



Guardian Angels
Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st March 2024

Newsletter No. 21



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.

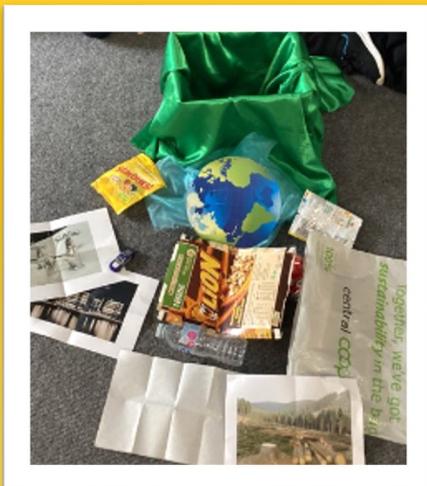


Mrs Milligan and Mr Spindlow's Message

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. Classes have been working to create ways to raise money for their chosen class charities and they will share more of this with you in the forthcoming weeks.

Year 4 and 5 took part in a Shakespeare workshop this week. The Shakespeare Trust came into school to work with the children on famous quotes from Macbeth and putting these into moves and beats whilst counting the syllables from one of Shakespeare's most famous plays. All children were fantastic and enjoyed this workshop.

Thank you to all the families who donated flowers for St David's day these were delivered to our local care home.





This Week's Gospel - John 2:13-25

It was almost time for the Passover Festival, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. There in the Temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and pigeons, and also the moneychangers sitting at their tables. So he made a whip from cords and drove all the animals out of the Temple, both the sheep and the cattle; he overturned the tables of the moneychangers and scattered their coins; and he ordered those who sold the pigeons, "Take them out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that the scripture says, "My devotion to your house, O God, burns in me like a fire." The Jewish authorities came back at him with a question, "What miracle can you perform to show us that you have the right to do this?" Jesus answered, "Tear down this Temple, and in three days I will build it again." "Are you going to build it again in three days?" they asked him. "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple!" But the temple Jesus was speaking about was his body. So when he was raised from death, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and what Jesus had said. While Jesus was in Jerusalem during the Passover Festival, many believed in him as they saw the miracles he performed. But Jesus did not trust himself to them, because he knew them all. There was no need for anyone to tell him about them, because he himself knew what was in their hearts.

Mass Times:

Saturdays 5pm Guardian Angels School (Vigil Mass of the Sunday)

Sundays 11am Guardian Angels School

Sundays 9am St John the Baptist Church

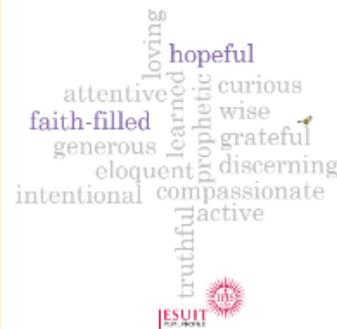
Virtues Award

Year Group	Virtue Award
EYFS	Millie
Year 1	Ava
Year 2	Ayanne
Year 3	Blake
Year 4	Nadia
Year 5	Lexie
Year 6	Benjamin

Virtues of the Half Term

Faith-filled and Hopeful

Pupils at Guardian Angels are growing to be faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.



We help our pupils grow by passing on the living and faith-filled tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in

the pupils, and by encouraging them, in turn, to have faith and hope in others.



Reader of the Week

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

EYFS	Holly-Bee
Year 1	Michael
Year 2	Inioluwa
Year 3	Lacey-Maii
Year 4	Mia
Year 5	Emmie-Rose
Year 6	Graison

PE Star of the Week

EYFS	Louie
Year 1	Adonis
Year 2	Myrah
Year 3	Ella L
Year 4	Oliver
Year 5	Firefunmi
Year 6	Frankie

Star Pupils



Year Group		
EYFS	Sophia	Larna
Year 1	Ameer	Maimuna
Year 2	Ava	LJ
Year 3	Phoebe	Summer
Year 4	Amelia	Toby
Year 5	Corey-James	Lucas
Year 6	Isabella P	Tilly



Dates For Your Calendar

Date	Event
Tues 5th March	EYFS Mother's Day parent workshop at 9:15am
Wed 6th March	Mass at 9:05am in the school hall - all welcome
Wed 6th March	Year 4 Shard End Library visit
Wed 6th March	Year 3 Holy Communion/Reconciliation parent meeting at 2:45pm
Thurs 7th March	WORLD BOOK DAY - pupils may dress up in their favourite costume or PJs
Wed 13th March	Parent Evening - further information will follow
Wed 13th/Thurs 14th March	Bringing Books to Life dance workshop for all year groups—please see ParentPay for payment details
Tues 19th March	Year 3 Shard End Library visit
Fri 22nd March	School breaks up for Easter break
Mon 8th April	Children return to school

World Book Day



WORLD BOOK DAY

This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**. Throughout the day, children will immerse into the wonderful world of reading. They will continue the celebrations during the following week with a visit from West End in Schools 'bringing books to life' through dance. Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character or in pyjamas/onesie for the day. Prizes will be given to the winner of this years competition, "Story in a Jar" in each class as well as "Best Dressed".





Birthday Celebration this Week



Firefunmi (Year 5)

Best wishes from your Guardian Angels family

Holy Communion Meeting

Year 3 parents are invited to an important Holy Communion meeting at school Wednesday 6th March at 2.45pm in our school hall. This meeting will give parents valuable information about the day and give the change for parents to ask any questions

FREE FOOTBALL CLUB

Children are welcome to join in a free Football Fun Club on Saturday mornings, taking place at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School (B36 0QE) Further information can be found here <https://forms.gle/c9dYe4BVv9j8YyZc8>

Right of the Week

Article 13 (freedom of expression)



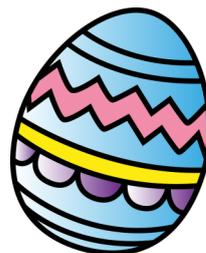
Sharing Thoughts Freely

Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

Lent

This year, classes will be raising money for their chosen charity while also raising money for our school and church community.

