



Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th February 2023

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Our Lady and All Saints
Catholic Multi Academy Company
Strong in Faith



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.



Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow's Message

This week, we began to prepare for Lent at Guardian Angels. We have been thinking about temptation and how this can be hard to resist. But also how we can GIVE, ACT and PRAY during Lent to become better friends with God and put Jesus at the centre of all we do.

It's been another half term here at Guardian Angels! We are continuously walking around our school and are so proud of the children, staff and learning environment. It's a delight to visit each class and be a part of their learning. The children at Guardian Angels always show complete engagement in their learning, they are superb ambassadors for the school whilst out on educational visits and it's such a pleasure to see all the wonderful opportunities have in front of them.

Thank you for your continued support of the school and have a wonderful half term break. We look forward to seeing you all back to school on Tuesday 28th February.





This Week's Gospel—Matthew 5:38-48

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ But now I tell you: do not take revenge on someone who wrongs you. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, let him slap your left cheek too. And if someone takes you to court to sue you for your shirt, let him have your coat as well. And if one of the occupation troops forces you to carry his pack one kilometre, carry it two kilometres. When someone asks you for something, give it to him; when someone wants to borrow something, lend it to him.

“You have heard it said, ‘Love your friends, hate your enemies.’ But now I tell you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may become the children of your Father in heaven. For he makes his sun to shine on bad and good people alike, and gives rain to those who do good and to those who do evil. Why should God reward you if you love only the people who love you? Even the tax collectors do that! And if you speak only to your friends, have you done anything out of the ordinary? Even the pagans do that! You must be perfect – just as your Father in heaven is perfect!”

Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow's Go Fourth Challenge: Share generously with others in the coming week. Perhaps you could donate some of their toys to the local hospital's children's ward or to another good cause.

Virtues Award

Year Group	Virtue Award
EYFS	Keela
Year 1	Joe
Year 2	Michalina
Year 3	Ruby-Lou
Year 4	Lexie
Year 5	Graison
Year 6	Blessing

Virtues of the Half Term

Eloquent & Truthful

Pupils in our school are growing to be . . .

Eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

Our school helps our pupils to grow . . .

By developing an **eloquent** language which pupils can use to understand and articulate their emotions, beliefs, and questions, encouraged by the example of their teachers to be **truthful** in the way they represent themselves and speak about the world.





Dates For Your Calendar

Date	Event
Mon 27th Feb	Inset day - school closed for pupils
Tues 28th Feb	School open to all
Wed 1st March	Secondary School offers announced
Thurs 2nd March	World Book day and special dinner
Tues 7th March	Year 3 trip
Wed 8th March	Holy Communion for Y3 parents at 2:40pm
Thurs 9th March	Year 1 library visit
Thurs 16th March	EYFS Mother's Day Assembly at 9:15am
Frid 17th March	St Patrick's day - non-uniform (wear green)
Wed 22nd March	Parent's Evening - further info will follow
Thurs 23rd March	Easter dinner for pupils and Parishioners EYFS/KS1 Easter Bonnet and KS2 Easter box - please bring to school today

Travel Tracker

Guardian Angels is part of the walk to school initiative. Children are encouraged to walk, cycle, scoot or park and stride to school instead of driving. The aim is to reduce traffic outside the school which in turn will reduce pollution and ultimately the children will come into school energised from the extra exercise ready to start to the day.

Children track their own travel daily and are awarded badges each month for travelling to school using an alternative method at least once per week. This half term we want to give away more badges to children walking, cycling or scooting to school than ever before



New Mass Times

So that our priest can best serve our communities, there will soon be new Mass times on Sunday mornings. This has followed discussion with our Dean and other local priests.

From Sunday 29th February, the new Mass times will be:

9am: St John the Baptist church, Smith's Wood

11am: Mother of God and Guardian Angels church, Shard End.

Ash Wednesday Mass

Please make every effort to attend the Ash Wednesday Mass at Mother of God and Guardian Angels Church next week. Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. It is a holy day of prayer and fasting where the a priest places the ashes on a worshiper's forehead in the shape of a cross. The ashes symbolise both death and repentance. During this period, Christians show repentance and mourning for their sins, because they believe Christ died for them.

Support Turkey and Syria

We held a non-uniform day today in support of the people of Turkey and Syria following the horrific consequences of the earthquakes this week. All donations will go to this extremely worthy cause. We pray for all of those affected by this tragedy.

