



ST MONICA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Strive to succeed in the presence of God

8th November 2024

Dear Parents,

It's been another busy week at school! I have spent the last two days at a Headteacher conference which was a great opportunity to work with other Headteacher colleagues from Enfield schools, listen to inspiring speakers, share leadership strategies and focus on how to develop resilience, well-being and oracy in staff and children. You're never too old to learn new things.

Assemblies this week – On Monday, we had a guest speaker, Imran Kotwal who is Muslim. He told the children the creation story from their Holy book the Qur'an. It was interesting to note the similarities and some differences between the Christian version. Both characters were called Adam and Eve and both were tempted to eat fruit from a tree. In the Qur'an version Adam and Eve live in Heaven and are sent to Earth after eating the fruit, with a promise that if they are good on Earth they will return to Heaven when they die. On Tuesday, Miss Nolan read 'Be Kind' by Pat Zietlow Miller to the infant children. They discussed what it means to be kind and through the narrator, explored the impact that small acts of kindness can have. The book showed the children that each person's small acts of kindness grow into a big kindness that spreads across the world. The children reflected on what they can do to be Stewards of the Earth, considering how they can take care of creation, as well as be kind to each other. A big thank you to Mrs Khan (6G's class teacher) who led the junior assembly on Wednesday. She shared her knowledge and experience of being a Muslim woman. With help from the children in 6G they showed the Qur'an explaining it is written in Arabic and read from right to left. She explained various pieces of clothing and that it is her choice not to wear the hijab. She also showed how she uses the prayer mat and an app on her phone to locate Mecca. A very interesting assembly.

New School Council – On Monday, at assembly, I announced the new School Council to the children. Congratulations to the following new members - 1Y: Harry & Ava, 1G: Hanna & Laurie, 2Y: Lottie & Sean, 2G: Ciaran & Yoana, 3Y: Oliver & India, 3G: Filomena & George, 4Y: Xavier & Isla, 4G: Max & Lucia, 5Y: Aiden & Katerina, 5G: Senan & Styliani, 6Y: Luca & Paloma, 6G: Lucas & Emily. They had their first meeting with Mrs Weston on Wednesday and some of them also spoke to our School Improvement Advisor Barbara Breed on her visit on Wednesday. Good luck to them all in their new roles and I hope they enjoy it.

Donation Day for the Orphanage in DRC – Thanks so much to all those who remembered to bring cash in today for the orphanage appeal so that they can buy classroom resources for their children. £85 was raised. I had meant to send a reminder text yesterday, so if you did forget and would like to donate, please send cash in on Monday/Tuesday next week.

Cross Country – Congratulations to the B team who ran in the Cross Country competition today at Forty Hall. A particular "well done" to the girls who came 2nd overall! The children involved were: Sara, Annie, Katerina, Flora, Rose, Madeline, Mikey, Charlie, Flynn, Joshua, Lukas S and Lucas M.

Parent Consultations - Next week, parents have the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher. If you haven't made an appointment yet, please contact the school office. If you are bringing your child/ren with you, it is essential that you do not let them into the playground as the after school club will be running. Anyone at after school club, **MUST** be collected from the main entrance by the usual process of ringing the bell.

Wanted! – If any of you have an old television that you no longer want (that still works), please could you donate it to school? Many thanks



Diary Dates

- Week beginning Monday 11th November – Parents have the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher next week.
- Monday 11th November – non-uniform day for two teams: St Theresa and St Francis (for a joint win of house points last half term.)
- Monday 11th or Tuesday 12th – You can send in a cash donation (£2 or whatever you can afford) for the children's orphanage if you forgot today
- Wednesday 13th 9.15am – Year 5 music recital. Children in Year 5 who play an instrument will be performing for children and their parents.
- Wednesday 13th midday – Deadline for getting in your Christmas card/items order (from the Christmas design your child did that was sent home before half term).
- Wednesday 13th from 3.15pm – Book Fair after school. See attached letter.
- Friday 15th November 1.30pm – Open afternoon for prospective parents of children due to start school in September 2025. Make sure you have booked a place via the school office and also let any families know who may be interested.

Have a pleasant weekend.

Kind regards
Kate Baptiste
Headteacher

Please see overleaf for some important messages...

Uniform!

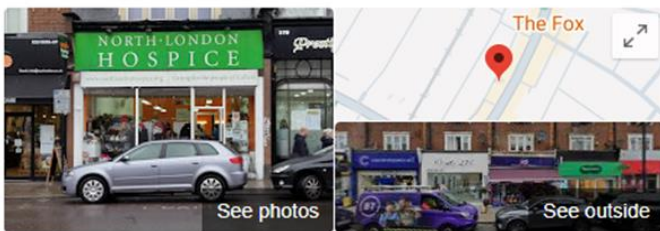
Did you know that the north London Hospice Shop, 377 Green Lanes, takes second hand uniform? If you have any that you'd like to give away, please give to them.

A huge PLEA - We are constantly finding lost pieces of clothing and usually with NO NAMES! Staff members are frequently asked by parents to find the lost items and it's very frustrating that SO MUCH UNIFORM HAS NO NAME.



Please make it your job over the weekend to write your child's name into a label – especially in their cardigans/jumpers.

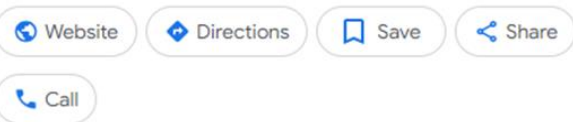
Thank you



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Help Needed Urgently A loving family is looking for a kind, reliable and experienced childminder to care of their 4-year-old child for 2 hours after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are located 5 minutes from the St Monica's School. If you are interested, please contact Alex on 07900216530 for more information.

Lost scooter – A scooter that was left under the bike/scooter area this week is now missing. It is a micro scooter with two single wheels, is multi-coloured and has the child's name (Ava) faintly on it in the middle. Please can you check you haven't taken it by mistake. Many thanks