



Dear Parents and Carers,

We didn't have a newsletter last week and there is lots to take note of this week. We move into the second half of this half-term next week and as always, it is a busy one!

Parents Evenings

First of all, thank you to all of you who came to our parents evenings last week. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers meeting with their child's teachers and looking at their work. Thank you too to our Governors, Norman Green, Dawn Whittaker and David Bullock who took time to meet with some of you and chat about school life.

A world class musical opportunity

Mrs Ali has organised two world class musicians to perform for our school on Monday afternoon.

'Ben Goldscheider and Imogen Royce are two young classical musicians who have worked with some of the UK's top orchestras across major concert halls across the world. As an orchestral flute player, Imogen has worked with orchestras such as the London Symphony Orchestra, the London Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Hallé Orchestra. Recently Imogen played at the BBC Proms, the Edinburgh International Festival and the Enescu Festival. As a French Horn soloist, Ben Goldscheider has given recitals across Europe including at the Concertgebouw, Musikverein, Pierre Boulez Saal, Elbphilharmonie Hamburg and Wigmore Hall. Ben also recently won the Critics' Circle Award for Young Talent, and back in 2016, Ben was a finalist in the BBC Young Musician of the Year. Recently, Ben made his Lucerne Festival debut, his Southbank Centre debut and toured with the West-Eastern Divan Ensemble to Berlin, Leipzig and Hong Kong.'

Pantomime

From one world class performance to another. Thanks to your donations for school uniform over the last few weeks, we have been able to organize a travelling pantomime for the children next Friday 1st December. This will be a great way to start December and prepare for the Christmas fair on Saturday.

Christmas Fair, Donations and Own Clothes

Our Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 2nd December in school. The Friends and Family of St Monicas (PTA) are asking for donations on Friday 1st December and children can wear their own clothes in return. Look out on Class Dojo for more information from our PTA and we look forward to seeing you all next Saturday.

November is the month of Remembrance

You can still send in your remembrance cards for our remembrance book which will then be read out at o

Wear Orange for Jude

We raised £252 for Bone Cancer Research on our Wear Orange for Jude day. Thank you so much for all of your kind donations.

Have a great week everyone.

Take care,

Mr Doherty



ELSA/Sensory Room

We have had an overwhelming response to our appeal for donations for our ELSA/Sensory room. We will be sending further details to those who have committed to donate next week, on how you can make your donation. This really will make such a difference to the provision we can offer our children who are in need of emotional support. Thank you so much to you all. If you would still like to donate, please just contact our office at stmonicas.admin@trafford.gov.uk and we will be in touch with how to donate.

Remembrance, Christ the King and Advent

We have talked lots with the children this month about remembrance in all its different forms and we look forward to advent now with renewed hope and excitement. The Feast of Christ the King brings to an end the liturgical year and we are reminded that Jesus is our King and we follow Him. We remember that we are His followers and we try to live like Him and follow his example. We know that we should help others, particularly when they are less fortunate than us. We remember that this advent and we do all we can to be like Jesus as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas. We remember with Love and look forward to Advent and Christmas with Hope and Joy.



Important Dates this term (these will be added to as events are added)

Monday 27th November-Maths Workshop EYFS/KS1
Friday 1st December– Pantomime in School
Saturday 2nd December– Christmas Fair
Saturday 9th December– Cross Country
Wednesday 13th December– Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 13th December @ 2pm– Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity in Church
Thursday 14th December @ 10am– Nursery Nativity in school
Thursday 14th December @2pm– Reception Nativity in school
Wednesday 20th December @6pm– KS2 Carol Concert in Church
Thursday 21st December-End of term
Monday 8th January 2024– Return to School

Parking

Please be considerate of our parents and childminders with prams, particularly on Rothemay Road. I have witnessed buggies being pushed onto the road because the footpaths are blocked by cars parking up on them. It really isn't fair that footpaths are being blocked from walking on parked cars.



Sporting Achievement...

