



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

20th September 2024

Dear Parents

I am still smiling about last Saturday's 70th anniversary celebration. The way so many of you came together to provide refreshments or help on the day (or both) was incredible; the day could not have been as successful as it was without you – thank you all! Miss Borrett (Headteacher from 1971-1995) was on fine form and impressed everyone with her recall of faces and memories. Thanks also to Centre Stage who arranged for four past pupils to return to school and sing for us – such talent! The day was a trip down memory lane, full of shared memories, recalling funny stories, finding names in the admissions register going back as far as 1954 – it was such a special day! A few images of the day have been captured [here](#).

Another highlight of this week was welcoming back Bee and Cora, representing "Fraternity without Borders". You may remember a few months ago we raised over £2,000 for an orphanage in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Bee and Cora went back to the orphanage to find out how the money was spent – see the last page for photos. It was a powerful moment to see the impact of your generous gifts of money! Now the children have a better place to learn, the next project is to provide learning materials such as books, pencils etc. We will be having a DRC Donation Day on Friday 8th November. A suggested donation is £2 per child, but you can give as much or as little as you wish – think of it as an early Christmas present for them!

Unwanted mobile phones – I put in a request for unwanted mobile phones last week, which we were hoping to use to take photos in class. Unfortunately we didn't receive any! This is another plea just in case you have one but forgot to send it in! Thanks in advance.

Sum of money found – Did you lose some money outside the Scout Hut this week? Contact the office if so with details.

Contact Forms – Blank contact forms were sent out to all children at the start of term and the only classes that have returned all of them are RG and RY! Some that have been returned have new mobile phone numbers on. Please would you return the forms asap so we can be sure we have all the correct contact details for you. Thank you.

Secondary Transfer process – For those parents thinking of the transfer to secondary school, you may wish to watch this podcast which has been produced by the London Borough of Enfield. Click [here](#).

Diary Dates for this academic year – click the link to see this year's dates and be sure to mark relevant ones in your diaries. <https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/news-events/calendar/> More dates will follow when trips/visits have been arranged. Every week I will include reminders to keep you up to date.

Year 6 Monitors – Lots of the Yr6 children wrote letters of application for monitoring jobs and went through a rigorous interview process with me this week! They did extremely well and the new monitors were announced in assembly today! Very well done to them all. I can see them go on to be successful employees in the future!

Assemblies

On Tuesday, Miss Nolan read 'Leaf' by Sandra Dieckman to the Infant children. The children discussed how the lost polar bear was treated differently because the other animals didn't know who he was, with the animals running away from him in fear. They considered what the animals should have done differently and how we can learn from the animals in the story. Miss Nolan spoke to the children about the Christian belief that we should welcome everyone and love them like Jesus taught us to love our neighbours.

On Wednesday, Mrs Tottle-Nugent provided all our Year 3 children with a buddy from Year 5! The Year 5 children had never had the privilege of being a buddy to Reception children when they had been in Year 2 due to lockdown rules – but now they have their chance to be their best nurturing selves!

Happy Bag Collection – We were inundated today with bags and bags of pre-loved clothes, bags, shoes etc. The class who brought in the most bags was 6Y and so they can have a non-uniform day on Monday. Thank you to all the helpers this morning. £790.35 was raised for the school – plus £6 from Rose in 3G who donated the money from her pocket money!!!

Diary Dates

Monday 23rd September – Non-uniform day for Class 6Y for bringing in the most bags for the Happy Bag Collection

Wednesday 25th September – School closed all day for INSET (ie in-service training)

Friday 27th September – Macmillan coffee morning in school Please see separate letter sent by Mrs Tottle-Nugent. If you can't make it in person, you can still make a donation by clicking [here](#).

Tuesday 1st October – Feast of St Theresa of Liseux. During the afternoon, the children will be learning about managing their emotions and the focus will be on good mental health and personal well-being.

Wednesday 2nd October – School closed all day for INSET – the reason we chose Wednesdays is because that is the day that most staff are working

Thursday 3rd October – Harvest Festival Day – children are invited to bring in £1 (or more if you wish). All donations will be given to the St Monica's Church Foodbank which provides food for families in need every Monday.

Friday 4th October – Feast of St Francis of Assisi. During the afternoon, the children will be learning about how to look after our environment and behaviours that will care for our world.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Kate Baptiste
Headteacher

Our new House and Vice Captains

Each year, the staff vote for one child from 6G and one child from 6Y in each of the four House Teams. The children with the most votes become the House Captains and the second most is the Vice Captain.

Congratulations to our new House Captains: Éirinn, Chloe, Erin and Marcelina!
Congratulations also to our new Vice Captains: Bella, Alfred, Tobias and Ryan!



Joel and Margot Alleebux will be running the Vitality Westminster Mile tomorrow, on what would have been their big brother Lucas' 9th birthday for Children with Cancer UK.

The family have raised over £650 so far, and these funds will go towards Lucas' overall fundraising pot for CwCUK which currently stands at £109,492.44.

If you would like to make a donation, click here

<https://2024vitalitywestminstermile.enthuse.com/pf/clair-alleebux>

Before your donations.....



After your donations!



£2000

- Completed solar energy installation for Amani School.
- Energy will benefit 298 students & 15 school staff.

Thank you, St. Monica's!!!

