



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

24<sup>th</sup> March 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)



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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](mailto:Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

Our Statement to live by next week is...

**"IN LENT... WE PREPARE OURSELVES FOR EASTER"**



**SHOW COMPASSION:** As well as showing the power given to Jesus by his Father, this Sunday's Gospel reminds us of Jesus' humanity. Jesus was upset by Lazarus' death and wept for him. His compassion for Lazarus and Lazarus' family mirrors his compassion for each one of us when we are upset. We too can experience Jesus' compassion through other people and through spending time with God in prayer. Compassion is an attractive quality. Our own example in daily life can help our children become more compassionate too.

*"We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings of other people, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion."  
(St. Vincent de Paul)*

**PRAYER AND WORSHIP:** Our next Mass will be a whole school Mass for Years 1-6. This will be on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at the usual time of 9:15 a.m. Parents/carers are welcome to join us.

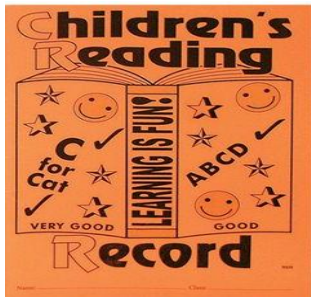


**LENTE FUNDRAISING:** Pray, fast, give... Today, we continued with our traditional 'Rainbow Friday' in order to raise money for the Caritas Lenten Appeal. Last week, we raised a weekly total of £78.47 and this brings our total so far to £355.72!! Amazing effort everyone! At the start of Lent we sent home small collection boxes for each family so that the children can put any spare change in for the duration of Lent. Thank you to those families who have already returned their box but those who haven't yet, you'll need to be quick as the deadline is Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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. There's only 1 week remaining until the end of March and so the class with the highest attendance for the month across the school will be rewarded with an ice-cream party when we return after the Easter break! 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: 87.5%	Reception: 84.7%	Year 1: 82.6%	Year 2: 89.3%
Year 3: 95.7%	Year 4: 92.2%	Year 5: 91.3%	Year 6: 92.5%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 89.1%			



**READING TOP TIP:** This week's reading top tip is: 'Record your child's reading.' Every so often, the teachers monitor how much reading the children are doing at home and in school. They really want to celebrate and reward the children for the efforts and progress that they are making. At times, the children tell us that they have been reading but we don't see any evidence of this in their Reading Record!! Please help us to celebrate with the children because 'If you don't record, we can't reward!'

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

- Mortgages
- Energy bills
- Household costs
- Childcare costs
- Income support
- Saving money
- Pension rules



Visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/topics/cljev4jz3pjt> for more information.

**KEEPING YOUR HOME FREE FROM DAMP AND MOULD:** Manchester City Council have produced a handy booklet that sets out helpful information and guidance about keeping homes free from damp and mould. Click on the link for more information. <https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=00aae6b04d&attid=0.10&permmmsgid=msg-f:1760874767430791596&th=186fe2457ea931ac&view=att&disp=inline>



**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=yN6LTPW0sGE&list=PLDNY9DfyJHxt0\\_pSebPUKIWdVeFYWUZs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yN6LTPW0sGE&list=PLDNY9DfyJHxt0_pSebPUKIWdVeFYWUZs)

**CURRICULUM NEWS:** Another super busy week across the curriculum this last week! To highlight just a few...Year 2 went back in time to 1666 and the Great Fire of London during a special workshop where they met Samuel Pepys! Year 3 designed their own Roman mosaic and then practised cross stitching to bring them to life with wool. The Reception class studied an artist called Frank Bowling and then mixed primary colours by blowing through a straw to make secondary colours before creating some wonderful abstract artwork in the style of Frank. Check out our Facebook page to see what else has been going on in school this week!



**ENTERPRISE DAY:** The Urban Crew have been out and about again today! This time they've participated in an 'Enterprise Day' at MCA. During the morning session, they designed and created a product to sell. But before they could sell to potential customers they had to decide upon a marketing strategy and design a stall to attract them. Lots of cooperation and team work was needed! During the afternoon some Year 8 students from MCA joined the event and spent some 'Urban Crew Dollars!' There were awards given out for the team with best sales, most profit and best teamwork! Check out the Facebook page to see how our Urban Crew got on.





**PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL:** Parents/carers who drive to school for drop off and pick up will be aware of the double yellow lines on the streets surrounding the school. These lines are there to remind drivers **NOT** to park there so that other road users and pedestrians are safe. It is **illegal** to park on double yellow lines. Therefore, it is paramount that our children and their parents/carers/grandparents are safe on the surrounding streets and pavements so please be considerate. **SHOW YOU CARE AND PARK ELSEWHERE.** Our staff will move any careless drivers on no matter how late they are!