Thank you to all pupils who participated and we have a received generous amount of donations via ParentPay (if you still wish to, this donation item will still be available over the half term break)



Star Pupils



Year Group		
EYFS	Hunter	Aminah
Year 1	Brianna	Luna
Year 2	Blake	Frankie
Year 3	Parker	Davian
Year 4	Ava B	Lucas
Year 5	Benjamin	Tilly
Year 6	Tia	Elias-Blue

Birthdays this week and during the Feb half term



*Ava & Sidney (EYFS),
Frankie (Y1), Mason (Y2),
Jolie (Y3), Kairo (Y4), Arshad (Y5)
and Elwood & Muhammad (Y6)*

Best wishes from your Guardian Angels family



Well Done!

This week a number of staff were lucky enough to be invited to see one of our ex pupils Coen appear in Matilda. They had one thing to say about him and the production... AMAZING! Well done Coen and continue to share your God given gifts with the world.





ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Attendance Counts

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Year Group	
EYFS	96.1
Year 1	93.0
Year 2	92.0
Year 3	97.6
Year 4	99.3
Year 5	92.3
Year 6	92.4

Attendance Update

We need your help to get closer to our 96% target.

We can only do this if we all work together!

Our attendance for last week was 94.7%

Our attendance for the year to date 92.1%

Please ensure you come to school each day to help us meet our target.

Attendance Support

Mrs Tennant and the attendance team are always available to offer advice and support to help ensure your child is able to attend every day and reach their full potential. To book an appointment, please call the office on: 0121 747 2782

Live Simply Tip

Spend some quiet time in the presence of God reflecting on all we have been given.





Reader of the Week

Each week, we award children in each class for remarkable Reading and their dedication to Accelerated Reader Quizzes

EYFS	Daniel
Year 1	Ava
Year 2	Bonnie
Year 3	Jacob M
Year 4	Rayan
Year 5	Buddy
Year 6	Aubrey

PE Star of the Week

EYFS	Isabella
Year 1	Abigail
Year 2	Oscar
Year 3	Leo
Year 4	Kairo
Year 5	Maryn
Year 6	Jono

Right of the Week



Article 3 – Best Interests of the Child

The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that affect children



Composer of the Week

Gong Kebyar of Peliatan

Musical Tradition – Gamelan Country - Indonesia



Inventor: Balinese
Developed in: Indonesia

Famous piece of music: Baris. Listen here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2E6RNBG-NQ>

- Gamelan gong kebyar is a style or genre of Balinese gamelan music of Indonesia.
- Kebyar means "to flare up or burst open", and refers to the explosive changes in tempo and dynamics characteristic of the style
- Gong kebyar music is based on a five-tone scale called pelog selisir.
- It is characterised by brilliant sounds, syncopations, sudden and gradual changes in sound colour, dynamics, tempo and articulation, and complex, complementary interlocking melodic and rhythmic patterns called kotekan.
- Instruments in gamelan gong kebyar offer a wide range of pitches and timbres
- Gamelan gong kebyar was first documented to exist in North Bali in the early 1900s
- In addition to island-wide arts competitions, gamelan gong kebyar has become an essential part of modern Bali Hindu ceremonies



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

BRING IT ON BRUM

Children and families are invited to join Bring It On Brum at some exciting events taking place across Birmingham during February 2023.

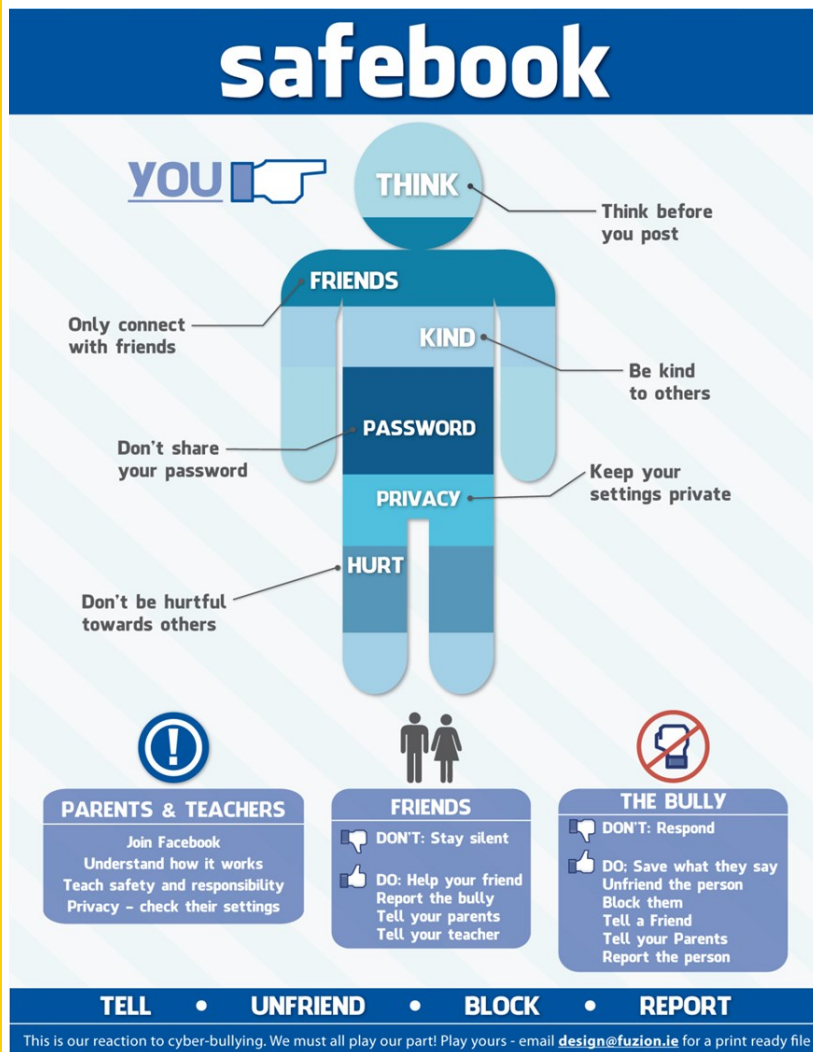
Come and Try Bring it on Brum! is aimed at children and young people in Birmingham aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. The activities are running in 20 venues across all 10 Birmingham districts from

