



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

21st October 2022

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

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 Father Paul after one of the weekend Masses listed above. Alternatively, Father Paul can be contacted on 07764791889 or at Paul.Daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

**Our Statement to live by on our return is:
'I NOTICE THAT WE ARE THE SAME AND WE ARE DIFFERENT.'**



LIVE HUMBLY: In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. Jesus reminds us that we should be humble, especially when we pray, and he wants to teach people the importance of praying with the right attitude. A humble person does not think that they are better or more important than others; they are honest about their weaknesses and not afraid to say 'sorry' to God if they have done wrong. God is pleased with those who are humble. A humble person knows that all good comes from God and that any talents we have are gifts from God.

*"When we live humbly, God takes our small efforts and creates great things."
(Pope Francis)*

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTER: The attendance for last week is shown below and the classes which surpassed our whole school attendance target (97%+) are highlighted in green. Well done to them! Please remember parents, that attendance really does matter. As winter approaches, we'll be talking to the children about wrapping up warm when they go outside in order to keep those coughs and sniffles at bay. So now is the time to dig out those winter coats, scarves and hats!! Please encourage your child to wrap up warm so they can become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time).



Nursery: 96.7%	Reception: 94.8%	Year 1: 94.2%	Year 2: 96.9%
Year 3: 97.7%	Year 4: 90%	Year 5: 97.8%	Year 6: 91.8%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 95.3%			

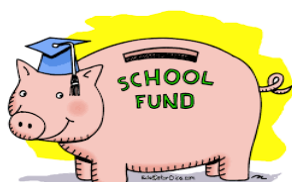


PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Please take note of the following date for our next Masses in Church. As always, parents are welcome to join us.

Tuesday 1st November - All Saints Day - 9.15 a.m.

Wednesday, 23rd November - Class Mass for Years 1, 3 and 5 - 9:15 a.m.

OUR GOOD SHEPHERD: Father Paul, our Parish Priest and school chaplain is very keen to get to know our families better. Would you like to welcome Father Paul into your home to meet your family and give your home a blessing? If you would, please let us know and we can set this up for you.



NON-UNIFORM DAY: We held a non-uniform day in aid of school fund today. Thank you yet again for your generous donations. We use our School Fund to pay for lots of different and exciting experiences for the children throughout the school year so the continuous parental support is very much appreciated.

READING TOP TIP: This week's reading top tip is: 'Visit a local library with your child.' As we go into the half term break, why not visit one of the local libraries and if your child is not already a member then sign them up. Here are the links for websites for local libraries that you may wish to visit during the holiday!

<https://loadstodo.co.uk/venues/north-city-library/>

https://www.manchester.gov.uk/directory_record/445650/miles_platting_community_library/category/1957/all_libraries



ATTENTION YEAR 6 PARENTS: It is now time to apply for your child's Year 7 place at high school. Go to [Manchester.gov.uk/admissions](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/admissions) to apply. The deadline for secondary school applications is **Monday, 31st October** and the message is... 'Don't leave it too late!' If you need help, please get in touch with your child's class teacher and we can support you.

GIRLS' FOOTBALL: The Year 5 and 6 girls' football team represented St. Patrick's so well on Monday evening. They attended a tournament at MCA and competed against 5 other schools from the local area. Mr Eaglestone was so proud of how the girls showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship both during and after each game. Fantastic girls... well done!!



CURRICULUM NEWS: It's been another very busy week across the school with so many exciting lessons in lots of different subjects! For example...The Reception class have been making their own set of Rosary beads to help them to meditate on some of the mysteries of the Rosary. The Year 5 children have made great progress with music focussing on using both hands whilst playing the tin whistle. The Nursery children have been counting five little ducks in Mathematics and are learning how to count on and count back too!! Please feel free to visit our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been up to. Please look out for the Knowledge Organisers for Humanities and Science that have been emailed to parents this week. These will give lots of information about your child's topics next half term and ways in which you can support your child's learning at home.



TAEKWONDO GRAND PRIX: The Year 5 and 6 classes were out and about this morning. They were invited to the World Taekwondo Grand Prix at the Etihad Campus and witnessed some of the 250 athletes battling and competing for glory. They were even given the opportunity to try out some Taekwondo skills with special coaching sessions provided by some of the athletes!!