We are so proud of our St. Monica's cross country girls who competed and won a team silver medal and individual gold at the event. A fabulous effort and brilliant success! Well done to Tabatha, Lily, Sophia, Isabelle W, Felicity and to Isabelle R for her amazing first place!



AMAZING FUNDRAISING EFFORTS FOR SCHOOL

I would also like to give a big shout out to these amazing lads who have decided that they wanted to raise some money to support SEND provision at St. Monica's. They have committed to walking 100 miles each during the month of November and have set up a Just Giving page to raise money. If you would like to donate, please do so here:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Sendclassroom?utm_term=bBgnxe94A





ATTENDANCE

Whole school - 96.80%

Nursery - 96.15%

RQ - 95.50%

RV - 99.50%

1B - 94.64%

1/2F - 98.28%

2S - 96.33%

3B - 95.36%

3/4C - 99.00%

3/4GS - 97.93%

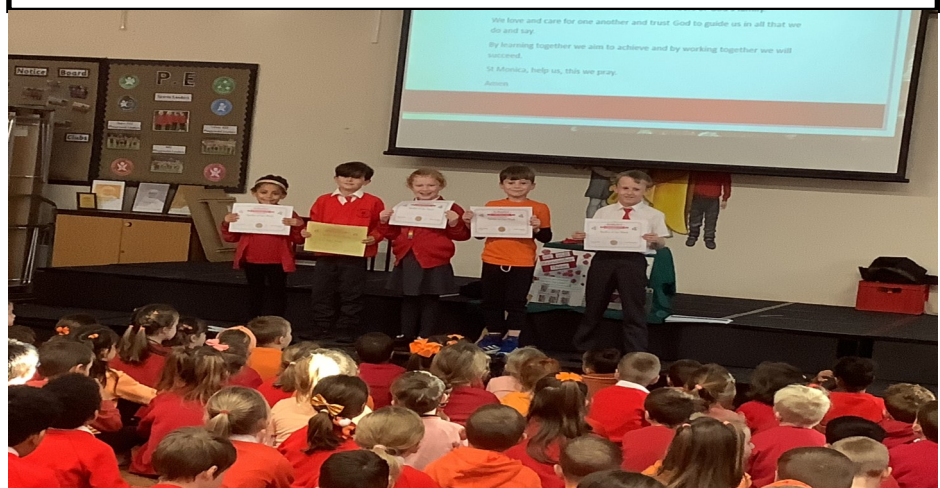
5K - 97.14%

5/6B - 96.79%

5/6S - 95.17%

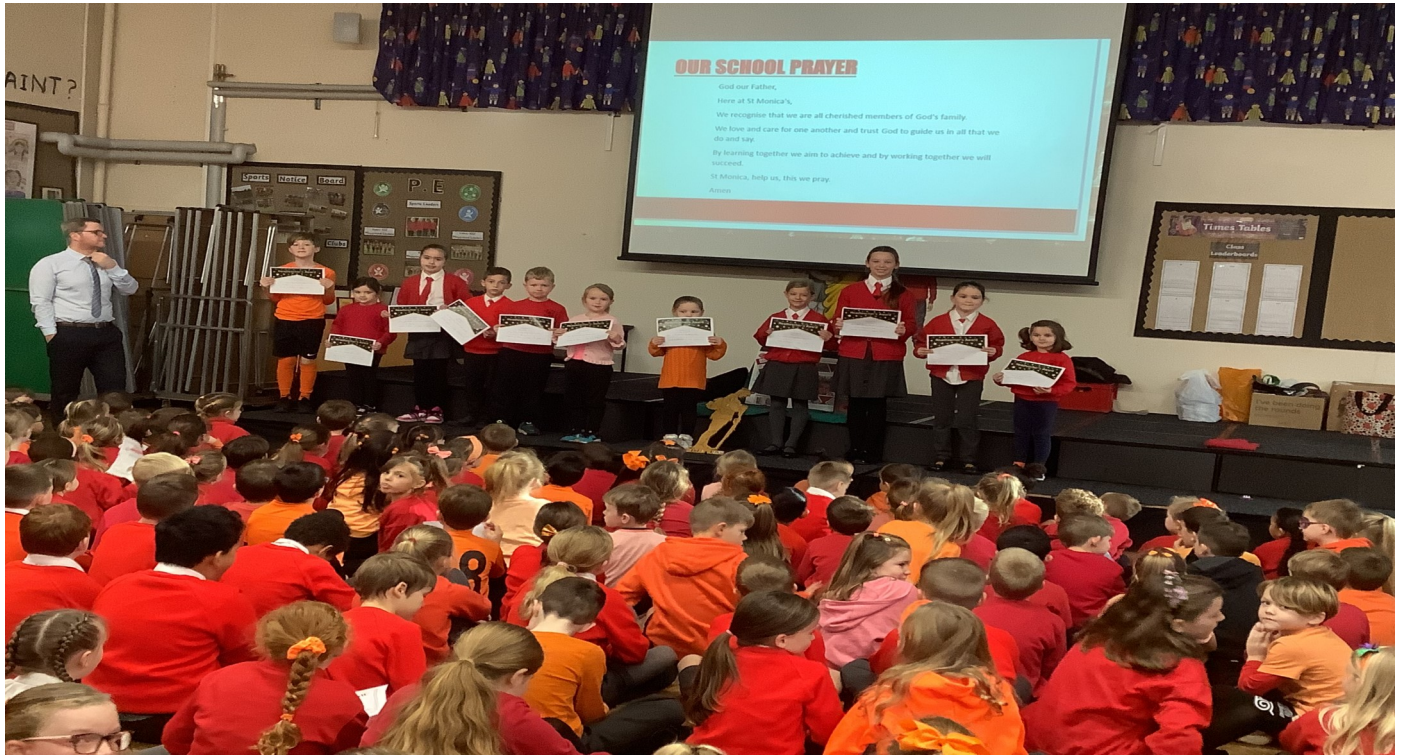
Well done everyone for last week's attendance figures.

They were the best of the year and we nearly made the 97% mark! Well done to Mrs Vallver's, Ms Frith's, Ms Connor's, Mrs Groves/Mrs Seddon's and Ms Keville's class for all making it over the 97%. We really appreciate all your efforts.