Over the next three weeks, children are invited to bring in money for Lenten activities. There will also be a raffle with the chance to win a giant Easter egg!





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Attendance Counts

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Year Group	Attendance %
EYFS	97.2
Year 1	95.7
Year 2	93.3
Year 3	96.4
Year 4	91.4
Year 5	92.6
Year 6	94.6

Attendance Update

Schools can fine parents for the unauthorised absence of their child from school, where the child is of compulsory school age.

Guardian Angels have now had to fine 8 families following Birmingham City Council guidelines

If issued with a penalty notice, parents must pay £60 within 21 days or £120 within 28 days. The payment must be made directly to the local authority..

If the payment has not been made after 28 days, the local authority can decide whether to prosecute the parent.

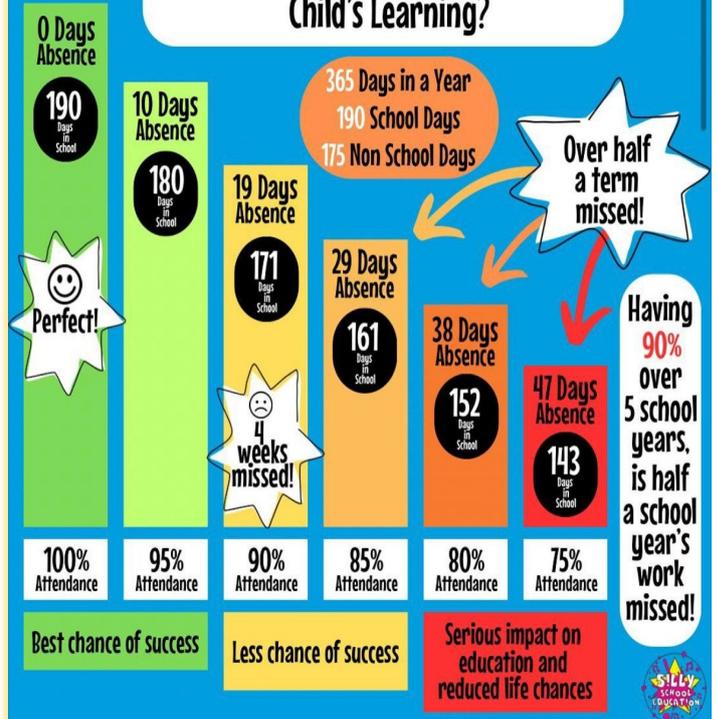
Attendance Support

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

Every Day Counts

Just before the holiday, all schools in England received a message from the Secretary of State for Education, outlining the concerns linked to attendance nationwide. Whilst our attendance has improved and the number of children below 90% attendance has decreased, there is still work to be done. Our teachers are providing an excellent education in every classroom, everyday - every day missed is a missed learning opportunity. Attendance will remain a huge focus for the whole school this year.

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?





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.

Weekly Prayer

Christ Jesus, show us how to be brave enough to stand up for what is right and fair. Give us the courage to change the things we know are wrong and help us to make the world a fairer place together with our brothers and sisters around the world. Amen.

E- Safety Tip



Composer of the Week

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Bronski Beat

Pop – 80s synth/Pop



Years Active: 1980's
Nationality: British

Famous piece of music:
Smalltown Boy

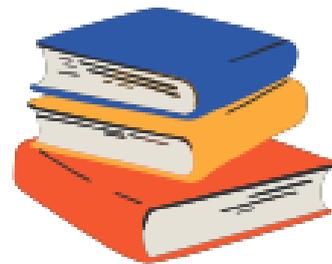
- Bronski Beat were a British synthpop trio which achieved success in the mid-1980s, particularly with the 1984 chart hit "Smalltown Boy"
- The initial line-up, which recorded the majority of the band's hits, consisted of Jimmy Somerville (vocals), Steve Bronski (keyboards, percussion) and Larry Steinbachek (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

God Bless and we hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Helen Milligan and Mr Spindlow



READING *Competition*



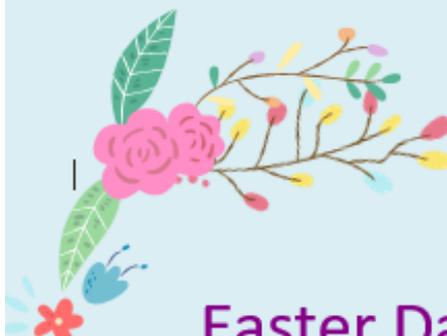
Y2-Y6 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN AN AMAZON FIRE TABLET!

TO BE WITH A CHANCE TO WIN, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS READ!
ONCE YOU HAVE FINISHED YOUR ZPD BOOK, LOG ONTO ACCELERATED READER
AND COMPLETE THE QUIZ.

The amount of quizzes taken (with a pass rate of 85% or higher) will determine the winner.

THE COMPETITION ENDS ON TUESDAY 19TH MARCH AND THE WINNER WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON FRIDAY 29TH MARCH.





Easter Day Menu

Wednesday 13th March 2024

- ROAST TURKEY
- QUORN ROAST
- BROCCOLI
- CARROT & SWEETCORN
- CHEESE SANDWICH
- ROAST POTATOES
- YORKSHIRE PUDDING
- CHOCOLATE EASTER NESTS
- EASTER CORNFLAKE CAKE
- FRUITY JELLY
- FRESH FRUIT
- JUICE

Happy Easter Day!