



Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd March 2023

Newsletter No. 22



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

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 'Jack and the Beanstalk' for our children and there was 'reading for enjoyment' paired reading 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.

Our Year 5 children attended John Henry Newman today. These children took part in a computing and engineering competition against 11 other teams. Our fantastic children managed to come third—well done to all that took part.





This Week's Gospel—Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter and the brothers James and John and led them up a high mountain where they were alone. As they looked on, a change came over Jesus: his face was shining like the sun, and his clothes were dazzling white. Then the three disciples saw Moses and Elijah talking with Jesus. So Peter spoke up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how good it is that we are here! If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was talking, a shining cloud came over them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased—listen to him!"

When the disciples heard the voice, they were so terrified that they threw themselves face downwards on the ground. Jesus came to them and touched them. "Get up," he said. "Don't be afraid!" So they looked up and saw no one there but Jesus.

As they came down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Don't tell anyone about this vision you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from death."

Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow's Go Fourth Challenge: do one thing during the week to help your love for others shine like the sun.

Virtues Award

Year Group	Virtue Award
EYFS	Reuben
Year 1	Darius
Year 2	Oscar
Year 3	Mason
Year 4	Jesse
Year 5	Isabella
Year 6	Muhammad

Virtues of the Half Term

Learned and Wise

Pupils in our school are growing to be **Learned**, finding God in all things; and **wise** in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

Our school helps our pupils to grow by the breadth and depth of the curriculum; by excellence of teaching, and the creation of opportunities to become more learned and wise.





Dates For Your Calendar

Date	Event
Mon 6th March	Easter egg raffle starts today (a week) - £1 a strip
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)
Mon 20th March	Sweets in a jar starts today (a week) - 50p a go!
Tues 21st March	EYFS eye test in school (nurse will be attending)
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
Thurs 30th March	Y5 - Stations of the Cross assembly for parents
Frid 31st March	Spring Disco (during school time) - Non Uniform £1.00 on ParentPay Please return coins collected for Fr Hudson's care School breaks up today for Easter holidays
Mon 17th April	School open for all

New Mass Times

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

New Mass times will be:

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

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

Parent's Evening

Parent's Evening will take place on Wednesday 22nd March between 3:30pm and 6:30pm.

Firstly, there will be an opportunity to have a look through your child's books in their classroom 10 minutes prior to your appointment time. Following that, you will meet with your child's class teacher for a **five-minute** appointment in the school hall.

Appointments this year are being made by our new online booking system and you will receive a text when appointment slots are open.

May we respectfully ask that when parents attend, they do so without their children present. This includes younger siblings and children who currently attend the school. On previous occasions, some children have made it difficult for discussions to take place between teachers and parents/carers.

Meeting with Mrs Potter or Mrs Tennant can be made by calling our school office in advance.

Please note that we also do not have the facility to provide any childcare services during this evening.

Year 3 Parent Meeting

A reminder that there is an important meeting next Wednesday (8th March) at 2.40pm for parents of those children in Year 3 receiving First Holy Communion this week. Please make every effort to attend.





Star Pupils



Year Group		
EYFS	Jarvis	Jaymin
Year 1	Ella	Max
Year 2	Jude c	Chae
Year 3	Nadia	Jessica
Year 4	Cody	Ariela
Year 5	Macie-Lou	Graison
Year 6	Finley	Thomas

Birthdays this week



Firefumni (Y4)

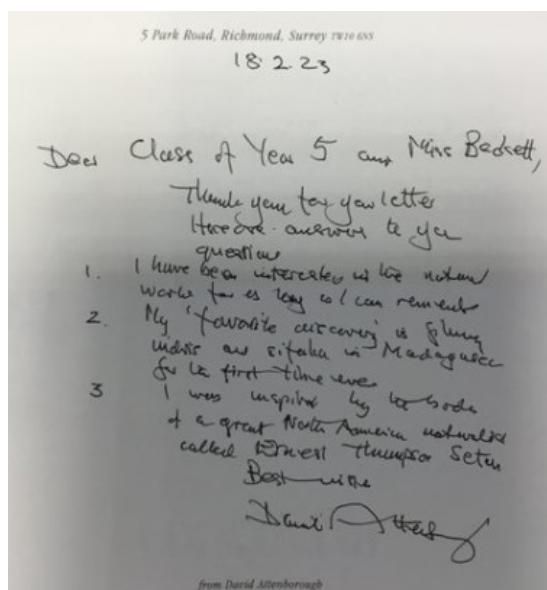
Best wishes from your Guardian Angels family





Letter from Sir David Attenborough

Year 5 received a reply this week from Sir David Attenborough. They recently contacted him by letter to ask many questions about his inspirations. The children were thrilled to receive his response.