AVAILABLE PLACES: We currently have spaces in most of our classes. Some families think that they aren't eligible to come to our school. We often hear, 'We can't come to your school because we aren't Catholic.' This isn't actually true. Baptised children are given priority when we have spaces but all families and children are welcome at our school. Please spread the word - your family and friends are very welcome!

NURSERY PLACES: We will shortly be arranging nursery admissions for January 2023. If your child is born between 01.09.2019 - 31.12.2019, please contact the school office as soon as possible to ensure we have your child's details.



SCARLET FEVER: Scarlet fever is on the rise again! The first signs of scarlet fever can be 'flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, a sore throat and swollen neck glands (a large lump on the side of your neck). A rash appears 12 to 48 hours later. It looks like small, raised bumps and starts on the chest and tummy, then spreads. It is highly contagious and is spread by close contact with someone carrying the bacteria. It takes around 2 to 5 days to develop symptoms after exposure to these bacteria. **If you think you or your child has scarlet fever, you should consult your GP.**

HEALTH & SAFETY MEASURE: We will be installing a temporary safety measure along our footpath, adjacent to the playground and the school hall. Mrs Baker has reported falling debris from one of the window sills. We have reported our concerns and whilst we await investigations and work to be carried out, we will take the appropriate measures. Please keep the railings to your right as you walk along the path. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

HOMEWORK CLUB: Miss Campbell and Miss McArdle have very kindly offered to arrange a homework club for pupils in Year One. The club will start on Tuesday, 1st November and will run until 4:00 p.m. each and every Tuesday. Parents, please make the most of this opportunity!

MUMS' WALKING CLUB: A mums' walking club will be starting on Thursday, 20th October at Boggart Hole Clough. The meeting place is at the Lakeside Café at 10:00 a.m. and the walks are due to finish at 12:00 p.m. Please click on the link to register for tickets.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/walk-and-talk-north-manchester-infant-feeding-tickets-439451610597>



Walking Mum's Club

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES: MCRactive are offering thousands of FREE places for children to access a variety of activities & a FREE meal over October Half-Term 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: 26584 to book free eligible activities.

**FREE
SCHOOL
MEALS**

Information & Support



OCTOBER HALF TERM FSM VOUCHERS: Manchester City Council has again approved funding for supermarket vouchers for the October half term break to help with the financial pressures that many of our families will face. Families with children eligible for free school meals (FSM) should have received a £15.00 e-voucher from Wonde this week. This voucher can be redeemed at a supermarket of your choice.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: We will be holding our annual Remembrance Service on **Wednesday, 9th November at 2:00 p.m.** in the school hall. The children will be bringing home a letter on Monday, 31st October with more information and families are invited to send into school the names of loved ones who have passed before us so that their names can be read out and a candle lit in remembrance.



HAPPY HALF TERM+STAYING SAFE: A reminder to parents that the clocks go back by one hour on Sunday, 30th October. This means that the nights will be drawing in after half term. We have completed lots of work with the children and the Fire Service about keeping themselves safe around Halloween and Bonfire Night. Please re-iterate these messages to your child at home and we look forward to welcoming everybody back to school, safe and sound, on **Monday, 31st October** at the usual times.



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!

A FOND FAREWELL: We gave a fond farewell to two of our wonderful staff this week. Miss McCorkell left us temporarily to start her maternity leave and Miss Withers finished today to start her retirement. Miss Withers has been our lunchtime organiser & cleaner at St. Patrick's for over 20 years so many of you will know her. We wish both ladies lots of love as they journey into new and exciting chapters in their lives.

BABY NEWS: Talking of babies, the Year 5 pupils did a wonderful job of supporting Miss McCorkell these last few weeks. They made sure she didn't lift anything, was careful walking up and downstairs, holding doors open etc etc. Well, this is something, they're going to have to continue to do. Miss Bevan is going to need their help and support over the next few months as she prepares to welcome a new little addition to her family in the Spring. What an exciting time to have a new baby! We know the class will be just as protective of Miss Bevan as we witness the miracle of creation.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Brian McNulty (RIP) and family, Anne Clarke, Miss McCorkell, Mrs Withers, John Leighton, all involved with caring for the sick of our community, those families seeking asylum from war torn countries, Father Paul, the Presentation Sisters, the Missionaries of Charity Brothers and all other private intentions at this time.



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