

ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY
NEWSLETTER – 7th OCTOBER 2022

SCHOOL NEWS

It has been a busy week with everyone working hard, and the School Leadership Team are enjoying our regular 'Book Bingo' time where we look at one pupil's book from each class to check presentation and standards. We were particularly impressed with Viktor's fantastic RE book (Y1) this time.

We had our first week of brass band tuition on Wednesday for Y4. A music teacher from Lancashire Music Service will be visiting throughout the year to teach our pupils how to play a brass instrument, read music and develop musical knowledge. I am sure there will be opportunities for our new class band to play at different events throughout the year as they develop more confidence.

UPDATE FROM UK HEALTH AGENCY – SCARLET FEVER

All Primary schools have been informed that Regionally and Nationally, there have been higher than expected rates of scarlet fever in children under 10. With scarlet fever, a red, pinhead rash develops, typically on the chest and stomach and then rapidly to other parts of the body, giving the skin a 'sandpaper-like' texture. Other symptoms can be flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. Children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should not attend Nursery / School until 24 hours after starting antibiotic treatment. If Scarlet Fever is circulating, it is important that any children and adults with chickenpox do stay off school or nursery until all their blisters have dried over, which is usually 5 days after they first appeared.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery – Sophie Travis
Reception – Tobias Watson
Year 1 – Carter-Jace Thomas
Year 2 – Layla-Jai Shaw and Layla Leo
Year 3 – Lily-Mae Dwyer
Year 4 – Ellie-May Gregory
Year 5 – Scott Harris
Year 6 – Savana Navin



GROWTH MINDSET

Well done to our winners this week who have won certificates for '**COLLABORATION**'.

Nursery – Amani Ahmed
Reception – Ezmae Robertson
Year 1 – Pixie Hayhurst
Year 2 – Daniel Bond
Year 3 – Lily-Mae Dwyer
Year 4 – Carly Wroughton
Year 5 – Bentley Meades
Year 6 – Brandon Crowshaw

Next week, our phrase of the week will be '**RESILIENCE**'.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Here are our attendance figures for this week. The winning class will receive £10 for class treats.

Reception – 90%

Year 1 – 88.9%

Year 2 – 98.3%

Year 3 – 86.0%

Year 4 – 92.0%

Year 5 – 94.0%

Year 6 – 99.1% (winner)

Weekly Overall School Attendance is 93%



APPLYING FOR SCHOOL PLACES

Lancashire Admissions is now open for parents and families to apply for Secondary School and Primary School Places.

The deadline for Secondary School applications is 31st October 2022 and you can apply online using this link:- <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-school/>

The deadline for Reception places is 15th January 2023 and you can apply online using this link:- <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>

If you need any assistance in completing the applications, please contact the School Office.

ONLINE SAFETY – Be Kind Online

Childline suggests to children that if they are using social media to -

‘Try posting positive comments to others and not responding to negative comments.’

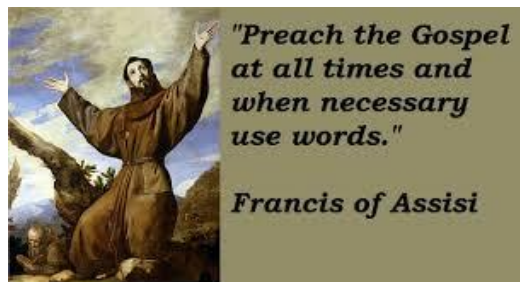
Also that ‘Blocking and reporting bullying or abuse when you see it can help you to feel better.’

PUPIL LEADERS

We have been recruiting children this week for our GIFT team who will help us with ideas for how we can be proud to be part of our Catholic school and develop our Gospel values. We also have new Eco-Warriors who will be monitoring our school to make sure we are being as environmentally friendly as we can. More news on this next week!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK – St Francis of Assisi Feast Day

We discussed St Francis in Assembly, who is our Saint of the Week this week. We talked about how we can serve others in different ways to follow in Jesus’ footsteps through our actions.



*"Preach the Gospel
at all times and
when necessary
use words."*

Francis of Assisi