

ST MONICA'S NEWSLETTER



TT Rock Stars Day, Friday 11th October

Next Friday, children can get dressed up for our celebration of Maths: TT Rock Stars Day. We are going to celebrate the power of maths, with a hint of Rock N Roll. Inflatable guitars at the ready!

Pen Licences in Juniors

Pupils in Juniors are starting to earn their 'Pen Licences' for the school year - these are awarded if pupils write high quality independent pieces of work with fantastic handwriting. They also receive a special school pen for the year.

Social Signature Projects

Our School Councillors have set their Social Signature Projects - we have a range of fantastic projects that help our pupils 'make a difference'. See your child's project [here](#).

Dogs on the Yard

Please remember, no dogs are allowed on school property. This goes for smaller dogs, too. Thank you.

After School Clubs

We have a huge variety of clubs on offer this term: Wellbeing, Judo, Choir, Football, Dance, Craft, Crochet Club, MultiSports, Netball and Gymnastics. Mrs Tohill has a vision to make our offer the best in Sefton, and she has made a superb start. In our last parent survey, this was one area we could improve - you spoke, we listened.



Key Dates

TT Rock
Stars Day
11th
October

Y6 PGL
October
21st - 23rd

Y5
Bikeability
Oct 22th-
25th

Term Dates

Faith Aspiration Respect Resilience

Nursery



Nursery have been enjoying exploring our outdoor environment. One of our favourite areas is the mud kitchen. We create delicious dishes to eat using ingredients we find outside, such as mud, herbs, grass and leaves - yummy!

A mud kitchen allows children to engage in pretend and messy play by cooking with outdoor resources. They help us to develop our fine motor skills, roleplay, exploration, and social skills

Reception



Reception finished off their 'All About Me' topic by exploring their homes and comparing these to homes around the world! We enjoyed drawing and talking about our own homes and even had a go at building some different homes in different areas! In Maths we have been exploring sorting and creating our own sorting rules!

A brilliant and enjoyable week.



This week year 1 have been using the language and symbols $<$, $>$ and $=$ to compare numbers. We have worked so hard to become super mathematicians.

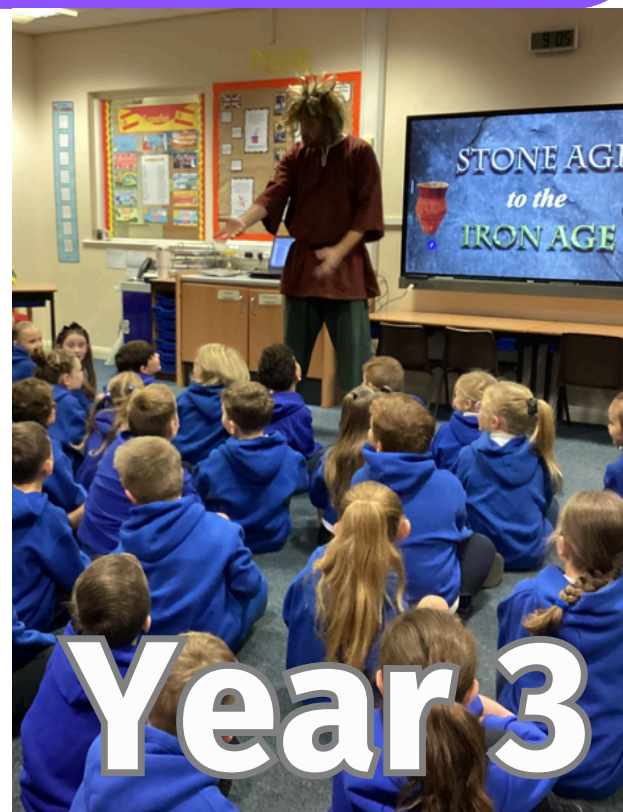
"5 is greater than 1, 4 is equal to 4 and 6 is less than 10" - TMG

Year 2



Year Two thoroughly enjoyed the visit from Kingsley and Co this week. We were excited to look through the wide selection of books and even got to take a book home to keep!