**LETTERS OF PRAISE:** Parents will know that we love to celebrate every little success with our delightful pupils. Our Facebook page is alive with lots of celebrations of the achievements of various pupils, especially after our weekly Celebration Assembly. Another way of letting parents know how proud the staff are is through a special half termly 'letter of praise' for certain pupils who have made their teachers, Teaching Assistants & Lunchtime Organisers proud during their lessons. Some parents are certainly aware of this as they have received a letter in the past from Mrs Clinton. So please be on the look out for a special email from Mrs Clinton over the next week to see if the staff have nominated your child for a special 'letter of praise.'

**SPRING FORWARD:** Don't forget to put all clocks and watches forward by one hour on Saturday night!

**NON-UNIFORM DAY:** School breaks up for the Easter holidays next **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** at the earlier time of 1:00pm for surnames A-J and 1:20pm for surnames K-Z. This will be a non-uniform day for everyone and we are asking for donations of 50p per pupil or £1 per family in aid of school fund. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity and support.



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### **EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES**



Our Lady's R.C High School are hosting an Easter Holiday Scheme from Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup>-Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April. This is aimed at pupils in Years 5, 6 and 7 and places will be prioritised for pupils on free school meals. Places are FREE but limited so parents will need to be quick to enrol. Here's a link to the Google form - complete this to sign up - one form for each child:-

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6dPjdr6CksqdLficYIODwDtmXiI6RGWrbLaf94BD4jYZfTg/v  
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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, 3<sup>rd</sup> April until Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April. The second week will run from Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April until Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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/1MzFtLS0vUadvzRgN2axgk9sxbUcM4iUITkxFor1TTpM/edit>



MCRactive are also offering thousands of FREE places for children to access a variety of activities & a FREE meal over the Easter Holidays in Manchester for those on benefit-related free school meals. **To book your child's space:** Sign up for an MCRactive Go account <https://www.mcractive.com/>. Once signed up, log into your account - [Find Activities](#) - Search by Category 'MCR Holiday Activity' **Use code when asked: 62449** to book free eligible activities.

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**FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY ASSESSMENT:** Greater Manchester Fire and rescue service are offering free home fire safety advice to keep families safe. For personalised advice and to see if you are eligible for a Home Fire Safety Assessment visit their website at [manchesterfire.gov.uk](http://manchesterfire.gov.uk) or call 0800 555815.

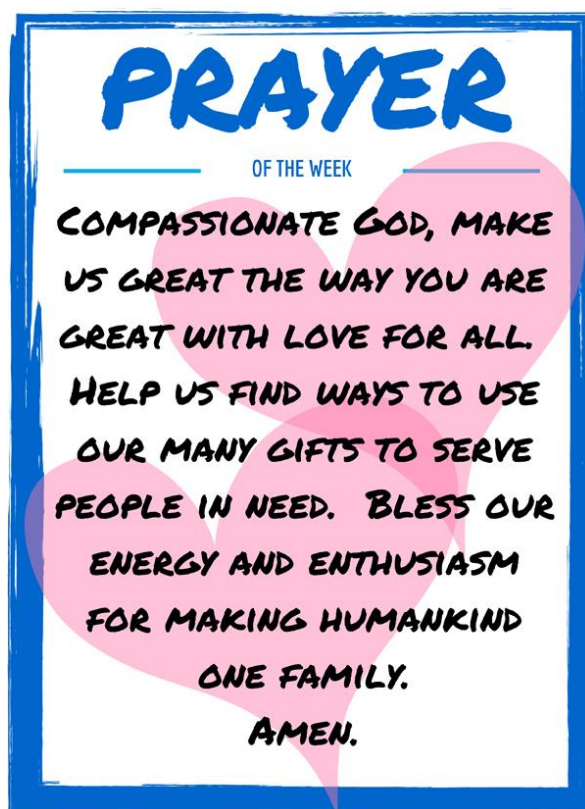
**FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS:** The Council has approved funding for supermarket vouchers for children eligible for free school meals (FSM) for the Easter break to help with the financial pressures placed on many of our families at this time. Look out for your £30.00 e-voucher from Wonde next week. This 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:** 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 £11.75. Please ensure there are no arrears carried over into the Easter holidays. 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: Eugene Farren (RIP) and the Byrne family, 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.*

