



# The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"*

*Philippians 4:13*

Respect

Compassion

Resilience

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been an extremely busy week to end a wonderful half term; parent's evenings, Children's Mental Health Week, Read and Feed plus our art exhibition. We are always so grateful for your fabulous support, it never goes unnoticed and is always appreciated.

## **Art Exhibition**

Thank you to everyone who attended our art exhibition this morning celebrating our children's work. The children will be bringing it home tonight.



## **Parent's Evening**

Our parent's evening was well attended this week with 96% of our parents and carers taking part. We really appreciate the opportunity to work together with you as parents and carers. Thank you for your feedback regarding our new format.

## **Read and Feed**

On Wednesday, it was Nursery and Reception's turn for Read and Feed. Parents and carers were shown how reading is taught in school and then sharing stories were read by the grown ups to share their love of reading whilst enjoying a biscuit! Thank you to everyone who came.

Next term we will be inviting parents and carers to our Amazing Arches to celebrate the curriculum.



## **Children's Mental Health Week**

Launched in 2015, the week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to every child in the UK. This year's theme is My Voice Matters. Every morning, we have been learning about what mental health is, how important it is and what to do if our children have worries or concerns. We have done this through stories, discussions and using voting stations plus singing and dancing!

## **Ash Wednesday**

Next Wednesday (14th February) marks the start of Lent. As we are not in school, families are warmly invited to receive the ashes at St Mary and John's church.

## **Goodbye and Good Luck**

We wish Mrs Lyon the very best of luck as she starts her maternity leave today. Mrs Potter leaves us today and we wish her all the very best for the future. Thank you for all the hard work you have done at the Infants.



## **Half term**

School will be closed next week as we begin half term. We will return on Monday 19th February. Have a safe and restful holiday. Please don't forget that if you have a place in an after school club or boosters, they start on the first day back.

Enjoy half term. Take care of each other. See you on 19th February.

Best wishes, Mrs Grange

## Art Exhibition

The children have all been hard at work this week during art week creating pieces based on a variety of different artists. Thank you to everyone that attended our exhibition this morning, it was lovely to see how proud the children were of their artwork. Here are just some of the comments that we have received "Lovely exhibition, great seeing the inspiration from Banksy", "Beautiful artwork from all and I loved seeing all the different styles" and "What a beautiful exhibition! Really loved seeing all the children's creative efforts!"



In **Nursery** this week we have been learning all about Jackson Pollock. We have been looking at the artist and all the different art work that he has created. We learnt about how he uses a 'drip technique' for his art, we then did the same for ours! We have had such a fun time this week dripping all the paint just like Jackson! "



**Reception** this half term have been getting inspired by the artist Banksy with reference to his 'Balloon Girl' piece of art. We have used multiple different techniques to produce these pieces of art such as: stamping, dabbing and photography. We have lots of budding artists and the children have thoroughly enjoyed creating their artwork for this exhibition.



**Year 1** have been looking at primary colours and how to mix them to make secondary colours. We have used natural materials to print and roll to create our final pieces. We even experimented with using overlaps to mix the primary colours.



**Year 2** have worked so incredibly hard this week focusing on their painting skills. The children have used a range of different painting techniques including dabbing, thick lines, thin lines and wavy lines. The children have learnt how to mix colours to create warm colours and cold colours.



# *AWARD WINNERS*

	<i>Star of the Week</i>	<i>Bee Award</i>
<i>Nursery</i>	Skyler	Arthur C
<i>RJ</i>	Max	George
<i>RT</i>	Holly	Nathan
<i>YIM</i>	Patrick	Sophia
<i>YIB</i>	Theo	Elliott W
<i>Y2M</i>	Oliver	Erin
<i>Y2G</i>	Alfie	Shivam



School  
Values  
Award



## **Congratulations!**



## This half term

Dates for both Spring and Summer term have been emailed out this week. This half term's dates are below with the forthcoming week's highlighted.

Y5 Amazing Arches	21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 3.00pm
Y4 With You Always session	21 <sup>st</sup> Feb 3.30-4.30pm
Y4 Amazing Arches	28 <sup>th</sup> Feb 3.00pm
Year 1 trip to Croxteth Hall Farm	29th February
Y5D Class Prayer and liturgy	4 <sup>th</sup> March 9.10am
Y6 Amazing Arches	6 <sup>th</sup> March 3.00pm
World Book Day	7 <sup>th</sup> March
Y2G Class Prayer and liturgy	8 <sup>th</sup> March 9.05am
Y3 Amazing Arches	13 <sup>th</sup> March 3.00pm
Y4 With You Always session	13 <sup>th</sup> March 3.30-4.30pm
EYFS and Y2 Amazing Arches	20 <sup>th</sup> March 2.45pm
Year 5 Easter stations	WB 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Y4M Class Prayer and liturgy	25 <sup>th</sup> March 9.10am
Year 2 trip to Knowsley safari Park EYFS trip to Imagine That	25th March
Y1 Amazing Arches	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2.45pm
Y2M Class Prayer and liturgy	27th March 9.05am
Maundy Thursday Mass	28 <sup>th</sup> March (Church) TBC



This week's prayer and liturgy theme:

## Look with Compassion

Jesus was full of compassion and He always noticed people who were excluded. There are plenty of examples in the Gospels, including the story of Jesus healing someone with leprosy – a disease that forced sufferers to exclude themselves from society. Jesus' reply to the man's request for healing, "Of course I want to!" reminds us that He is always ready to help us and His welcome applies to all of us.



## TAKEHOME



### What makes someone inspirational?



## In the news this week

45-year-old Mar Galcerán from Spain has become the country's first elected parliamentarian with Down's syndrome. Maria del Mar Galcerán Gadea is thought to be the first person with the genetic disorder to join a European regional or national parliament. She has been involved with politics since she was 18, when she joined Spain's conservative People's Party. Speaking to the media, Mar Galcerán said she wants to be seen as a person, and not for her disability.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Make a list of people you find inspirational. What about them inspires you?
- Think about some of the places you find leaders (e.g., schools, councils, clubs). For each place, how are the leaders chosen? Share how important you think it is for leaders to be from a diverse range of backgrounds and with different experiences.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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