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed enriching their learning through a Stone Age day. Across the day, the children learnt all about the Stone Age and were able to explore various artefacts; create their own arrowheads; design their own henge and re-enact scenes from the Stone Age.



Year 3



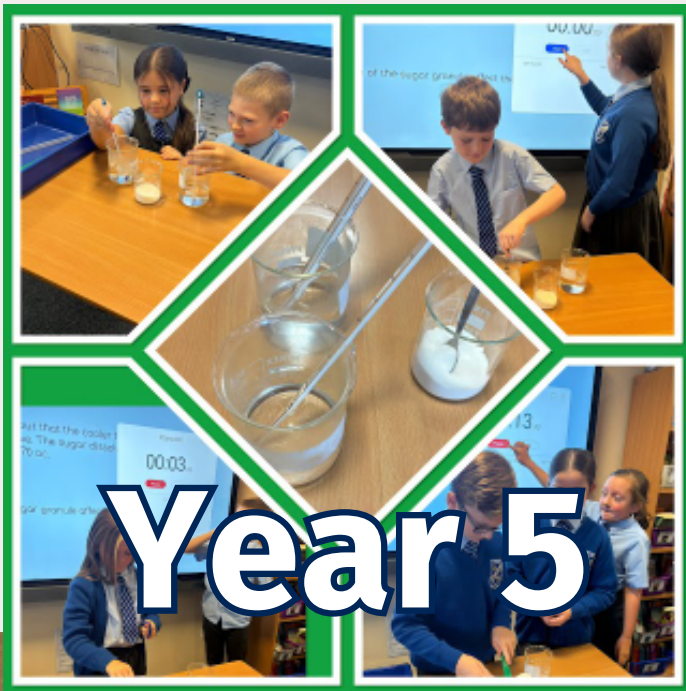
Attendance

95.48%

Year 4 have had a great start to our art topic this month. We have loved learning about our artists, Mondrian, Kandinsky and Matisse. This week we explored patterns and had a go at making our own patterns with inspiration from these artists.



Year 4



Year 5

In our science lesson this week, we investigated how temperature affects the rate at which sugar dissolves. We discussed the importance of a fair test when we are investigating. It took less than 10 seconds for the sugar to dissolve in hot water.



Year 6

In our Design and Technology this term year 6 have been learning about 'The Great British Dish' and on Wednesday we were very lucky to welcome Food for Thought in to help us design and make our own British stew. We had to prepare, cut and chop all of the ingredients and had a taste test. We even had some to take home to share with our families.

St Monica's: Our Faith in Action

This week our classes have been coming up with, voting and deciding upon their class idea for our Social Signature project. This half term we are focusing upon how to 'Lend a helping hand'. Our school community is very caring and has come up with a range of different activities: collecting for foodbanks, random acts of kindness at home, fun runs to raise money for charity and many many more. We know that in the Bible in Matthew's Gospel it says:

'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Here at St Monica's we are really trying to live out these important words so that we can make a difference.



What is being studied in RE this week?	
EYFS	In EYFS, we have been looking at the words and actions of the sign of the cross. We have also been listening to the Scripture of Genesis and we know that God created the world and indeed it was good.
Y1	In Year 1, we have been recognising that though people cannot see God, they can sense his presence through the awe and wonder experienced in the beauty and order of Creation
Y2	In Year 2, we have been learning about the term 'stewardship' and what it means for caring for God's world.
Y3	In Year 3, we have been describing what stewardship is by making simple links between Genesis 1:26-31 and people's actions today.
Y4	In Year 4 we have been learning about the story of Ruth, King David's great grandmother and how Ruth was living in God's way.
Y5	In Year 5, we have been thinking about our unique God given qualities and gifts and appreciating the differences between us all.
Y6	In Year 6, we have been thinking about the concept of unconditional love. We know that God loves us all unconditionally and that Jesus demonstrated this in his Parable of the Prodigal son.

