'Connor	For always being the kindest friend and her positive attitude towards all aspects of school. She is a superstar!
6L	Mark Lennon	For showing a fantastic attitude in all areas of his work. A great start to Year 6. Keep it up, Mark!
Mr Gouldbourne	Lee Crellin	For his hard work in his Autumn topic and his lovely, warm and positive manner. A ray of sunshine in St Monica's!
Mr Gouldbourne	Daniel Egbon	For his determination to improve, his positive attitude and the wonderful progress in his work. You are making yourself and St Monica's proud, Daniel!
Mrs Hough	Jordan Kelly	For approaching his work with such a positive attitude. It is lovely to see your enthusiasm for learning, Jordan. Keep believing in yourself!

Your kindness, effort and determination make St Monica's shine. Well done, everyone!



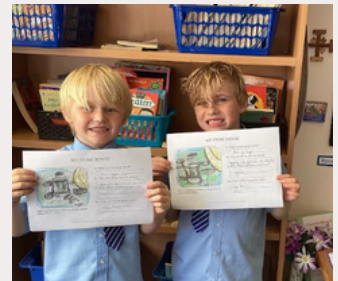
Year 3 - by Mrs Reardon and Miss Partington

Year 3 Stone Age Day!

Year 3 had a fantastic time celebrating Stone Age Day! The children enjoyed dressing up as Stone Age people and stepping back in time to learn more about life during the Stone Age.

They got creative by making their own arrowheads and putting their engineering skills to the test by designing and building their very own versions of Stonehenge. The children showed great imagination, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the day.

It was a wonderful opportunity to bring our History learning to life, and Year 3 had lots of fun exploring the past!



Year 4 - by Miss Thomas and Miss Gibbons



Year 4 were very lucky to welcome Mandy from Alder Hey into their classrooms to discuss the importance of looking after our wellbeing and how to keep ourselves feeling good.

The children explored the different emotions they might experience throughout the day and discussed strategies to keep in the 'green zone'.

The children really enjoyed the session and are excited to put these strategies into practice when they need to!



St Monica's Catholic Primary School

FOODBANK COLLECTION

Supporting South Sefton Foodbank

If you can, please donate an item to help local families.

ITEMS MOST NEEDED



Tinned fruit



**Tinned rice
pudding**



Coffee



**UHT milk
(1 litre)**



Toiletries



**Long-life
juice / squash**



**Instant noodles /
Pasta 'n' Sauce**



Jam

They currently have plenty of beans and plain pasta.

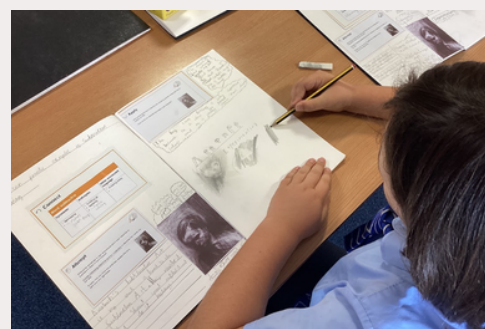
**Every donation makes a difference.
Thank you for your kindness.**

Source: South Sefton Foodbank website • Checked 6 October 2026



Year 5- by Mrs Ware and Miss McGuckin

This week, Year 5 have been developing their drawing skills and exploring the exciting technique of **subtractive drawing**. They took inspiration from artists Frank Auerbach and Friedensreich Hundertwasser, exploring how line, colour and texture can create expressive artwork. The children experimented with layers of colour, organic lines and patterns, using subtractive techniques to remove areas and reveal what was underneath. It was fantastic to see their artistic skills come to the fore as they experimented, adapted their ideas and expressed themselves through art.

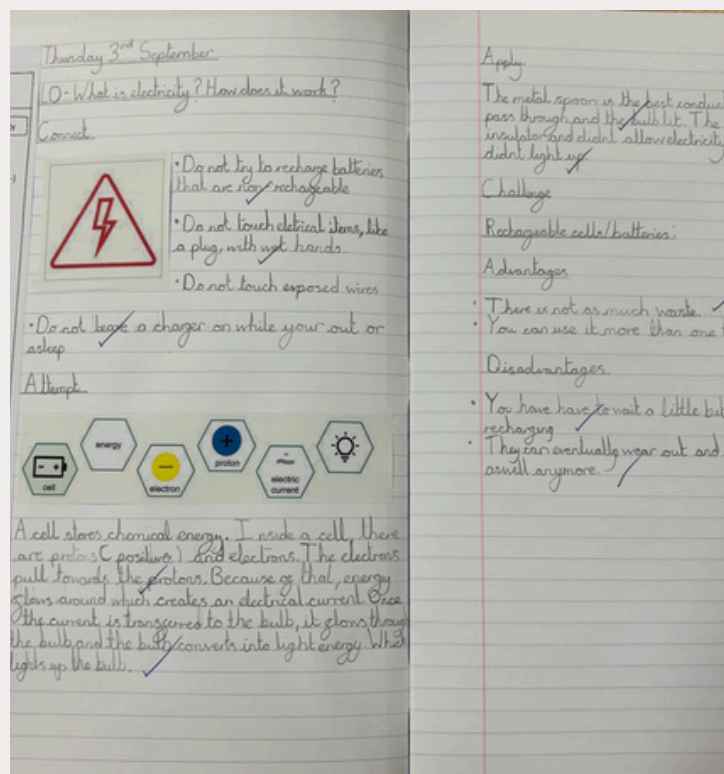


Well done, Year 5 — keep creating, keep experimenting, keep believing!
Our future artists are in the making!



Year 6- by Miss McGiveron, Mr Lynch

Year 6 have made a fantastic start to our new Science topic: Electricity! We began by exploring what electricity actually is and thinking about how it works in our everyday lives. We then got hands-on as we investigated the different components needed to create a series circuit. The children enjoyed identifying and discussing the role of each component, including cells, wires, bulbs and switches, before putting their knowledge into practice by building their own circuits. There was lots of teamwork, problem-solving and scientific thinking as we worked out how to make our circuits work successfully. We're off to a brilliant start and can't wait to see what else we discover as we continue our electricity journey!





Staff Recognise Organ Donation Week



Last Friday, you may have noticed that many of our staff wore pink to support Organ Donation Week and to recognise the wonderful work Mr Dave Hilton has done to raise awareness in our local community. We see him as a local hero.

Many staff have also joined the NHS Organ Donor Register.
<https://www.organdonation.nhs.uk/register-your-decision/>

If you would like to support this worthy cause, please take a moment to find out more, consider registering your decision and share your wishes with your loved ones.

A simple conversation could one day help save a life.



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