



ST GEORGE AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Weekly Newsletter – w.e. 10.11.23

Class Attendance this week ...

Nursery	93.23%	Year 3	97.32%
Reception	99.00%	Year 4	99.58%
Year 1	95.42%	Year 5	97.08%
Year 2	96.61%	Year 6	97.08%

Congratulations!
YEAR 4 have the
best
attendance this
week!



Class Attendance this year ...

Congratulations!
YEAR 2 have the
best
attendance this
year (so far)!

Nursery	94.17%	Year 3	97.51%
Reception	95.20%	Year 4	96.75%
Year 1	95.36%	Year 5	97.53%
Year 2	97.62%	Year 6	96.94%

Class Awards

Values & Virtues

Nursery -	Jesse Baura
Reception -	Jessica Hamnett
Year 1 -	Louis Brownsill
Year 2 -	Wilson Shaw
Year 3 -	Jessica Ramos
Year 4 -	Vincenzina Gravano
Year 5 -	Beatrice Mountford
Year 6 -	Oliwia Nowik

Reading

Nursery -	George Delves-Humphries
Reception -	Prosper Omotosho
Year 1 -	Ted Wilbraham
Year 2 -	Eliza Wallace
Year 3 -	Ellis Affui
Year 4 -	Obie Hughes
Year 5 -	Oba Eric-Famogun
Year 6 -	Abigail Williams

Headteacher

Nursery -	Nevaeh Dale
Reception -	Archie Coxon
Year 1 -	Grayson Seaman
Year 2 -	Louie Galante
Year 3 -	Aniela Kaminska
Year 4 -	Adam Riaz
Year 5 -	Oliver Notley
Year 6 -	Ellie Simpson

Most DoJo's



Nursery -	Harper Cummins
Reception -	Theodora Zelalem
Year 1 -	Skylar Woolley
Year 2 -	Belvya Biju
Year 3 -	Ellis Affui
Year 4 -	Eliyas Soleimani
Year 5 -	El-Spencer Affui
Year 6 -	<i>No permission</i>

Citizenship

Nursery -	<i>No permission</i>
Reception -	Haniya Masood
Year 1 -	Florence Piva
Year 2 -	Miruna Aiftincai
Year 3 -	Emelia Marsh
Year 4 -	Naomi Asiegbu
Year 5 -	James Farmer
Year 6 -	Jacob Harding



Park and Stride

On Monday 20th November, we have a Park and Stride session. Jayne Clamp will meet families who would like to park at Forest Park and then walk to school together at 8am. Last year, the families who took part had a great time. An adult must accompany the children on the walk, but all are welcome to take part.

Following this, Jayne will do an assembly with all of the children about 'Be Bright, Be Seen'. As we come into the darker mornings and nights, it's important that the children have an understanding of drivers being able to see them.

Year 6 Inspire morning

Our next Inspire morning is for Year 6 families on Tuesday 14th November from 9 – 11am. You will have the opportunity to spend time with your child in the classroom, finding out more about the curriculum. There will be lots of fun activities planned and this is a fantastic opportunity for you to spend quality time with your child. If you would like to come along, there is no need to book a place, just turn up. We hope to see you there!

Anti-bullying week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week. As part of this, children will take part in anti-bullying sessions.

On Tuesday 14th November, children are asked to wear odd socks. This is to raise awareness of bullying, but also highlights the fact that we are all different and we should embrace these differences, rather than say mean things.

Miss Murray

Miss Murray leaves us today. We wish her lots of luck and thank her for all she has done.

Mrs. Kelsall will join us next week.



#OddSocksDay

Get your odd socks on and support #AntiBullyingWeek



Sunday's Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

Jesus told this parable to His disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, 'The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him.'

"At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, 'Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out.' But they replied, 'There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves.' They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us.'

"But he replied, 'I tell you solemnly, I do not know you.' So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord

Matthew 25:1 - 13

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear another parable. This time Jesus tells us the parable of the ten bridesmaids – five of whom were foolish and five were sensible. The sensible bridesmaids made sure that they were prepared for the bridegroom, who was late. In this parable, the bridegroom is Jesus and we can choose to be the foolish bridesmaid or the sensible bridesmaid. We believe that Jesus will return. We do not know when and so we must always be ready. This week think of the ways that you can show you are ready for the return of Jesus. Think about the example that Jesus set us. Do you always follow in Jesus's footsteps? When we don't follow in Jesus's footsteps, do we say sorry for that?

