ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 31st March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,



Reconciliation

This week our Year 3 children received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Thank you to Fr Allan for leading two beautiful services. Also thank you to Mrs Schofield for supporting the children and helping to prepare them in their sacramental journey.

Golden Book Assembly

If your child was due to be in the Golden Book Assembly on 10th March when we had the school closure for snow, this will now be re-scheduled for



Friday 28th April at 2.30pm.

This week as you all know, we were joined by Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday to carry out a 2 day inspection. All the children behaved wonderfully, as we knew they would do and we are very proud of them. We would just like to say a massive thank you for all the support we have received from our parents We received 51 responses on parent view and the lovely kind words and delivery of sweet treats gave us all a much needed boost. We really appreciate how kind and supportive everyone has been. We are not allowed to share the outcome yet but it will be shared with you in around a months time once it has been created and accredited.



VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R Bradley Bridge

Year 1 Lyla McBreen

Year 2 Robyn Southall

Year 3 Ocean Sinclair

Year 4 Daisy Grace

Year 5 Kian Judge

Year 6 Harley McNamara

Writer of the Week

Year R Jaxon-Paul Lomax-Curry

Year 1 Reggie Bradford

Year 2 Emily Wigley

Year 3 Luke Cavanagh

Year 4 Poppy Leaver

Year 5 William Lord-Fallows

Year 6 Annaliese Coates

MASS TIMES—1st and 2nd April

St Mary Magdalene's - Saturday Vigil Mass - 5.30 pm

St Augustine's - Sunday at 9.30 am

St John's - Sunday at 11.00 am





Sacramental Programme Mass Times

14th May 11am

(please see letter sent home for more information).

Holy Communion - 25th June 2023 at 3pm



Diary Dates

Monday 3rd April	**Reception Forest school am, Nursery Forest school pm**
Tuesday 4th April	**Managing Challenging Behaviour parent workshop 9-10am**
Tuesday 4th April	**Yr 2 Forest school am, Yr 1 forest school pm (catch up session)**
Tuesday 4th April	**Nursery and Reception train trip**
Tuesday 4th April (changed from Wednesday 5th April)	**End of Lent Mass 9.15am**
Thursday 6th April	**Easter Readaround 2.30pm (parents welcome)**
Thursday 6th April	**Break up for Easter**
Monday 24th April	**School re-opens**

Kids Eat Out For Less This Easter Break!

EXTREME COUPONING AND BARGAINS UK

ASDA	Kids Eat for £1 with no purchase necessary across the Easter Holidays with new vegan and nutritionally balanced meal options added.
Morrisons	Kids under 16 eat for free at Morrisons Café when an adult spends £4.49 or more on a meal.
IKEA	Kids Can enjoy Pasta with Tomato Sauce and a soft drink for 95p or any other Kids Meal for £1.50. Available every day from 11am from IKEA restaurants.
Farmhouse Inns	Two kids can eat for FREE per paying adult Monday-Friday at Farmhouse Inns From 3rd-14th April 2023. Signup to their newsletter to claim your voucher.
Dunelm	One free Kids Menu with every £4 Spend at Pausa Cafe Monday-Friday After 3pm In Dunelm stores.
Sizzling	Monday-Friday between 3-7pm, you can enjoy a kids' main meal for £1, with the purchase of every 1 adult main meal bought in the same transaction.
Bella Italia	Kids can enjoy three delicious courses & a drink for just £1 with the purchase of every adult main from 4-6pm on Monday-Thursday! Suitable for 2-11 year olds.
dobbies	Kids Eat Free At Dobbies with an adult traditional breakfast or main course. Includes kids breakfasts, lunch menu or pick 'n' mix meal, plus a drink.
Travelodge	Up to 2 two children aged 15 or under eat free, when an adult orders the full priced breakfast.
YO! 活	From the 3rd of April, kids eat free all day YO! when dining with a full-paying adult (minimum £10 spend). See website for full terms.
Brewer's Fayre, Table Table, Beefeater	Two kids under 16 eat for FREE when with every adult breakfast purchased at Brewer's Fayre, Table Table & Beefeater.
Harvester, Toby Carvery	We recommend downloading Harvester & Toby Carvery App because they often have good offers over school holidays for kids.
M&S CAFÉ	Free Kid's Munch Menu when you spend £5 in the Cafe on weekdays. Offer currently valid in Scotland until Friday 14th April 2023. (We expect this offer tobe available across the UK Soon)

Information Correct At Time Of Posting. Please see individual website for the latest offers and full terms.

Gardening Club



The Flower Pot Gang have been working really hard. We managed to shovel 1 tonne of topsoil into wheelbarrows and fill up our raised beds, which then meant that we could start planting. Unfortunately, due to the heavy rain, our salad leaves seeds that we sowed got waterlogged, which means we will need to start those again.

Now that our garden is taking shape, we really want to protect it. We have acquired some fence panels, but would really like some help with getting some fence posts and concrete/cement.

If you, or anybody you know might be able to help us out, we really would be extremely grateful.

Thank you

EASTER ART COMPETITION

A huge Thank you to all the children who have entered the 'Easter Art Competition.' There were over 136 Easter entries!! Which is Eggcellent!
Thank you to all of the parents who gave up their time for their children to take part, it is appreciated. The School Councilors were the judges for this competition. They all got together last Friday and chose their winners. There was a winner for each year group and an overall winner for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. It was very hard to choose as they were all so amazing!

