

Newsletter

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Friday 15th March 2024

Attendance for week: 94.66%

St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

“Love Jesus, Love Learning, Love Life”



A message from Mrs Thorpe to all our families... This week we welcomed our external validators, who came to school to help us with our self evaluations as part of our continual journey of school improvement. The visitors commented on the excellent learning behaviours of the children, the calm and warm relationships between staff and children and the high skill level of the adults across school. It was wonderful to receive such meaningful praise of our school community as we work hard to learn and improve all the time. In other news: we celebrated girls' football by participating in the national #LetGirlsPlay initiative, we participated in the town Dance Festival, we've had Forest School and so much more. Our school dog, **Wispa** is also growing in confidence as he gets to know everyone—our Y1 class seem to particularly like his playful ways that they find very amusing! Please also look out for a letter coming home today detailing all of our events during Holy Week, both here and in the parish.



LENT...this week, ALL our Y5/6 children participated in a special reconciliation service as part of our Lent journey. We focused on God's enduring love for us through the symbol of the rainbow and how we can always turn back to God and accept his mercy and grace. Our children, as always were reflective, compassionate and empathetic and our service was relaxing and peaceful.



This Week's Special Awards

Well done to you all!



Year 6: Malachi & Alfie

Year 5: Bella & Jacob Hul

Year 4: Isla M & Nancy

Year 3: Yuchen & Brayden

Year 2: Betsy & Sophie H

Year 1: Jasper & Toby

EYFS: Arley & Oliwia

DANCE FESTIVAL... Massive well done to our Year 4/5/6 dancers who participated in the EP Schools Dance Festival on Tuesday evening. They secured a hugely impressive 2nd place in the competition which brought joy and celebration to everyone. We are so proud of you all - you really 'came alive' on that dance floor—keep dancing!



Dates for your diary...



- Monday 18th March**—Y6 to visit Rivacre School for an Internet Safety Drama Production
- Wednesday 20th March**—Parents Evening, from 2pm onwards
- Friday 22nd March**—Whole School Spanish Day—don't forget to wear RED and/or YELLOW clothing! 
- Monday 25th March**—Our whole school Holy Week Assembly, everyone is welcome to join us, 9.00am-9.30am
- Thursday 28th March**—School finishes for Easter, at 3.15pm
- Monday 15th April**—School re-opens for the Summer Term

JEWELLERY... Please could I remind parents of our 'no jewellery' policy for school. We have a number of children coming to school wearing special bracelets or necklaces. These can be easily and unintentionally damaged at school which can cause great upset to children. Jewellery can also be a hazard to young children with small loose pieces becoming easily detachable. Please help avoid conflict and prevent your child being asked to remove jewellery by not allowing them to come to school wearing any jewellery in the first place. Thank you for your support.



RAMADAN... for Muslims all over the world, the Holy month of Ramadan has now started. We wish our Muslim friends a blessed and generous month—*Ramadam Mubarak!*



BSL... Every week in our Gospel Assembly, Mrs Finch teaches us a new sign from the British Sign Language. This week's sign was for 'rainbow'. Ask your child if they can remember our sign each week!



FOREST SCHOOL: Next week's Forest School Class is... YEAR EYFS —21/3/24