ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 17th March 2023

Headteacher's Note

Dear Parents/Carers,



KS2 Film Night

Key Stage 2 children enjoyed a wonderful film night last night. A huge thank you to the members of the PTA for organising it and thanks to all those who attended.

Red Nose Day

The children came to school wearing red today for Red Nose day. We managed to raise £155.36! Thank you so much to everyone who sent in a donation.



Nursery Assembly

Well done to all the nursery children who did their first class assembly on Wednesday morning. They did so well performing songs, dances and telling stories to the whole school and their own families.

Mission Possible are returning to Kenya

In 2017 I organised a trip to Kenya to support a small mission run by the Salesian Sisters. Two further trips were made in 2018 and 2019. In the last 7 years £56,380 has been raised to support the deprived families living in this slum town in Dagoretti, near Nairobi. In May 2023, I will be returning to Kenya with 16 other professionals to teach children and coach teachers to improve the education opportunities.



Fundraising has begun, we are organising charity events in the next few months to raise funds. In my career working in seven schools I have seen the harsh effects of poverty in the UK yet I was so shocked to witness the extreme poverty that I saw in Kenya which moved me to create this small charity and do what I can to make a difference to the lives of the families living in this community.

We will soon begin raffling this cute bear to support fundraising. If you would like to enter the raffle, all tickets are £1 each.

Mission Possible@mp_nairobi Facebook Mission Possible

VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R Noah Baines

Year 1 Kaiser Boston

Year 2 Rocco Storer

Year 3 Sonny Ramsay

Year 4 Vincent Wigley

Year 5 Jack Little

Year 6 Phoebe Ormerod

Writer of the Week

Year R Saul Waring

Year 1 Karol Poranski

Year 2 Fox Bennett

Year 3 Daniel Gargan

Year 4 Kai Southern

Year 5 Shay Greenwood

Year 6 Oliver Hesmondhalgh

MASS TIMES—18th and 19th March

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

26th March 11am

14th May 11am

(please see letter sent home for more information).



Holy Communion - 25th June 2023 at 3pm

WONDer DOME
'exciting, interactive science shows'



Mobile Planetarium to inspire future space explorers.

On Friday 31st March 2023 I am planning to have a planetarium in school for all classes; Nursery to Year 6. It is an excellent way to increase engagement, learning and participation in Science.

I am asking for £1 voluntary contribution per pupil to help towards the cost.

Thank you Mrs Collins

Science Coordinator.

Diary Dates

Monday 20th March	**Reception Forest school am, Nursery Forest school pm**
Tuesday 21st March	**World Down Syndrome Day—wear odd socks— no donation required.**
Friday 24th March	**Year 1 Class Assembly - parents welcome**
Monday 27th March	**Nursery forest school am, Reception Forest school pm**
Thursday 30th March	**Y3 reconciliation - parents welcome 11am in church**
Thursday 30th March	**Bunny Bingo 6pm - more info to follow**
Friday 31st March	**Planetarium**
Monday 3rd April	**Reception Forest school am, Nursery Forest school pm**
Wednesday 5th April	**End of Lent Mass 9.15am**
Thursday 6th April	**Break up for Easter**
Monday 24th April	**School re-opens**



To book on, please email: supburnley1@outlook.com and you will then receive a link to register.

RAISING MONEY FOR DOWN'S SYNDROME



From **Monday 20th March**, Milo and his classmates from Year 5 will be selling gingerbread biscuits for £1 at lunchtimes to raise money for their Lenten charity ELDSSG, which helps support Milo's younger brother Louie who has Down's Syndrome.

ELDSSG is a registered charity (1149790) who support people with Down's Syndrome their families and carers. They run monthly family meetings, provide social opportunities for older members, provide educational support for pre-school and primary level children, work with health professionals to help them better understand Down's Syndrome and run family breaks. They rely almost 100% on member and group fundraising activities such as selling gingerbread socks.



World Down's Syndrome day is on **Tuesday 21st March** (21/3) to symbolise that people with Down's Syndrome have an extra 3rd copy of the 21st chromosome. **Children are invited to wear odd socks to school on this day. As this is an awareness day, no donations are required. However if you would like to send in a donation, this will be passed on to the charity.**

Mother's Day competition

The GIFT Team would like to say a very BIG thank you to all the children who entered the competition. The amount of entries we got was fantastic! We knew this would be a difficult task to judge, so we asked Mrs Bracken, one of our school governor's to do it. This, we thought, would be the fairest way to do it.

Mrs Bracken thought all the entries were lovely, and found it really hard to choose just one winner. However, she did, and the winners of the competition were Felicity & Sienna Baker. Well done girls!

A certificate and a bar of chocolate was given to all the children who entered. These were kindly given by Mrs Bracken.

Happy Mother's Day!!





EASTER COMPETITION

Now that it is nearly Easter, we are having a special art Competition! There will be great Easter prizes to be won in each year group.

We would like you to decorate an egg! You can use whatever materials you like. You may like to use paint, pens, paper shapes, pom-poms or other materials. You could choose to decorate a boiled egg, an egg made from Lego or an egg made of paper or card. If you would like you could colour the egg template. (see attached)



Whichever you decided to do, let your imagination run wild! Be as creative as you can be!

We would love to see your creations.



<u>Please make sure to write your name and class on you entries.</u>

Children need to return their entry into school by **Friday 24th March 2023.**

Enjoy your crafting and good luck!





