

# ST MONICA'S NEWSLETTER



## **Glow Up Day to Support Zoe's Place - Next Friday**

Zoe's Place is a superb charity in West Derby that currently needs emergency support in order to survive. The fundraising efforts across our region have been nothing short of inspirational, and we feel we should play our part to help this incredible organisation that has supported so many families in need over the years.

Next Friday, our pupils can wear any item of clothing that makes them 'glow'. From football kits and rock n roll outfits to simple hoodies or princess costumes - whatever makes your child feel unique or makes them 'glow', they can wear. We'll call it "Glow Up Day". Donations from families and staff will all be donated to Zoe's Place. If we raise more than £600, all children can have extra playtime for a day when we return after half term.

We have families in our school who have needed Zoe's Place during difficult times, and it feels right we should play our part as a school to show our gratitude to the amazing staff and people behind Zoe's Place.

## **Nursery and Reception - Autumn Welly Walk this Sunday at 10:30am**

Our annual Autumn walk is on Sunday at 10:30am, straight after Mass in St Monica's (9:30am start). This was a fantastic morning last year - wellies on, hats and scarves at the ready and smiles all around. See you there!

## **Y6 - PGL Trip Next Week**

Our Y6 pupils are excited for an residential adventure next week - we have our campfire song ready (Shotgun by George Ezra) and Mrs Patsy has written her own song for us all to learn. She won't tell me the words as yet, which makes me feel the teachers will be mentioned - I'm suspicious and updates to follow. We can't wait for three days of making lifetimes memories with our Year 6. Keep an eye on our Twitter for updates throughout the trip.



Friday 18th  
October

Y6 PGL  
October  
21st - 23rd

Y5  
Bikeability  
Oct 22th-  
25th

Friday 25th  
October  
EYFS

Nursery  
Rhyme  
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Nursery  
2pm  
Reception  
2:30pm

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# Nursery

As the Autumnal seasonal changes happen, we have been enjoying exploring a variety of seasonal squashes.

We made predictions of what we thought we would see when we cut them open. We guessed correctly that the pumpkin would be orange inside but were surprised that the green squash was yellow and not green. We enjoyed Autumnal stories and a walk around our lovely outdoor area to celebrate this magical time.

“I thought it would be green and it was yellow!” - IR



# Reception

Reception have had an exciting week exploring The Gingerbread Man. We couldn't believe our eyes when Miss Horder and Miss Andrews caught him on CCTV being cheeky in our classrooms! We made wanted posters to warn the school - and some are up in Mr Gouldbourne's office so visitors can keep an eye out.

We also made our own Gingerbread men, following a recipe and enjoyed retelling the story using finger puppets.



# Year 1

This week Year 1 have been exploring part-whole models to make number bonds within 10. We completed part-whole models and addition sentences. Why not challenge your children about numberbonds to ten. You could ask, “What number do I add to 6 to make 10?”

The app “Hit the Button” is a fantastic app for numberbonds at home - it works on both tablet and phone and is well worth a look.

# Year 2

TT Rock Stars day was great fun last week. In Y2 we played maths games, learnt maths songs, had number bonds competitions and finished the day with a Rockstar fashion show! We love Maths!



As part of our science work in Year 3, we have been learning about how fossils are made and have even made our own fossils using play dough and dog biscuits. Did you know, fossils are the preserved remains of plants and animals whose bodies were buried in sediments, such as sand and mud, under ancient seas, lakes and rivers?



Thanks to Miss Johnson for her play dough making skills!

# Year 3



## Attendance Matters



We have updated our Attendance page on our website, with all the key updates about attendance for families in one place. Here in St Monica's, we say "You can't teach an empty chair." We want all of our children to have excellent attendance so they can flourish when they are older. [Visit here to view more key information.](#)

Our current attendance is 95.9%, above the National of 95.5%, and better than this time last year. Let's get above 96% next week!

Continuing on from our amazing maths day, Year 4 have been busy learning Roman Numerals up to 100. We tested each other's knowledge of the Roman number system using paper straws. We had to be careful to remember that when X (10) is in front of C (100) it equals 90.

'I love Roman Numerals, I'm good at it!' PC, Y4.



## Year 4



In our Design and Technology topic, we have been baking bread. We have tasted different types of bread, made bread following a recipe and evaluated our product. It was an enjoyable experience for us and allowed us to get hands on with the equipment and work collaboratively. Why not ask your child the key ingredients? One child said, "I am going to alter the recipe and make some bread at home."



In our computing lessons Year 6 have been designing their own webpages based on their own chosen interest. We have created logos, given our webpage a header, inserted pictures and researched facts to inform our viewers. Our webpages have varied in content from learning how to look after puppies to advice about how to stay safe online.

# St Monica's: Our Faith in Action

Today is the feast day of St Luke. He was the patron saint of painters and doctors. He wrote the third Gospel.



Luke stresses God's mercy and love of all humankind. He alone records the parables of the lost sheep, the Good Samaritan, the prodigal son which all talk about God's love.

In his Gospel Luke talks about the importance of loving everyone:

**'Love your enemies and do good to them; lend and expect nothing back. You will then have a great reward, and you will be children of the Most High God. For he is good to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful just as your Father is merciful.'**

Luke 6: 32-36

Here at St Monica's we share the message of God's love with each other. We know that God loves us all no matter what and we try our very best to share our love with everyone in our school community.

Today in our Prayer and liturgy some of our children celebrated this important feast day and offered prayers to St Luke.



What is being studied in RE this week?	
EYFS	In EYFS, we have been celebrating God's wonderful world and thinking about ways that we can look after our world.
Y1	In Year 1, we have been discussing why caring for God's world matters and how we as a local community can show that we care.
Y2	In Year 2, we have been reflecting on how actions can help or harm ourselves and others and what this could mean for our friendship with God.
Y3	In Year 3, we have spent time wondering about the blessings of Creation in our own lives and reflecting on the prayerful words studied that give thanks for Creation.
Y4	In Year 4 we have been learning about Joseph and the important role that he played in Jesus' life.
Y5	In Year 5, we have been learning about Maximillian Kolbe and how he gave up his life for others.
Y6	In Year 6, we have begun work on our new topic of 'Vocation and Commitment' we have looked at what it takes to show commitment and examined how Doctors need to have vocation and commitment in their jobs.

