

ST MONICA'S NEWSLETTER



Advent Mass

We will be visiting St Monica's Church on Monday for a special Advent Mass with Father Ged. We will text out the live stream link for our Church if you would like to take part virtually.

Wellbeing Workshop

Miss McGuckin has organised Wellbeing Workshops for all of our children next week. We also have the PANTS curriculum being taught in KS1.

School Gate - closing at 8:45 from Monday

Please be advised that we will start to close our outer gates at 8:45am prompt from Monday. This is the time that lessons start and we want to ensure all pupils are "lesson ready" for this time. The more pupils who are sat down, ready to learn, the less disruption for the start of each lesson.

After 8:45am, please go through the office. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Christmas Dates

Mon 9th December
Church, Advent Mass

Wed 11th December
Christmas Dinner

Thursday 12th
Y1/2 Nativity

Christmas Reception Performance
Friday 13th 10am

Nursery Christmas Performance
Friday 13th, 2:30pm

Christmas Panto
16th December

Christmas Discos
17th Nursery, Reception, Y1/Y2
18th December Y3-Y6

Christmas Discos - own clothes

Y6 Christmas Carol Concert,
Tuesday 17th, 6pm

Christmas Jumper Day
18th December

Christmas Parties
Thursday 19th December

Break up: Thursday
19th December
3:15pm

Faith Aspiration Respect Resilience



'Posada' (Spanish for 'inn') is an activity in which small versions of Mary and Joseph travel to different houses and stay there for one night.

Mary and Joseph have started their journey and will visit all children before Christmas. The children are excited to talk about where Mary and Joseph found a place to rest in their home.

"Mary and Joseph had a rest under my Christmas tree."

Nursery



Reception have loved reading the Stickman story. We have retold the story in our play, created missing posters for Stickman and went on a welly walk to collect lots of different sticks. We used these to create our own Stickmen! We loved exploring outside finding short, long, rough and smooth sticks.

"I'm making his stick lady love" TL

"I'm Stickman, I'm Stickman that's me" AG



Reception



Year 1

In Year 1 we have been learning all about the weather and seasonal changes. We noticed that it was frosty outside so we went to explore our school environment. We practiced writing our numbers in the ice and discussed how we can be safe during the winter and what to wear.

We also saw that the leaves have now fallen off the tree!

Year 2

Year Two have been busy this week, learning how to sew. We have been practising sewing the over stitch but it can be a bit tricky! We have been inspired by the story, 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark', which we are reading in our English lessons and so we have decided to use our new skills to make an owl puppet.



Year 3 have been learning about magnets in science. We have thought about how magnets are used and how magnets attract and repel based on magnetic fields and poles. We also predicted which materials and items would be magnetic based on their properties and then tested our predictions out using our magnets and a range of materials.



[Read here to find out more](#)

Year 3



Attendance Matters

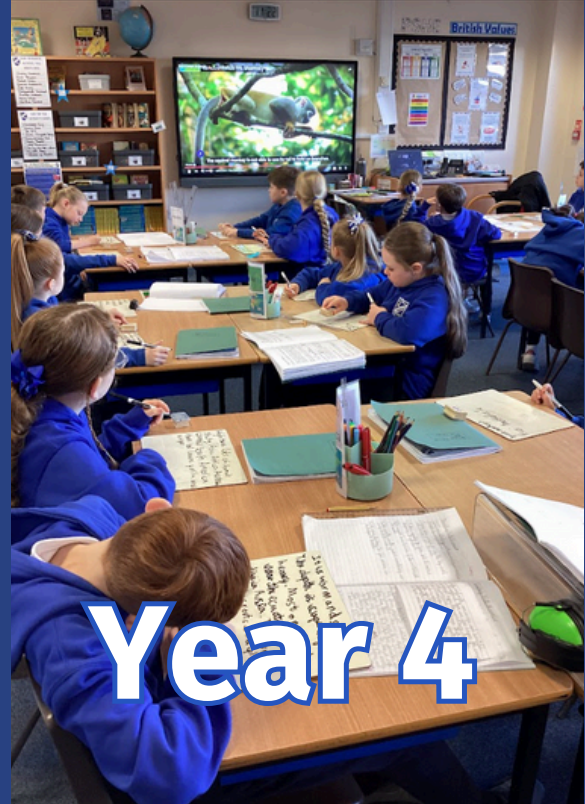
Attendance for the week has been 94%

This has improved as the week has gone on, and we have had many genuine illnesses. We would like to have the best two weeks of the year over the next two weeks - we have so many excellent activities planned and we do not want anybody missing out!



This week, Year 4 have had fun researching and taking notes to prepare to write our own non-chronological reports. Here is a good learning resource.

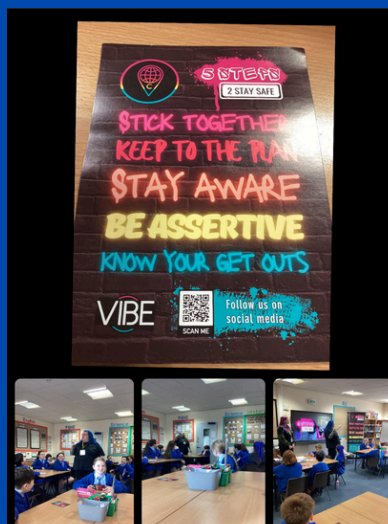
We have made this topic cross curricular with Geography, and have been writing about the tropical rainforest. For our independent write, each pupil will select a rainforest animal to research and write a report about.



Year 5

Year 5 had a visit from Conquer Life this week and learnt all about keeping safe. The workshop talked to the children about different scenarios and gave them strategies on how to deal with uncomfortable and pressurising situations. The children loved the role play and developing their confidence and assertiveness.

One child said, "We have learnt how to stay safe out of school in our community and to use our awareness to help us stay safe."



Year 6 learnt about the 5 key ways to stay safe in our community. Conquer Life helped us with some superb advice:

1. Stick together
2. Keep to the plan
3. Stay aware
4. Be assertive
5. Know your get-outs

"We enjoyed role play activities and sharing our ideas of ways we can look after ourselves as we live our lives. A big thanks to Conquer Life in Bootle for coming in to see us."

Year 6