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Dear Families,

Well, here we are on the final day of half term. We have a jam packed newsletter for you on this wonderful Autumnal Friday.



Glow Up Day to support the incredible Zoe's Place



I am a proud headteacher today. I am astonished by the generosity of the St Monica's family. Glow Up Day was an idea by staff to support Zoe's Place, and it has proven to be a day to remember. **We have raised an incredible £1600** - a figure that will make a real difference. Our children looked amazing in their 'Glow Up' outfits and spent time talking about wellbeing and what makes them 'glow'. A huge thank you to all who donated. All I can say is wow.

Special mention to Mrs Hulligan, who is a celebrated and loyal Evertonian. She took fundraising a step further and wore a Liverpool kit today, which nobody could quite believe. Friends, family and staff went above and beyond to sponsor Mrs Hulligan, who raised an astonishing **£600** on her own. What a superstar. That's **£2200** in total - wow.

We are a 'lighthouse' school, a proud school that comes together to help those in need in line with our Catholic values. Families, staff and pupils can be proud of our efforts today to help Zoe's Place today.

Nursery Rhyme Performances



Our Nursery and Reception children shone brightly today in their Nursery Rhyme performances for parents. The children showed remarkable confidence to perform in front of a packed out hall for both performances. It was delightful to see our pupils perform and enjoy themselves in the performance: it was an afternoon to remember. Thank you to all who attended.

Fire Brigade - Safety Talk



Eric the Firefighter came in today to talk to our children about fire safety leading up to bonfire night. Eric led an excellent and informative presentation that gave superb tips on how to stay safe around fire and fireworks. Our children asked interesting questions about the life of a firefighter and were given excellent and informative answers.

Why not ask your child at home if they can remember any safety tips Eric taught them today? A big thank you to Merseyside Fire Department for this, and to Eric in particular. We have Merseyside Police coming in on the first week back to teach our children about Online Safety - Safety First here at St.Monica's!

Autumn Welly Walk

Our annual Autumn Welly Walk last Sunday was a lovely morning. Our Reception and Nursery children donned their raincoats and umbrellas and enjoyed a fantastic treasure hunt around the beautiful surrounds of Derby Park.

We didn't let the rain dampen our spirits, our children searched high and low for items that signify Autumn: orange leaves, pine cones, twigs, acorns and conkers.

All the items have been used to create artwork to support the learning in our Autumn topic in EYFS - thank you to everybody who came along.



Bikeability - Bike Safety



Our Year 5 pupils have been learning how to cycle safely on the roads around school this week, looking to earn their cycling proficiency certificate.

The leaders from Bikeability said, **“St Monica’s pupils are always impeccable with their manners and behaviour, we have had an excellent week teaching road awareness.”**

PGL - Year 6 Residential



Our residential to PGL was a roaring success this week. We had our fingers crossed for good weather, and we were repaid with beautiful sunny Autumn weather throughout. Our children took part in a range of activities that tested their resilience, courage and independence, from abseiling and the 'Leap of Faith' to the zip wire and giant swing.

The highlight was definitely seeing teamwork develop during the trip, which flourished by the final day. Children made lifetime memories: we even had pupils saying they didn't want to come home! One member of staff at Winmarleigh stopped Mrs Rudd and said, "The manners and behaviour that your Year 6 have displayed is rare for a group of Year 6 pupils here." You can't say more than that.

Final Word

Have a well deserved and restful half term. When we return, we will have our Social Signature online assembly on Wednesday at 11am, where you will be able to log in and join us in our assembly celebrating our Social Signature project, led by our School Councillors.

Prayer for Half Term

We will finish the half term with a lovely prayer that celebrates the gift of family that we can share over half term.

Heavenly Father, we come before you with grateful hearts for the gift of family. We pray for wisdom and happiness in nurturing and cherishing our family relationships when we spend time together.

Help us to honour and respect our parents, to love and support our brothers and sisters, and to create a godly and harmonious environment within our households. May we reflect your love, grace, and forgiveness in all our interactions.

Strengthen our bonds, heal anything broken, and help us to prioritise our families amidst the busy nature of life. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. J. Gouldbourne

Headteacher