



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

18th November 2022

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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'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

**Our Statement to live by next week is:
'I TRY TO FORGIVE PEOPLE WHEN THEY HURT ME.'**



SHOW MERCY: This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In this Sunday's Gospel, the leaders, the soldiers and the people all mock Jesus as God's chosen one and as king. Jesus' kingship is not one of military or political power, but one of love and mercy. Jesus forgave those who crucified him. He also showed mercy to the criminal who was sorry and called him to share in his kingdom - an offer Jesus also makes to us today. Pope Francis reminds us that, "In life we all make many mistakes. Don't be afraid to ask God for forgiveness. God is pure mercy." Each one of us receives mercy as a gift from God - it is a gift which we are called to share with others.

"God is so merciful towards us. We too should learn to be merciful." (Pope Francis)

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY MATTERS: Unfortunately, we missed our whole school attendance target last week with a disappointing score of 93.1% Well done to Year 5 who were rewarded with an extra 5 minutes play time this week as they surpassed the target with a wonderful 97.9%! Competition for the winning class for the highest attendance in November is hotting up and it's already a close call between a few classes. Please try to encourage your child to become an attendance HERO (Here, Every day, Ready and On time). Thank you parents/carers for your continued support.



Nursery: 83.6%	Reception: 90.1%	Year 1: 93.8%	Year 2: 96.7%
Year 3: 92.5%	Year 4: 86.7%	Year 5: 97.9%	Year 6: 96.4%
WHOLE SCHOOL: 93.1%			

PRAYER AND WORSHIP: Our next Mass will be on **Wednesday, 23rd November** at 9:15 a.m. for Years 1,3 & 5. Our Year 5 children will lead the Mass and our GIFT Team will be commissioned by Canon Paul. As always, parents/carers are very welcome to join us.



PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR: The parish Christmas Fair will take place at the back of church **after 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, 4th December**. As always, the school will be supporting the Christmas Fair so we'll be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday, 2nd December** and asking for donations of either chocolate for the chocolate tombola or bottles for the bottle tombola. Thank you in advance for your generous donations and supporting our wonderful parish.

PARISH RAFFLE: We will be sending home a book of raffle tickets to each family. Please support our parish by purchasing the tickets and if possible, selling them to family and friends. We have plenty more books at the school office for families who would like more tickets.

READING TOP TIP: Our top tip this week is: **BE POSITIVE!** Praise your child for trying hard at their reading and let them know it's alright to make mistakes. One of our Gospel Values in school is 'Perseverance.' Sometimes we don't always get it right first time but rewards and treats for showing perseverance are always welcome!!



CURRICULUM NEWS: Yet again, it's been a super busy week in all of the classrooms with lots of exciting lessons to tell you about!! To highlight just a few examples...as part of their science topic on 'properties and changes in materials' the Year 5 class had an 'egg-cellent' workshop delivered by some students from the University of Manchester!! The Year 3 class have been placing Stone Age events on a timeline and learning the difference between BC and AD. The year 2 class have been writing a speech about women's rights using the plight of Emmeline Pankhurst as their inspiration. Please feel free to visit our school Facebook page to see what your child's class has been up to.

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!



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: All of the classes participated in the theme of 'Reach Out' for Anti-Bullying Week this week and it was wonderful to see so many children wearing their odd socks on Monday and today in order to raise awareness. The Year 6 class reviewed our Anti-bullying policy on Monday and made any necessary amendments with this year's theme in mind.

PARLIAMENT WEEK: This week was also Parliament Week in the UK! All of the classes got involved with some exciting lessons designed to help them to understand the importance of Parliament in the UK and why it is important to live in a democratic society where everyone has an opportunity to express their opinions. For instance, the year 2 class have been writing a speech about women's rights using the plight of Emmeline Pankhurst as their inspiration. This links to our value of individual liberty. When you're next in Manchester, why not take your child and visit the Pankhurst Centre or even just the statue of Emmeline in St. Peter's Square.



GIRLS' FOOTBALL: The Girls' football team participated in a tournament at MCA on Monday evening. They played fantastically well, winning 2 games, drawing 1 and losing 1. Well done girls for showing such enthusiasm and playing in the spirit of the game!

ATHLETICS: The Athletics team went along to Co-op Academy North yesterday evening and competed against other local schools in a variety of athletic events. It was fantastic to see so much physical talent on display and the children pushing themselves to the limit in a competitive spirit. Check out our Facebook Page to see the team in action!

SCHOOL CLOSURE: An advanced notice to parents/carers. School will be closed to all pupils on **Friday, 25th November** for a staff training day. This date is on our annual school calendar.

DIARY DATES: As we all know, the season of Advent is a busy time of year in school and this year will be just as busy as ever!! Below are some key dates to keep parents/carers fully informed of what fun and exciting festive activities will be going on in school.

W/C Monday, 21 st November	Bikeability for Year 5 pupils (7 pupils each day of that week) Y6 pupils to Our Lady's RCHS
Thursday, 24 th November	3:45 p.m. -5:30 p.m Y5/6 boys' football at Co-op Academy North
Friday, 25th November	INSET Day for staff. School closed for all pupils.
Tuesday, 29 th November	9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Stay and Play session for new Nursery children due to start in January 2023
Friday, 2 nd December	Non-uniform day collecting chocolate or bottles for the Parish Christmas Fair
Sunday, 4 th December	Parish Christmas Fair after 10.30 a.m. Mass - all very welcome, please come and support this annual fundraising event
Tuesday, 6 th December	Ice-skating for Y5 + Y6 2:00 p.m. Key Stage 1 Nativity in the school hall. Parents/carers welcome
Wednesday, 7 th December	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Year 6 carol singing outside Asda in Harpurhey. Wonderful Wednesday
Thursday, 8 th December	Years 1-6 at a pantomime in Bolton. RETURN BACK TO SCHOOL AT 5:00 P.M. NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB TODAY
Friday, 9 th December	Santa Dash for Year 5 and 6-children bring in sponsorship money
Monday, 12 th December	Advent Science day - parents/carers welcome
Tuesday, 13 th December	Christmas dinner day-children to wear a Christmas jumper
Wednesday, 14 th December	Whole School Mass in St. Patrick's Church Christmas party day-children to wear party clothes
Friday, 16 th December	9:15 a.m. Carols around the Crib in the school hall. Parents/carers welcome
Friday, 16 th December	School closes for pupils at 1:00 p.m. surnames A-J, 1:10 p.m. surnames K-Z
Wednesday, 4th January	School reopens at 8:40 a.m. for Spring term



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: Mary Trayers (RIP), All Holy Souls, Anne Clarke, Miss McCorkell, John Leighton, 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.