



Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

Newsletter No. 23

Friday 8th March 2019

Guided by the teachings of the Church we pray, work, celebrate, and care for each other and other people using the gifts we have been given by God the Father, Son and Spirit.

This half term's virtues are:

Learned	and	Wise
Dates for your diary		
Monday 11 th March 2019	School time 2:40pm	Fundraising for Lent starts today for 4 weeks (until 5 th April) Star Pupil/Virtues assembly (parents of selected pupils invited)
Tuesday 12 th March 2019	9:15am 3:30pm	Mass – Led by Rec and Year 1 (all invited) Residential/SATs meeting for Year 6 parents
Wednesday 13 th March 2019	9:15am 3:15-3:30pm	3G assembly (parents of 3G invited) *please note the new date Scholastic Book Fair – daily for a week (until Wednesday 20 th March)
Thursday 14 th March 2019	11:00am 3:30-6:30pm	Precious Life workshop for Year 6 pupils (NOT for parents) Parent's Evening
Friday 15 th March 2019	School time	St Patrick's Day celebration – non uniform – pupils to wear green – please pay £1 on ParentPay

Invitation to Mass

All are welcome to join us on **Tuesday 12th March 2019 at 9:15am** for our school Mass, which will be led by Rec and Year 1 (all invited to attend).

All families are invited to **family Mass** on the first Sunday of each month at The Mother of God and Guardian Angels Church:

Sunday 7th April 2019 at 9.45am.

Please join the FIA (Faith In Action) for tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits which will be served in the porch following Mass. We hope to see you there!



Mass

It was a delight for school, parish and parents to come together for the celebration of Mass and the distribution of ashes on Ash Wednesday. The readings from pupils in Year 2 and Year 6 were very clear and the behaviour was excellent, as always. Please do join us at any of our school masses.

Shrove Tuesday

The sale of pancakes at break time on Tuesday raised nearly £70 which goes into our 'School Fund'. All monies in school fund are for the children of Guardian Angels School. Thank you for your generosity.

A special mention and huge thank you to all staff, especially Mrs Hughes, Miss Giblin, Mrs Styler, Miss McCorriston and Mrs Freeman who tirelessly cooked homemade pancakes for our children.

Parent's Evening

Parents will have received their appointments this week for Parent's Evening, which is due to take place in the school hall on Thursday 14th March 2019 between 3:30-6:30pm. There will also be an opportunity to look at your child's books. If you do not have an appointment and wish to make one, please contact your child's class teacher at the end of the school day or add a note in their planner. Unfortunately, appointments on other days cannot be offered.



Guided Reading Parent Questionnaire

Please take some time to visit our school website and complete our guided reading parent questionnaire. We really value parental feedback and use this to help make improvements to reading at school.

<http://www.grdangel.bham.sch.uk/>

Easter Fundraising

During Lent and Easter, children throughout the school will be organising a range of events and activities to raise money for charities of their choice. All events are priced at 20p each. The teachers and children have come up with a list of fantastic activities and events to make this period a success. This includes our traditional Reception Bake Off, Guess the Teacher, cake sales and much more. If you have not received the flyer for these events, please contact the school office.

World Book Day

On Thursday, our children and staff 'wowed' us as they dressed up as their favourite book characters. The staff put on a fantastic performance of 'The Gingerbread Man' for our children and there was 'reading for enjoyment' workshops taking place throughout the day. The children and staff really showed how much they love reading. Well done! Please have a look on our twitter page to see some photographs. Don't forget, our Book Fair will take place after school in the ICT suite daily from **13th-20th March 2019** between 3:15-3:30pm.

Online Safety


Parents will have received a letter this week about a potential online safety concern that is affecting children. Please try to calm fears amongst your child about the MOMO challenge and encourage children to talk to you if they are worried or have found themselves involved in copycat challenges amongst their friends or online contacts. Year 6 parents have also received information about 'WhatsApp'

Pupil Places Available

We still have places available for pupils in our Year 2 and Year 3 classes. Please contact the office for more information.

Resources To Use At Home During Lent

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR LENT



Each year, through Mother Church, God 'gives us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed... as we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ' (Preface of Lent I). We can thus journey from Easter to Easter towards the fulfilment of the salvation we have already received as a result of Christ's paschal mystery – 'for in hope we were saved' (Romans 8:24). This mystery of salvation, already at work in us during our earthly lives, is a dynamic process that also embraces history and all of creation. As Saint Paul says, 'the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God' (Romans 8:19). In this perspective, I would like to offer a few reflections to accompany our journey of conversion this coming Lent.

For the full message go to <https://bit.ly/2SpbYm0>

Walk with Me Prayer

Lord God, our light and our salvation,
We praise you for your gifts of life and faith.

We thank you for the desire
that you have planted in our hearts,
our yearning to see your face.

Help us to meet you in prayer,
to walk in your ways,
and to speak to others of our joy
and consolation in your presence.

Give us faithfulness in the present life
so that we may come to know
and praise your beauty,
with all our brothers and sisters,
in the life to come.

We make this prayer through
Christ our Lord.

Amen

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



SAFEGUARDING TIPS OF THE WEEK

'Live My Digital' is a series of six films for parents and six films for children on the following topics: cyberbullying; the digital footprint; identity and self-esteem; relationships and grooming; security and privacy; and sexting. Click on the link below to view these:

<http://www.gdst.net/parents/live-my-digital>

BIRTHDAYS 2018/2019 - Many Happy Returns!

This week, we wished a 'happy birthday' to:

Briea-May (3G) Ellie and Dylan (Y4), Ava (Y5) and Sommer (Y6)

E-SAFETY TIPS OF THE WEEK

Encourage your child to be critically aware and explore the Internet to its full potential.

THE CHILDREN WHO HAVE SHOWN THE VIRTUES OF ELOQUENT AND TRUTHFUL THIS WEEK ARE:

Blake (Rec), Isobel (Y1), Dylan(Y2), Meghan (3G), Charlie (3H), Gerard (Y4), Katie (Y5) and Gabriella (Y6)

These children will be given an award on Monday 11th March 2019 at 2:40pm - Please attend the assembly to support your child

WELL DONE RECEPTION ATTENDANCE FOR W/C 25-02-2019

Group	Attendance
Reception	97.5%
Y1	96%
Y2	97.4%
3H	93.3%
3G	94.4%
Y4	96.3%
Y5	95%
Y6	92.5%
Overall total	95.3%

STAR OF THE WEEK

We look forward to congratulating:

Group	Selected Pupils
Reception	Francesca and Kairo
Year 1	Dylan and Isabelle
Year 2	Blessing and Lara
Year 3G	Leah and Kelsey
Year 3H	Martyna and Rose
Year 4	Sienna and Jude
Year 5	Ethan and Tristan
Year 6	Kalum and Alex

Parents of the selected pupils are invited to attend the assembly on Monday 11th March 2019 at 2:40pm



God of all, we know that you love everyone. Help us to act with love towards others and to do what we can so that no one goes hungry. Amen.



**This is a Good School
OFSTED 2018**

God Bless and hope you have a good weekend!

Mrs H Milligan

Mr A Spindlow