Well Done to all our award winners last week. Our super spellers above and our Headteacher Award winners on the next page!

16/11/23	RV	Marisa Luka	For being a fantastic role model and always trying her best.
	RQ	Eryn	For working hard on her letter formation all week.
	1B	Olive	For working hard with her writing this week.
	1/2F	Amy	For being so helpful and kind to others.
	2S	Fionn	For creating a great timeline about the Great Fire of London.
	3B	Ruben	For amazing effort in all of his lessons, especially maths!
	3/4C	Emilia	For her superb contributions during Literacy lessons this week.
	3/4GS	Alice	For positive contributions during Anti-Bullying week.
	5K	Bailey	For a great attitude to work and contributing more to class discussions.
	5/6B	Ronan	For always being positive and contributing to class discussions with some amazing answers.
	5/6S	Eva	For great efforts in her role as a Play Leader



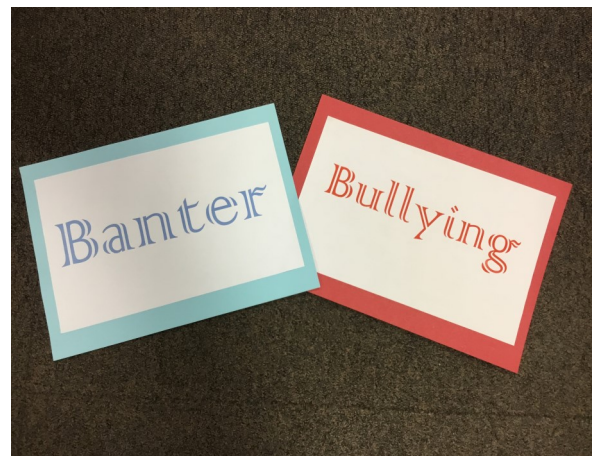
OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

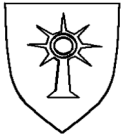
God our Father,
Here at St Monica's,
We recognise that we are all cherished members of God's family.
We love and care for one another and trust God to guide us in all that we do and say.
By learning together we aim to achieve and by working together we will succeed.
St Monica, help us, this we pray.
Amen.