Collegiate Fundraiser

This term, our Collegiate is raising money for Dougie Mac. Many of you will have been touched by the work of Dougie Mac. I encountered first-hand the work of Dougie Mac when my mum spent her final days in the hospice and the only way to describe the staff there are as gifts from God. In order for Dougie Mac to provide the care that it does to a large number of people in our area, they rely heavily on donations and fundraising.

Our first fundraiser – Splat the Teacher raised £121. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Our second fundraiser will take place on 17th November and will be a cake sale. We ask families to donate cakes on the day, so that we can sell them at the end of the day. Cakes will be sold at the end of the day from 10p to 50p. We hope you can support us by bringing in cakes and buying some at the end of the day.

Our final fundraiser will take place in the Summer Term as we will again be having a staff team running/walking the Potters 'Arf in aid of Dougie Mac. I will keep you updated!



Prayer of the month

This month, the month of November is the month of Holy Souls; the month when we remember those who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord; And let perpetual light
shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen



St Martin

On Saturday, we celebrate St Martin's feast day.

St Martin of Tours was a Roman soldier. He is best known for the story of him splitting his cloak.

Sometime around the year 335, Martin was making his rounds on horseback, when he came across a half-naked beggar. Taking compassion on the poor man, Martin took his military cloak, cut it in two, and gave half to the beggar. The following night, Jesus Himself appeared to Martin in a dream, wearing the cloak. Addressing the angels who accompanied him, the Lord said, "Behold, here is Martin, an unbaptized Roman soldier: He has clothed me." The dream left a grave impression on the young soldier, and Martin was baptised the following Easter. He continued to serve in the army for twenty more years, in an environment totally removed from his youthful dreams.

On Monday we will celebrate St Martin's Day in School with Mass. All are welcome to come along at 9:15am. At this Mass, we will also remember the servicemen and women who have lost their lives for our country.



God's Planet

On Tuesday 7th November, we welcomed Rise theatre company who performed 'God's Planet'. The children were involved in assemblies, lessons, rehearsals and a performance. The children loved the day and hopefully came home and talked about the things that they have pledged to do to look after our environment.

Food Bank Collection

Don't forget, our Food Bank collection point accepts donations all year round.



Diary Dates for the Next Half Term

Saturday 11th November

St Martin's Day

Monday 13th November – Friday 17th November

Anti-bullying week

Monday 13th November

9:15am Whole-school Mass to celebrate St Martin's Day – all welcome to attend

1:15PM Reception and Year 6 height and weight

Tuesday 14th November

Children to wear odd socks

9 – 11am Inspire morning for Year 6 parents – all welcome to attend, just turn up

2pm Open afternoon for children and their parents due to start September 2024

Wednesday 15th November

11 – 12 Year 2 visit Northwood Day Care Centre

Thursday 16th November

9am Open morning for children and their parents due to start September 2024

1 – 9:30pm Music Share for Year 6 children @Lichfield Cathedral. Parents welcome to attend from 7pm

Friday 17th November

9am Year 3 class assembly – 2 places reserved per child

9am Wellbeing introductory session with Isabel Cooper from the Mental Health Support Team

3pm Cake sale

Monday 20th November

8:15am Park and Stride – session for children and parents to walk or scoot from Forest Park. Children must be accompanied by an adult

8:50am Coffee morning with Mrs Farmer – come along for a cuppa and cake

Thursday 23rd November

9 – 11am Family Learning for Years 1 and 2 – A Squash and a Squeeze

Friday 24th November

9am Year 2 class assembly – 2 places reserved per child

Sunday 26th November

9:30am Family Mass – all welcome. Children wanting to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation must attend



Reminders

Uniform reminders

As we are coming into the colder months, please ensure your child has outdoor PE kit – navy joggers, and navy hoody (this DOES NOT have to be branded). Children cannot wear their burgundy school jumpers and cardigans for PE.

A reminder that girls should be wearing white socks or grey tights. Black socks and tights are not part of our school uniform.

All Key Stage 2 children should either have a clip-on tie, or a 'proper' tie. Key Stage 2 children cannot wear an elastic tie.

Family Learning

Our next Family Learning session takes place on Thursday 23rd November from 9 – 11am and is titled 'A Squash and A Squeeze'. This session is for Year 1 and 2 children and their families and will be

based on the book 'A Squash and A Squeeze'. The children will complete activities based upon the book.

If you would like to take part in this session, please follow the link and book in. There are a maximum of 12 places available and these will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. If you book on and then can no longer attend, it's important that you contact the office so that we can offer your place to another family. Booking will close on Monday 20th November at 3:30pm.

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Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

D. Farmer

Mrs. Farmer (Principal)