Monday, 20 February to Friday, 24 February. We are particularly excited to welcome children, young people and families that haven't accessed the fantastic Bring It On Brum! programme before.

The huge range of activities include sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music as well as Information and advice for the whole family. Programmes will vary depending on the type and location of each local club, but each will be serving a FREE nutritious lunch!



E- Safety Tip



Weekly Prayer

God of love, help us to share generously with all those who do not have enough in our world, to love one another wherever we may be, and to make the world a fairer place for everyone. Amen.



Have a lovely half term and God Bless,

Mrs Helen Milligan and Mr Spindlow

Executive Head Teacher and Interim Head of School

Changing lives through a love
of books and shared reading.

Thursday 2 March 2023

World Book Day® is a charity sponsored by National Book Tokens.

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Thursday 2nd March 2023 - World Book Day

Dress up as your favourite character

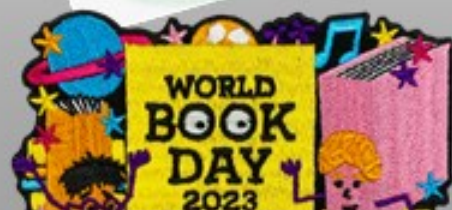
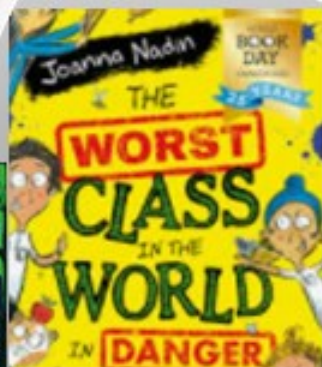
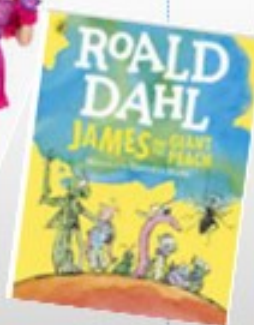
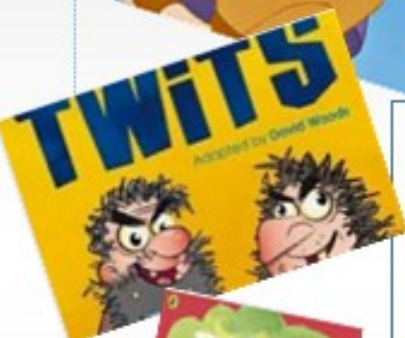
Please see the menu below, if you wish for your child to
have a dinner on this day, you will need to choose on
ParentPay by the latest, Thursday 23rd February 2023

MENU

Burgers, Hot Dogs, Quorn Hot Dogs or Cheese Sandwich

Chips, Corn on the Cob or Beans

Pancakes with Various Toppings, Fruit or Yoghurt





Easter Day Menu

Thursday 23rd March 2023

ROAST TURKEY

QUORN ROAST

BROCCOLI

CARROT & SWEETCORN

HAM or CHEESE SANDWICH

ROAST POTATOES

YORKSHIRE PUDDING

CHOCOLATE EASTER NESTS

FRUITY JELLY

FRESH FRUIT



Happy Easter Day!