Anti-Bullying Week

Make some noise about bullying

The theme of this years Anti-Bullying Week was make some noise about bullying. Some of our Year 3 and Year 4 children talked about what was 'banter' and what was 'bullying.' We have to be careful that what we might see as funny may be extremely hurtful to others. 'Roasting' others can make others feel pretty bad about themselves. We say no to bullying here at St. Monica's





Arrange a Toy/Gift Collection

We would love to be able to fully stock our Christmas shop, so that families have a wide selection of gifts to choose from. We're so grateful for the support from our community and local businesses who have contributed over the last couple of years - we wouldn't be able to do this without you!

If you'd like to arrange a collection of gifts at your workplace, or amongst friends/family, or if you'd like to shop somewhere other than Amazon, here's a list of the types of items we are collecting.

0-2 years

- Board or lift-the-flap books
- Bath toys
- Stacking cups
- Shape sorters
- Wooden shape jigsaws
- Sensory toys
- Push along items
- Baby gyms & Playmats
- Megablocks or Duplo
- Clothes for babies/toddlers

3-5 years

- Jigsaws
- Colouring books
- Sticker books
- Paints
- Sets of crayons, colouring pens and pencils
- Playdoh/Kinetic sand
- Football
- Barbies and similar
- Lego
- Cars/lorries and garage sets
- Books
- Dolls with clothing
- Dressing up clothes
- Hats, gloves and scarves

6-9 years

- Art and Crafts sets
- Board games
- Card games - Dobble, Top Trumps, Uno etc
- Fidget toys and similar sensory toys
- Lego

- Books
- Football
- Jigsaws
- Dolls - LOL, Barbie and similar
- Construction sets eg. Meccano
- Dressing up clothes
- Hats, gloves and scarves

10-13 years

- Books
- Face masks
- Football
- Jewelry
- Led lights
- Stationery
- Gift cards
- Board games
- Lego
- Makeup
- Rubix cube
- Cards
- Socks

14-16 years

- Gift cards
- Clothes
- Football
- Hairbrush
- Jewelry
- Lava lamp
- Toiletries
- Perfume
- Led lights
- Bath bombs
- Socks
- Blanket

- Books
- Soap
- Lego
- Sport balls
- Puzzles
- Hats
- Drawing equipment
- World records book
- Chess
- Rugby ball
- Keychains

16-18 years

- Socks
- Books
- Football
- Gift cards
- Month gym membership

We can't accept the following:

- Any old, dirty, broken or incomplete toys
- Used cuddly toys
- Toys with missing characters, animals or parts
- Second hand electrical items or re-chargeable items
- Second hand and worn clothing without tags
- CDs and DVDs
- Computer Games
- Past years annuals and record books
- Food items including sweets, chocolates and biscuits

Christmas Toy Appeal

Dear Parents,

As we are getting closer to the season of Advent, the GIFT team and Wellbeing Champions are looking at how we can give back to our community.

A third of children in Greater Manchester are living in poverty, over 11,000 of these children live in Trafford. With the huge increase in the cost of living, this is only going to get worse.

Little Green Sock is a charity that supports families in Trafford with basic needs. This Christmas they are asking for new toys that can be gifted to children who may not receive any presents at Christmas.

We would like to support this charity with their toy appeal, so are asking if any families would like to help to please buy a gift from the example list above and bring these into school no later than the 7th December.

Many thanks in advance,

GIFT Team and Health Champions