



**St. Patrick's R.C. Primary School - Newsletter**

13<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Tel: 0161-834-9004

Weekend Masses: Vigil Mass - Saturday, 6.30 p.m. at St. Malachy's

9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (signed for the deaf) at St. Patrick's

Parish Website: <https://stpatricksliveseyst.yolasite.com/>

School Website: [www.st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk](http://www.st-patricks.manchester.sch.uk)

Facebook page: [St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Primary School, Manchester](https://www.facebook.com/St.Patrick's-Roman-Catholic-Primary-School-Manchester)



DIOCESE OF SALFORD

If there is any parent who wishes their child to be baptised, please contact the Parish Priest of the parish in which you live. If you live within the boundaries of this parish, please see Canon Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Canon Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at [Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Our Statement to live by next week is:**

**"I KNOW WHAT HUMAN DIGNITY MEANS & I SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS."**

**WE ARE CALLED TO WITNESS:** In this Sunday's Gospel, we return to the beginning of Jesus' mission. The humble witness of John the Baptist gave people a sense that something exciting was about to happen. John the Baptist is one of the best known saints. He never pushed himself forward. He encouraged his own followers to leave him and become followers of Jesus. His life (and death) witnessed to the truth about Jesus and, because of him, many people came to know and follow Jesus. Our schools and parishes are founded in the name of Jesus and they continue to share Jesus' message, giving witness to God's love for all people.



*"Let us ask our Lord to help us bear shining witness to his love in every area of our lives." (Pope Francis)*



**PUPIL WELFARE:** During this first full week back to school, the staff have been 'checking in' with some of the children on a 1:1 basis to help them to settle back into a school routine. It is so heart-warming to hear the many stories of how the children spent a joyful and relaxing time with their families over the festive period. Thank you parents/carers for all that you have done with supporting the children to have a truly wonderful break.

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS:** Well done to the Nursery class for achieving a fantastic attendance score of 97.6%. The children were rewarded with an extra 5 minutes play time this week. Unfortunately, we missed our whole school attendance target with a disappointing score of 88.4%. There have been some particularly nasty coughs, colds and viruses going around before and during the Christmas holidays and so we understand the impact that this will have on attendance. Please continue to encourage your child to practise good hand hygiene and the 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' message so that they can become an attendance HERO (Here, Everyday, Ready and On time). Thank you parents/carers for your continued support.



Nursery: 97.6%	Reception: 84.6%	Year 1: 89.5%	Year 2: 92%
Year 3: 88.4%	Year 4: 79.2%	Year 5: 78.6%	Year 6: 95.8%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 88.4%			

**GOING TO BE ABSENT?** Gentle reminder: If your child is absent from school, it is the parent's responsibility to inform us. If we don't hear from you, this causes a safeguarding concern because we don't know your child is safe. Please help us to do our job by keeping us well informed. Many thanks for your co-operation.

**PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** The next class Mass at church will be for our pupils in Years 6, 4 and 2 on **Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> January** at the usual time of 9:15 a.m. Parents/carers are welcome to come along.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** Please can the parents of pupils who are completing the Sacramental Programme make a note of the following dates and times.



Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> January - 7.00pm	Parents' Meeting
Tuesday, 7 <sup>th</sup> March - 7:00 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation Service at St. Patrick's Church
Date to be confirmed	Parents' Meeting
Sunday, 18 <sup>th</sup> June - 9:30 a.m.	First Holy Communion Mass at St. Patrick's Church

**READING TOP TIP:** Our top tip this week is: **Read and discuss reading with friends or family.** Make books a part of the family. Encourage your child to share them with a relative or friend, over a video call. Laugh about them when you are making meals together. For example, 'I hope the tiger doesn't come to tea today!'



**ATTENTION NURSERY PARENTS:** A gentle reminder that the deadline for applications for a September 2023 place in our Reception class is **Monday, 16th January**. Please be aware that a place in our Nursery is unfortunately not a guarantee that you will be offered a place! Therefore please do not delay in completing your application. Applications can be completed online at: [https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary\\_school\\_admissions/7264/apply\\_for\\_a\\_reception\\_class\\_place\\_for\\_september\\_2020/4](https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500321/primary_school_admissions/7264/apply_for_a_reception_class_place_for_september_2020/4) If any parent needs assistance with completing their application, please feel free to call into the office and a member of the Admin Team will be happy to help.

**2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR:** The 2023-24 school calendar which gives information to parents/carers about term and holiday dates can now be found on the school website.

**HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING:** Are you currently struggling with your family finances? You may qualify for help through Discretionary Housing and council tax payments. In a financial crisis, you can also apply for fuel and cash grants. Visit <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/financialsupport> for more details.

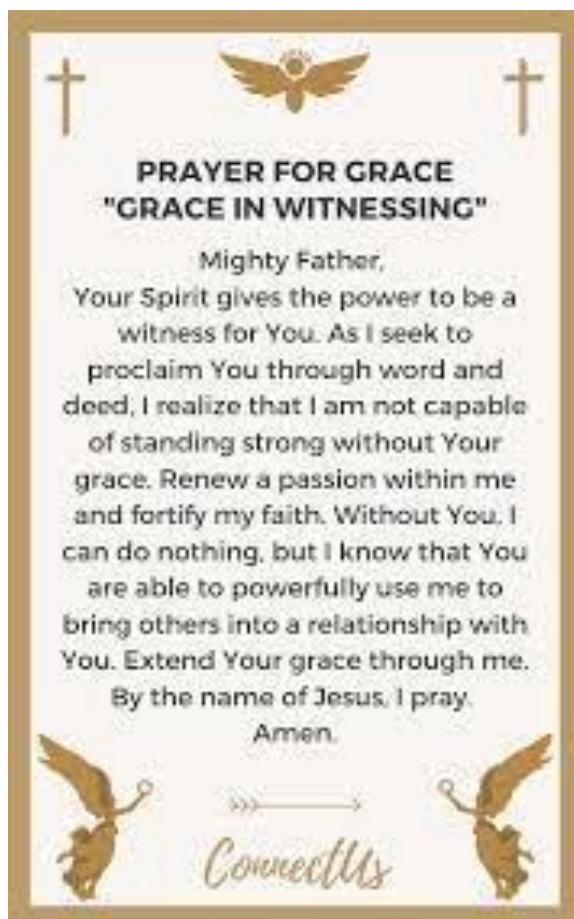


**CURRICULUM NEWS:** As part of their new humanities topic about the polar regions, the Year 5 class participated in a really exciting workshop delivered by 'DanTastic Education' on Monday morning. The Year 3 class loved creating their own volcano out of junk during an explosive and fun-filled Design Technology day on Tuesday! Year 1 have been learning about composers during their music lesson this week. They also composed rhythms whilst exploring crotchets and rests in musical notation. Please feel free to visit our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been up to.

**FACEBOOK:** If you aren't doing so already, please 'like' our page on Facebook so you can keep up to date with all of the latest news! Teachers will be posting about what the class are up to during the week and they'll post photos also! Search us as St. Patrick's Manchester and we should pop up!



**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Pope Benedict XVI (RIP), Sister Rita (RIP), Rev. Fr. David O'Kane (RIP), Gurbachun Singh (RIP), Sister Philomena, Maureen Duffy, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Canon Paul Daly, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.



*Stay with us, Lord... on our journey.*