



ST IGNATIUS CATHOLIC PRIMARY

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Through The Week

Our Parents' Prayer groups started on Wednesday. Sr Eugenia and Fr Bernard were very pleased with the turnout although a few more people for the afternoon session would have made it a great start to our Lenten journey. If you have a spare 20 minutes to spend with the Lord between 8:50am and 9:15am or 2:40pm and 3:10pm please come and join our little group in the school Library in the Anne Line building. There are still a number of children who are wearing incorrect footwear to school. Kindly ensure that your child wear **BLACK SHOES** to school and not **TRAINERS OR BOOTS**. Thank you.

3R Assembly

3R gave everyone a timely reminder on Thursday afternoon about the reason why we are in the season of Lent. They retold the story of Palm Sunday very clearly through drama and song and helped us all to think of our own Lenten journey over the coming weeks as we build up to Easter Week. Thank you children.

PEARL Assembly

Miss Duffy spoke to the children from Key Stage 1 on Thursday afternoon about the PEARL value of achievement. Using the stimulus of Superheroes she asked the children how and where they got their strength from. She explained to them that our inner strength comes from God and it is through our Lenten promises of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that we are able to grow in strength through our faith.

Birthday/Party Bags

A few weeks ago it was announced that children's birthdays would be announced and celebrated in the weekly newsletter. Please refrain from sending in bags full of food that have high calorie content and large cakes to be cut and shared amongst the class. The school is looking to work towards gaining Health School status and with your support we hope to achieve this aim. By promoting high standards of well being and good health it can strengthen our position in achieving this very important award Thank you for your support.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to those children and staff who celebrated their birthdays this week. We hope that you had a lovely day!

Governors' News

The closing date for the forthcoming Parent Governor election is THURSDAY 20th MARCH. All nominations must be received by then. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Achievement Certificates

Mr Soyka awarded certificates to the following children at assembly on Friday for showing good efforts and trying hard with their learning. Keep up the good work children.

Year 1	Deborah	
Year 2	Joyce	Katherine
Year 3	Faith	Oyen
Year 4	PJ	Bryan
Year 5	Cyan	Damian
Year 6	Laura	Poppy

House Points

Congratulations to the children of Anne Line, this week's house point winners. Keep up the good work children.

Place	Saint	Points
1 st	Alexander Briant	401
2 nd	Anne Line	273
3 rd	Robert Southwell	251
4 th	Edmund Campion	213

Multi-Family Group

This very important group designed specifically for parents started on Thursday afternoon. It is run by our Outreach Therapist, Hania McClagan. The Multi-Family Group is a collaboration between children and families, the therapist and a school-based member of staff. Families (parent / carer and child) attend the group weekly during a school day for 1.5 hours, for an average of 6 sessions followed by an individual family review of the sessions. Each child has a target card that reflects the positive changes and / or progress that teachers and parents want to see for the child to support their well-being. If you would like to be part of this exciting programme or find out more, please see Ms Curran or leave your details at the office or email Ms Curran via our school website. Please make every effort to attend if you are available on Thursday afternoons between 2 and 3:30pm.

Parent Prayer Group

Over the next few weeks there will be a parent prayer group every Wednesday morning from 8:45 to 9:15am and from 2:45 to 3:15pm. Are you available to spend some time with God and reflect on the readings for Lent? Come and join Fr Bernard and Sr Eugenia in the school library in the Anne Line building.

Website

The person you were looking for was FR BERNARD! Nobody came to Mr Soyka to tell him that they were able to find him so 100 points were not awarded. This week you have to find a newspaper column about an important football match, but for 150 house points you need to find out the names of the 2 teams that played the final score the goal scorers and the result. Good luck children!

Read for my School

This important competition has returned once again to school and after a very good response last year we have decided to enter the children from Key Stage 2 to compete. All children have received their log in details and have made a very steady start to the competition. **OUR CURRENT TOTAL STANDS AT 298 BOOKS!!** There are only a few weeks left in this fantastic challenge so come on children LET'S GET READING!!

Reception Outdoor area

As part of the Early Years Outdoor Curriculum, the children in reception have access to activities in the area outside of the classrooms. In order to ensure that this area is set up for the day ahead, we need to prepare it before school starts. From Monday 17th March 2014, this area below Campion playground will not be accessible to parents /carers and children coming in to school at the beginning of the day. We ask that the children are taken up on to the playground via the steps or the ramp to line up with their class. The class teachers will, as usual, pick their classes up from the line. Thank you for your co-operation.

SCOOTERS AND BICYCLES

Please ensure that your child:

DOES NOT USE THEIR SCOOTER OR BICYCLE ONCE THEY HAVE ENTERED THE BUILDING FROM THE ANNE LINE PLAYGROUND OR MAIN GATES.

Recently there has been a large number of children coming to school on bicycles and scooters. This is a good way of helping your child with their well being but they can cause a health and safety risk on a very busy playground. Please ensure that your child comes off their scooter /bicycle as soon as they enter the building and that it remains with you at all times.

GIRLS FOOTBALL TEAM

After an enthralling game on Tuesday afternoon the girls' football team secured a well deserved draw against the girls from the Willow School. Congratulations to the girls for playing well and working together. Keep on keeping on girls.

The BIG Question

"If you fill a room with bricks, is it still a room?"

Please see what answers your child can produce around this question. Answers will be discussed at next Friday's assembly. The best ones that the children agree on will be displayed. Get thinking children and good luck.

Weekly Prayer

This week's prayer was written by the children from 2D.

Dear God,

For forty days, we promise to use the time when we would normally play computer games to pray to you instead. Help us not to be tempted to break our Lenten Promises so that we can help Your Kingdom to come closer to us.

We will try to follow your path by giving alms to those who need it.

Please help us by giving us the strength to be good to people this Lent like Jesus was.

Amen

HAVE A LOVELY WEEKEND!!