Who to talk to if an issue arises

We have made some changes to our escalation policy within school. Miss Hickey is now our Lower Key Stage 2 leader (responsible for Years 3 and 4) Mr Johnson is now our Upper Key Stage 2 leader (responsible for Years 5 and 6)

Please follow the steps below when reporting any issues in schools:

1. Speak to the staff in class. They know your child best and usually are able to answer most questions about your child, issues through the day or play-ground fall outs.
2. Phase Leader. For EYFS and KS1 please talk to Miss Carroll. For Year 3 and 4, please speak to Miss Hickey. For Year 5 and 6, speak to Mr Johnson.
3. Pastoral Lead / Acting Head of School. For issues that can not be resolved with step one and 2, please request a meeting with Mr Spindlow or Mrs Tennant.
4. Interim Executive Head Teacher. Depending on the circumstances, it may be appropriate to meet with Mrs Milligan (A reminder that Mrs Milligan is not on site part of the week)
5. Complaints procedure. Although we are confident that most issues will be able to be resolved quickly, please see the website for the schools formal complaints procedure

Year 6 SATS week

Our children in Year 6 have been working really hard, pushing their limits in preparation for SATS week. Tests will begin on Tuesday 9th May - Friday 12th May

This is an extremely important week in the children's academic life and they MUST attend school everyday in order to show off their true capabilities and reflect all the hard work they have put in this year.

Tuesday 9th May	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
Wednesday 10th May	Reading
Thursday 11th May	Maths Paper 1 & 2
Friday 12th May	Maths Paper 3

Turkey/Syria Donation

Thank you to all our parent and staff that have donated, total collected is £372



ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW



Attendance Counts

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Year Group	
EYFS	95.4
Year 1	86.3
Year 2	95.7
Year 3	97.6
Year 4	96.0
Year 5	95.3
Year 6	99.3

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 95.0%

Our attendance for the year to date 92.2%

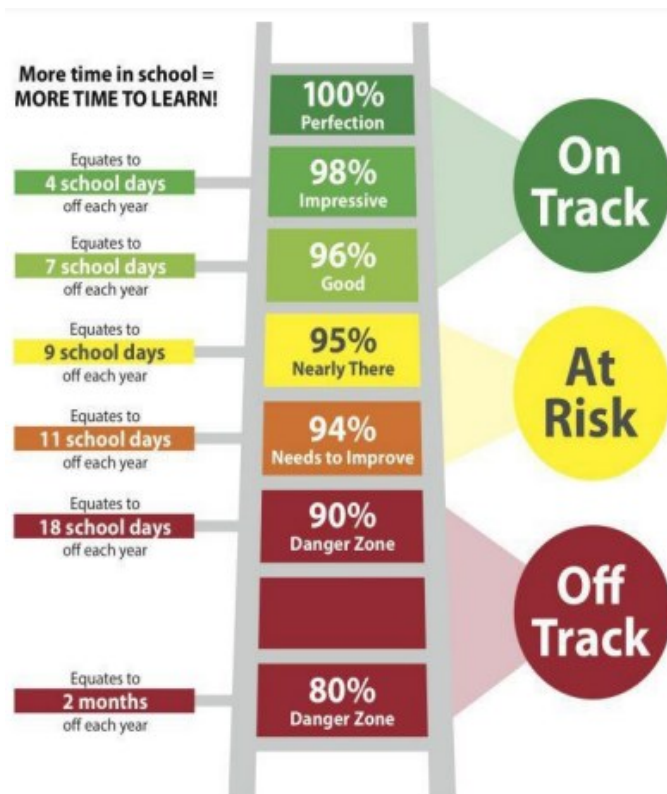
Please ensure you come to school each day to help us meet our target.

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	George
Year 1	LJ
Year 2	Phoebe
Year 3	Ruby-Lou
Year 4	Miguel
Year 5	Tilly
Year 6	Lily

PE Star of the Week

EYFS	Isla
Year 1	Darcie
Year 2	Toby
Year 3	Lexi
Year 4	Corey-James
Year 5	Aiden
Year 6	Shaylah

Right of the Week



Article 24 – Every child has the right to the best possible health.

Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment

and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this



Composer of the Week

Bronski Beat

Pop – 80s synth/Pop



Years Active: 1980's
Nationality: British

Famous piece of music:
Small-town Boy

- Bronski Beat were a British synthpop trio which achieved success in the mid-1980s, particularly with the 1984 chart hit "Smalltown Boy"
- The initial line-up, which recorded the majority of the band's hits, consisted of Jimmy Somerville (vocals), Steve Bronski (keyboards, percussion) and Larry Steinbachek (keyboards & percussion)
- Somerville left Bronski Beat in 1985, and went on to have success as lead singer of the Communards and as a solo artist.
- He was replaced by vocalist John Foster, with whom the band continued to have hits in the UK and Europe through 1986.
- Foster left Bronski Beat after their second album, and the band used a series of vocalists before dissolving in 1995.
- Steve Bronski revived the band in 2016, recording new material with 1990s member Ian Donaldson
- The bands sound was very much synth pop which features the synthesizer as the dominant musical instrument



Catholic Life Parent Feedback

Thank you to the parents who completed the recent Catholic Life questionnaire. We value your answers and opinions and this will help us ensure we strive for R.E excellence.

2. My child is happy at this school (0 point)

[More Details](#)

Strongly Agree	27
Agree	28
Disagree	3
Strongly Disagree	0
Don't know	1



3. My child feels safe at this school (0 point)

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)

Strongly Agree	32
Agree	26
Disagree	0
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	1



4. Guardian Angels enables my child to behave respectfully (0 point)

[More Details](#)

Strongly Agree	35
Agree	21
Disagree	1
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	2



5. This school is a supportive and joyful community (0 point)

[More Details](#)

[Insights](#)

Strongly Agree	26
Agree	30
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	1



6. Staff at this school are positive role model for my child (0 point)

[More Details](#)

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Strongly Agree	24
Agree	28
Disagree	4
Strongly disagree	1
Don't know	2



8. I understand the school's Catholic mission and am supportive of it (0 point)

[More Details](#)

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Strongly Agree	30
Agree	27
Disagree	2
Strongly disagree	0
Don't know	0





Safeguarding Tip of the Week

NSPCC - What to do if you are worried about a child.

If you are worried about a child, even if you are unsure, you can speak to the NSPCC about your concerns. Whether you want to report child abuse and neglect or aren't sure what to do, they are there to listen, offer advice and support, and can take the next steps if a child's in danger.

You can call the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 or email help@NSPCC.org.uk.

If you wish to remain anonymous, you don't have to tell them who you are, where you live, or share your contact details.

If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police on 999 straight away.

E- Safety Tip

Staying safe online

Don't post any personal information online – like your address, email address or mobile number

Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online people can see it and download it, it's not just yours anymore

Keep your privacy settings on social media accounts as high as possible

Never give out your passwords

Don't befriend people you don't know

Don't accept friend or follow requests from people you don't know

Don't meet up with people you've met online - speak to a trusted adult about anyone who suggest you do

Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are

Weekly Prayer

God of love, help us to be like your Son, and make a real difference to the lives of our global family.
Amen.



Have a lovely weekend and God Bless,

Mrs Helen Milligan and Mr Spindlow

Executive Head Teacher and Interim Head of School



EASTER EVENTS

CAFOD
THE BIG LENT WALK
Taking place all throughout Lent! Led by
our CAFOD Club!

Easter Egg
Raffle!
From 6th- 10th
March! £1 per
strip



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Care**

Collect coins for Fr Hudson's!
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School Attendance – a very important message for all parents/carers

September 2022

Important - please read!

3rd March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is an important update about school attendance for the 2022/23 academic year.

Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School is working in partnership with parents and the Local Authority to improve school attendance.

A big thank you to the majority of parents who make sure their children attend school regularly!

Your efforts, working in partnership with the school, will ensure that your child will have the best chance to achieve their academic potential and have real opportunity in further education and the world of work. It will also enable your child to:

- access the lessons needed to achieve their expected grades
- maintain friendships and develop new ones
- have access to social and sporting events offered by the school
- explore potential careers
- develop work habits such as good punctuality which are essential to thrive in the world of employment

How does your child compare?

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons

If you are worried about your child/children's attendance the first port of call is to discuss your concerns with the school directly. The school has specialist staff who may be able to help, and all schools work closely with health and council teams who

may also be able to help if needed. If you have concerns about mental health; domestic abuse; parenting; bereavement; finance; problems with drugs and alcohol; you can find help and support from the 'From Birmingham with Love' webpage:

[From Birmingham with Love](#)

Additionally, Birmingham City Council provides online information and guidance to parents on school attendance which you can access here:

[School Attendance Information for Parents](#)

Family holidays in term time are not allowed in law and are unlikely to be authorised. Family emergencies also need careful consideration. It is not always appropriate or in the best interests of the child to miss school for emergencies which are being dealt with by adult family members. Notifying the school of leave due to a family emergency does not mean it will be authorised.

Please note that where parents fail to ensure their child attends school regularly, legal action, including penalty notices, may be considered.

We wish you and your child/children all the best for the new academic year.

Kind regards

Education Legal Intervention Team
Birmingham City Council



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!



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