Here are the Year Group Winners;



Nursery: **Eliza**
Reception: **Edward**
Year 1: **Dillon**
Year 2: **Lucy**
Year 3: **Oliver**
Year 4: **Mia**
Year 5: **Shay**
Year 6: **Oliver**

Here are the Overall Winners;



EYFS: **Neveah**
KS1: **Colby**
KS2: **Louisa**

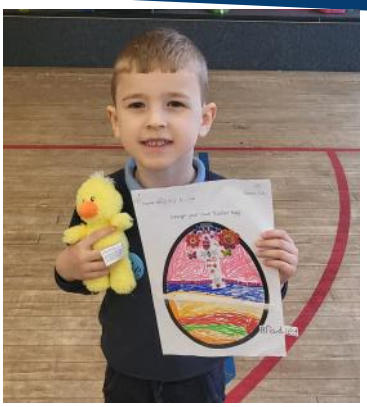
Our Colouring winner was **Bradley** in Reception and we had a special award for **Jemima** in Nursery who creator her eggs following our school values.

A huge well done to everyone who took part! Have a lovely Easter, thank you again from Miss Armstrong.

(Please see the next page for all our amazing winners!!)



EASTER ART COMPETITION WINNERS!!

















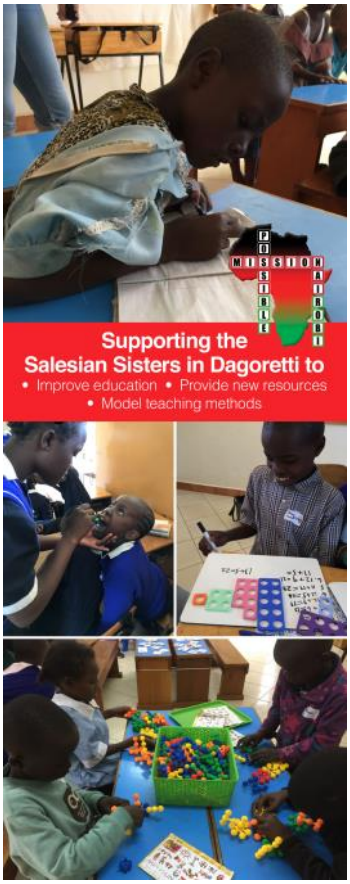


















Last chance to win Bertie the dog and his puppy



£1 per ticket

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday morning next week

Please Help Mrs McKeating pack for her trip to Kenya



- Children's underwear
- Hats
- Balloons
- Popping Candy
- Pencils
- Felt tip pens
- Face flannels

Planetarium

The children have had a wonderful time experiencing the wonders of space inside the planetarium today! Thank you to all the parents who sent in contriubtions towards the cost of the Planetarium and thank you to Mrs Collins our Science coordinator for organizing the day. Here are two extracts from some of our year 2 children's 'Dear Diary' entries;

"Dear diary,

When I had done my short maths lesson I ran to the line. I had all the excitement I've ever had! When we went in the hall we met a man called Chris. He told us some rules and the funniest rule was that we had to take our shoes off!



We went in the wonder dome, wait maybe it is called that because it is wonderful. Anyway when we went inside, Chris told us about rockets, planets and solar systems.

Write soon, Iris xx"



"Dear diary,

Today was the best day of the year! When I came to school, my heart was beating so fast! We did quick maths so we could get in the hall. I wonder what it will look like? I was bursting with excitement!

My socks were blown off! He told us all the planets, Earth, Mars, Jupiter and Venus. I felt like I was in space. I hope we will do it again next year? I love it so much. I had the best day ever!

By Hailey."







GIRLS FOOTBALL

A huge well done to Ruby, Mia, Harriet, Martha, Felicity, Aaliya, Ava, Skyla and Heidi who took part in the girls football event at Burnley College on Thursday. They had a brilliant time learning lots of different football skills.



A MESSAGE FROM MRS COLLINS

A MASSIVE thank you to all who sponsored the Reception Class children for completing their 20 laps around the school hall, for Trussell Trust. This is the charity they chose for their Lenten Alms Giving. All money has been counted and they have raised a fantastic £456.20!!!! How amazing!

The money raised will help Trussell Trust continue to help provide vital lifelines to people who are struggling to afford essential items, and allow them to use food banks and access any additional support they might need.

Once again, thank you from us all in Reception for your kindness and generosity.

Gardening Skills adult course

limited places available on the Introduction to Gardening Skills course. Please see details below:

Introduction to Gardening Skills

Start: Tuesday 18th April

Time: 1:30pm - 4pm

Duration: 3 weeks

Gardening and horticulture has proven health benefits and is known to help relieve stress and boost self -esteem. Linkbridge will be working in partnership with Lancashire Adult Learning to offer Introduction to Gardening Skills, followed by options to continue and gain accreditation in Gardening Skills. Whether you
are a complete beginner or already have some gardening knowledge, this course will build a strong foundation of knowledge and practical experience around this fascinating topic.

Please contact Linkbridge to book a place

Linkbridge Centre

tel: 01282 715574

email: info@linkbridgecentre.com

web: www.linkbridgecentre.com

Struggling to pay for food or bills?

Support is available

Lancashire Community Finance is working in partnership with NatWest Bank and Responsible Finance to provide small grants to local residents through a new Hardship Grant Fund.



HARDSHIP GRANTS

Can provide short-term help to Lancashire residents who are struggling to afford essentials due to the rising cost of living, including:

- Food
- Energy and water
- Rent and other housing costs
- Appliances and furniture
- Other wider essentials

In addition to grants, LCF's team of expert advisors are on hand to provide free, impartial, and confidential advice on money, benefits, debt and housing issues.

To speak to a member of the team, including to enquire about a hardship grant, please call:

01772 556 877

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