

# ST MONICA'S NEWSLETTER



## **Everton in the Community**

Everton Legend Ian Snodin visited us this week. He was a real gentleman and took time out to tell our pupils about his career, with a focus on winning the league with Everton. He also gave advice on how to stay healthy and follow your dreams. He then outlined the terrific work Everton in the Community do and how the club makes a real difference to our locality. Everton can be rightly proud of all they do. Mr Snodin was also able to personally thank Mrs Hulligan for the money she helped raise for Zoe's Place, on her birthday too.

## **Reception Diwali Celebrations**

Reception held a fantastic Diwali celebration party this afternoon - with traditional dancing, food and music. Siblings were invited and we all had a jolly good time. Reception have also filmed their Nursery Rhyme performance and we will share this with parents next week.

## **Safeguarding Incident in Derby Park**

There was a serious safeguarding incident in Derby Park this week. All authorities have been notified, but I would like to ask that all families take extra care in and around the park for the time being and ensure all children are accompanied by an adult.

## **Advent Mass - Sunday 1st December**

Advent Mass on the 1st December will be a lovely mass for families to attend. Father Ged will welcome in the wonderful season of Advent. Staff will be in attendance and there will be refreshments in our Parish Hall. Why not come along? 9:30am start.

**Faith Aspiration Respect Resilience**



In Nursery, we have been exploring the book 'Peace at Last' written by Jill Murphy. The story is set at bedtime so we have been discussing our bedtime routines and have made a cosy bedroom in our home corner.

We have chosen our favourite bedtime stories to place on our bookshelf to read together.

# Nursery



# Reception

We have been exploring the celebration of Diwali in Reception. We have been very busy moulding Diya lamps, making Barfi sweets, creating Mehndi Patterns and beautiful Rangoli patterns. We have explored different stories about Diwali and learnt about how different families prepare for the festival! "It celebrates the birth of Lakshmi. It is fun to learn that people eat spicy food and watch fireworks!" IM



# Year 1

In Year 1, we have been developing our computer skills and we have been using the paint tools to draw a self portrait - we also recreated the work of Piet Mondrian. Our pupils are now using keyboards and a mouse very well to design their artwork - and can now log on without a problem.

"I used the fill option to create a coloured background for my picture," 1S pupil

# Year 2



A group of amazing Y2 children represented our school with distinction at the 'Believe Festival' this week. They completed a range of sporting events and demonstrated resilience and teamwork. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school and thoroughly enjoyed taking part.

Year 3 are learning all about coasts in our Geography this half term. We have learnt what a coast is and used a map to locate coastal towns and cities.

We have also been learning about coastal erosion, tides and waves.

Why not go down to Crosby Beach or Southport and ask the children tell you all about it? [Here is a great BBC page to read through for the topic](#)



# Year 3



## Attendance Matters

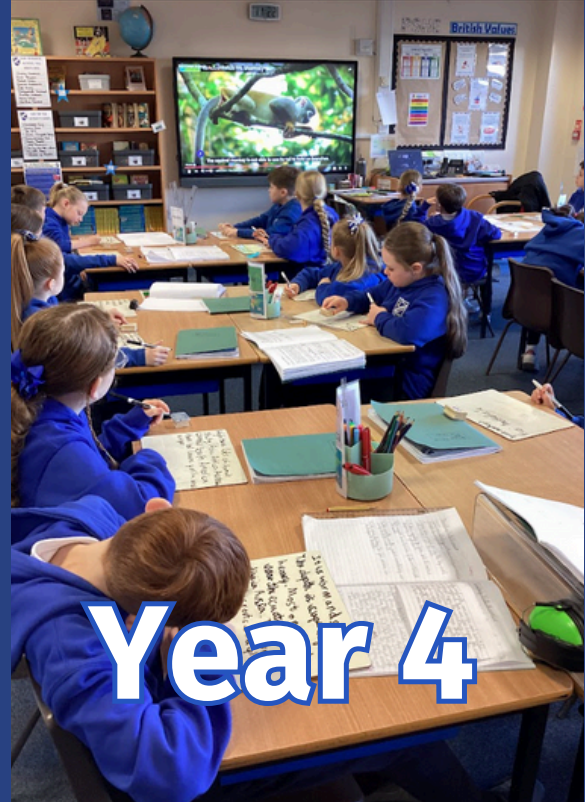


A better week for attendance, despite the ice and snow. Our overall attendance was 95.2% for the week, with the best class trophy going to... Mrs Reardon's class once again. That's two weeks on the run for 3R. Can they keep this winning run up?



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

In English, Year 5 have been busy researching, note-taking and fact finding ready to write our non-chronological reports about 'volcanoes.' We have found out lots of information and are now ready to get down to writing; making sure that we remember the key features. Why not ask your children at home if they can tell you the features of a non-chronological report and see if they can spot any examples of this type of writing at home and in our area. Researching about volcanoes will also help!



## Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed 'Debate Day' this week. We debated the motion 'Should plastic be banned?'

Children were given time to research the use of plastic and also the impact on the planet. Discuss as a family how much plastic you use at home - can you reduce it?

We are looking forward to future debates in our school - now we understand the power of the WORD!