ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 3rd December 2021

A few weeks ago we planned to bake some cakes to raise money for a charity called Mission Possible. To bake these cakes we had a little help from a friend. She made over 200 cakes and today we raised £103.36!

I am really glad we did this because it's for charity and they need it more than us. We would not of been able to do this without the help from Pam. We would like to thank everyone who sent money today. It will help buy emergency food packages for the Mama's to hand out to families with no food in Kenya.

By Lucas, Theo and Colby.





Since May 2017, Mrs McKeating and the Mission Possible Team have been supporting a tiny community in Dagoretti Market town near Nairobi, Kenya.

During the last 5 years £53, 226.70 has been raised to support the Salesian Sisters who are running this small mission.

The focus has mainly been on supporting the children to access education and to improve the education of the pupils by providing teacher training and enhancing resources. Our team has grown over the years and in 2020 we had a team of 20 professionals ready to fly to Nairobi to work with this community once more but unfortunately the pandemic prevented our 4th trip in 2020 and may be preventing a return trip for 2022 too.

Due to the pandemic this vulnerable community has really suffered and opportunities to earn an income have disappeared. The sisters run a project called Mama Margarets, where young mums are taught a trade and the items that they make are sold by the sisters which generates an income for them. Unfortunately there has been no income during 2021 and the project is on its needs.

Over the past few weeks we have been selling items made by the Mamas at various events, seeking donations to create food parcels for Christmas and also trying to find sponsors who will pay for a child's education for the full year for 32 children. It only costs £170 to sponsor a child's education for a whole year.

With today's generous and amazing efforts and cake sale from the Edwards family and the work of our GIFT TEAM with their hot chocolate and reindeer it looks like we will be able to pay for emergency food packages and the education for a child for the whole year. This is just simply fantastic that through our generous acts of kindness we are able to change a child's future and secure them in education for a whole year.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and generosity!

Congratulations!

VIPS THIS WEEK

Year R	Jasmine Beck
Year 1	Toby Rushton
Year 2	Zac Benson
Year 3	Olivia Blanchard
Year 4	Rosie Melling
Year 5	Harvey Boswell
Year 6	Grace Woodcock



Writer of the Week



Year R	Freddie Brand
Year 1	Iris Beck
Year 2	Lochlann Lamb
Year 3	Emilia Lockett
Year 4	Hannah Ramshead
Year 5	Alex Graham
Year 6	Darcie-Leigh Mansell

Achievements!

Well done to the following children for their achievements out of school;

Kai Southern—swimming
Ellie Mackey—dancing
Ayda-Rose Naylor—dancing
Toby Harter—boxing
Oscar Entwistle—swimming
Harriet Entwistle—swimming
Sicily-Kate Strahan—gymnastics
Alfie Blanchard—swimming
Olivia Blanchard—swimming

Rotary

WELL DONE TO

DARCIE-LEIGH MANSELL

ON WINNING THE 2021
DICTIONARY COMPETITION
WITH PADIHAM ROTARY CLUB.

CLASS DOJO WINNERS

Year 1	**Heidi Meehan, Colby Edwards, Elsie McEvoy, Emily Wigley, Lucy Robinson**
Year 2	**Spencer Gardner, Marko Reeves, Miley Stowe, Heidi Mansell, Roman Schillaci**
Year 3	**Skyla Wilkinson, Ellie Mackey, Brooklyn Thompson, Owen Veitch, Dalton McGough**
Year 4	**Kian Judge, Ruby Thompson, Tom Sturdy, Rafael Pinto, Helaina Beresford**
Year 5	**Alex Graham, Thomas Grace, Oscar Clarke, Grace Rushton, Charlie Maudsley**
Year 6	**Leo Earnshaw, George Gardner, Jessica Kelly, Noah Johnson, Theo Edwards, William Melling**

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS—SEPT 22

Just a reminder that the deadline for applying for Primary School places for next September is **15th January 2022**.

Applications can be done online using the following link—

https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/

Please note that a supplementary form will have to be completed for faith schools.

Taking care of your Mental Health.

The "Taking Care of your Mental Health" page on our website has been updated with some new advice and a new Do Good December calendar. This can be found under the "Children" tab or via the following link;

https://www.st-john.lancs.sch.uk/taking-care-of-your-mental-health/

COVID CASES IN SCHOOL

Unfortunately Covid cases are rising among children in school. Children who test positive must still isolate for ten days. Whilst the rest of the class do not need to isolate, we are asking parents to be vigilant if your child is ill. If they have any of the following symptoms; **a temperature, a cough, a loss of taste or smell,** they cannot return to school until they have had a negative PCR test. Lateral Flow's will not suffice. If they test positive, they must isolate for 10 days.

Please note—

From the positive cases we have had in school, we have found a headache to be a very common symptom. If your child has a headache, we strongly recommend taking a lateral flow test.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Christmas lunch will be on **Wednesday 15th December.** This is now available to book on Parent Pay.



RAFFLE PRIZES

Since September our Dojo winners from each week have had their names placed in a hat. The prizes have now been purchased and the children are super excited to find out who will get to choose a prize. Winning names will be drawn from the hat during the last week of term.



A Christmas Card for Fr Allan

Our lovely nursery children chose Fr Allan as their adult that they wanted to make a Christmas card for. Here they are delivering it to him today.



Our GIFT Team's Christmas Fundraiser



Our lovely GIFT Team are raising money for Mission Possible this Christmas and would love to sell to you Reindeer Hot Chocolate Cones and Reindeer Dust! These would make excellent stocking fillers or additions to your Christmas Eve boxes!

Our GIFT Team will be selling the Reindeer Hot Chocolate Cones and Reindeer dust every lunch time from **Wednesday 1st December- Friday 17th December.**



Our Reindeer Hot Chocolate Cones are £3.50 each!

Our Reindeer Dust is £1.50 a bag! (Environmentally friendly with reusable bag)



If you would like to purchase any of these Christmas items, please send your money into school in an envelope, labelled with your child's name, items for purchase and amount.

CHRISTMAS PLAY

The Christmas play this year is on Thursday 9th December. We are doing 2 performances; one in the afternoon at 1.30pm and one in the evening at 7pm.

Ticket allocation for Y1-Y6

The eldest child in each family will have now brought home;

1 ticket for the afternoon performance—cost £3

1 ticket for the evening performance—cost £3

Please bring your allocated ticket to the performance and pay on the door.

No other tickets will be on sale and we will not be reselling unwanted tickets.

If you have a child in Year 6, they will receive 2 tickets for the afternoon and 2 tickets for the evening.

EYFS CHRISTMAS PLAY

The reception and Nursery Christmas play will be held on Wednesday 8th December at 9.30am.

2 adults per family can attend.

Tickets are £3 (pay on the door)



NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE

At St John The Baptist Nursery

APPLY NOW FOR

SEPTEMBER JANUARY OR EASTER INTAKES

St John The Baptist Nursery Offers:

- Pre-school provision for children age 3 and up
- Term time Nursery from 8.45am-3.15pm

(Wrap around care provided from 7.30am until 6pm by onsite before & after school club)

- **Up to 30 hrs FREE childcare** (subject to eligibility)
- **15 hrs FREE provision for ALL children**
- Additional top-up afternoons available from just £12 per session
- **Teacher– led Nursery** with child led curriculum linked to EYFS Framework
- Links to **whole school family values and ethos**







To make an enquiry or apply for a place contact the school office:

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