



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

17th March 2023

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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

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



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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

Our Statement to live by is:

"IN LENT...I TRY TO SAY MY PRAYERS."



THE HEALING POWER OF JESUS: In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about how Jesus brought healing and light into the life of the man who was born blind. The man could then see the world around him, but the most important thing he saw was who Jesus really was - the Son of God. Difficulties, worries and sickness can sometimes be part of our lives. Yet, when we believe in Jesus and we pray and look carefully, we can often learn something about the world and ourselves, and about how Jesus is always there for us. Jesus is the light of the world. Believing in him brings light to our lives; it changes how we see the world and it can bring healing to us too.

*"Love is the first ingredient in the relief of suffering."
St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)*

PRAYER AND WORSHIP: It was wonderful to see the whole parish community come together to celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, St. Patrick, today! The day started with a beautiful Mass in church and the celebrations continued back in school with lots of fun and exciting activities about all things Irish!!



LENTEN FUNDRAISING: Pray, fast, give...Today, we continued with our traditional 'Rainbow Friday' in order to raise money for the Caritas Lenten Appeal. Last week, we raised a weekly total of £198.65 and this brings our total so far to £277.25. We have sent home small collection boxes for each family so that the children can put any spare change in for the duration of Lent. These can be brought back into school at anytime during Lent and the deadline is **Thursday, 30th March**. Thank you to everyone who has embraced our Lenten fundraising and for your generous donations so far.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: The attendance figures for each class for last week can be found in the table below. Can you believe that there's only 2 weeks remaining until the end of March!? The class with the highest attendance for the month across the school will be rewarded with an ice-cream party so attendance really does matter!! Please help us to do our job by keeping us informed if your child is going to be absent from school and continue to encourage your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time). Thank you parents/carers for your continued support and cooperation.



Nursery: 96.3%	Reception: 90.7%	Year 1: 85.4%	Year 2: 95.7%
Year 3: 95.8%	Year 4: 96%	Year 5: 92.3%	Year 6: 91.7%
	WHOLE SCHOOL: 92.7%		



READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **EXPLORE DIFFERENT READING MATERIALS.** When we think of reading, most of us immediately think of stories, especially story books, but there are many other different types of reading materials that children can use to practice their reading skills. As well as fiction, there is a whole world of comics, magazines, poetry, play scripts, newspapers, ebooks, audio books and non-fiction books for your child to discover and enjoy the love of reading.

HERE TO HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING: The government have a website with lots of information that can help households with the cost of living crisis. Get support with:

- Energy saving tips
- Energy bills
- Household costs
- Childcare costs
- Income support
- Travel costs

Visit <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/> to find out more.



ATTENTION YEAR 2 PARENTS: In preparation for their SATS in May, Miss Cusick is challenging the Year 2 children to become special agents! In order to become successful, they'll need to undertake some special training with Reading, Maths and Grammar! As with all special agent training, this is top secret and must be completed at home! Please click on the following link to find out more.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yN6L+PW0sGE&list=PLDNY9DfYJHxt0_pSebPUkiWdVeFYWUZs

CURRICULUM NEWS: Although some classes were affected by the strike days, the children have been really busy working on the curriculum on the days that they have been in school. To highlight just a few examples.... The Year 2 children have been looking at odd and even numbers in their Maths lesson and adding the totals on dice to see if they are odd/even. The Nursery children have been learning a game called Bus, Car, Bike during their P.E lesson which was all about following different instructions. The Year 5 and 6 children loved being out and about and enjoying the craic on Thursday as they attended the Irish Centre to participate in lots of Irish music and dancing workshops and even put on a performance of their very own! Check out our school Facebook page for lots of photos of the children enjoying their education this week!



MOTHERING SUNDAY: This Sunday is Mothering Sunday and is the official time of year to give mums a day off from doing the multitude of daily jobs they're usually tasked with! So let us give thanks to God for all of the mothers or significant women in our lives this weekend and show our gratitude to them in our own unique way.



ATTENTION YEAR 4 PARENTS: At the start of June, the children in Year 4 will be screened to see how many of the multiplication facts up to 12 X 12 that they know. For a good few years, the school has subscribed to a fantastic resource called Times Tables Rock Stars or TTRS for short! This brilliant app is a fun, engaging and free way to help your child become a 'Rock Hero' and really help them to rapidly recall their multiplication facts. Ask your child how they log on... they should know their username and password off by heart by now! If not, they can find it at the front of their Reading Record (it's the same password as Mathletics). With 10-15 minutes practise each evening, you'll be amazed at what progress the children really do make. Children in other year groups can access the app too soooooo get rockin'!!

MCA EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: MCA is pleased to announce that the registration for the upcoming MCA Easter Holiday Programme is now OPEN! Places are absolutely FREE! It is for TWO WEEKS! The first week being from Monday, 3rd April until Thursday, 6th April. The second week will run from Tuesday, 11th April until Friday, 14th April. If you wish to sign up your child/children please click on the link below. You must complete the form for each child.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1MzFtLS0vUadvzRqN2axgk9sxbUcM4iUITkxFor1TTpM/edit>



FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS: The Council has approved funding for supermarket vouchers for children eligible for free school meals (FSM) for the Easter break to help with the financial pressures placed on many of our families at this time. Look out for your £30.00 e-voucher from Wonde in the last week of term. This can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice. Please contact the school office before the break if you have any problems accessing the voucher.

DINNER MONEY ARREARS: For those parents who pay for school meals, please remember that dinner money needs to be paid in advance by **Monday morning** on Pay360. Dinner money for the remainder of this half term is £23.50 Thank you!



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: All mothers on Mothering Sunday, Andrew Betney, Miss Bevan, Maureen Duffy and family, Josephine Ekuase, Mrs Balagizi, Margaret Williams, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, everyone affected by the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Canon Paul Daly, Father Moses, Deacon Stephen, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.





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

