

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 04/10/2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

It is great to see all the learning opportunities and experiences our pupils have. Already this year two classes have been on residential visits. First of all pupils 'Africa' visited Tattenhall and then last week pupils in went to the Menai Centre in Anglesey. The children enjoyed the challenges of: coastal scrambling/sea level traversing, river/gorge walking, high level rope courses and sailing- just to mention a few. Mr Martin described how wonderfully supportive the children were towards each other. The staff loved watching the children achieve and enjoy the feeling of success when they completed activities. Many of the pupils excelled expectations, demonstrating some wonderful natural ability. Year Six pupils visited a STEM festival in Ellesmere Port on Thursday where they spent the day exploring Mathematical and Scientific challenges. Feedback from pupils and staff was very positive. Each lunchtime this week a group of pupils met to pray the Rosary. We are aiming to do this throughout the month of October. Please can I remind all parents/carers to use parent mail., chasing up letters and responses takes up a lot of time and has on occasions meant that pupils have missed exciting opportunities. Today all our Reception children were in the celebration assembly- they are superstars! Thank you for your continued support.

AB Ryder

School Council Our School Councillors are very motivated this year- already they have presented plans for friendship benches and signs. They are very proud of our school and are conscientious about developing it further. We are looking forward to supporting their work.



Mini Vinnie Sponsored Walk

Last Sunday a group of enthusiastic Mini Vinnies and staff joined parishioners to complete a sponsored walk to support the work of the SVP group. The children completed a 2.5 mile walk in Parkgate, it was lovely to see how motivated the children were. Our Mini Vinnies meet every Thursday after school and do great work thinking of ways to help others within the school and local community.



Walk my Journey

Pupils in 'Africa' are participating in a project which focuses on the plight of refugees. This culminates in a performance in Chester on Thursday 29th November. Last week pupils went to a recording studio to create a soundtrack which will be played as part of the performance and this week they were filmed at Chester Race Course singing the songs along with hundreds of other pupils. This is proving to be a wonderful experience for all involved.



Tag Rugby Festival

Our Year 3/4 Tag Rugby team participated in a rugby festival with lots of other schools. Twelve children were taken to the event at Chester Rugby Club and all had the opportunity to play in six different matches. The children had a wonderful time and loved the whole experience of playing as a team and celebrating the successes.



Attendance

Each week we award a silver cup to the class with the best attendance. Attendance across school has been excellent- thank you for ensuring children are in school learning.

	week beginning	week beginning
	24/09/18	1/10/18
Australia	97%	97%
Europe	98.9%	98.6%
South America	99.6%	99.6%
North America	98.9%	98.9%
Africa	96.2%	98%
Asia	96.5%	96.2%

One of our pupils, Romy, was honoured when she was asked to cut the ribbon on the newly decorated rhino, which is outside the community centre. Children from our local schools entered a competition to design a new 'skin' for the rhino and Romy's design won!



Open Mornings

Families, who have children due to start school in September 2019, are invited to our school 'Open Mornings' on Tuesday 9th October and 16th October at 9:45am. Visits can be booked through the school office: 01244 981110. This is a great opportunity to come and see the wonderful nurture and learning which takes place in our school.

School Calendar

- Tuesday 9th October—Open Morning for prospective parents 9:45am
- Thursday 11th October- Year 5/6 Tag Rugby festival
- Thursday 11th October—Australia Class school photographs in Chester Standard
- Friday 12th October Trip to watch Oliver at Story House- optional
- Monday 15th October — 'South America' sing at the Big Sing Concert Chester Catholic High
- Tuesday 16th October—Open Morning for prospective parents 9:45am
- Tuesday 16th/Wednesday 17th October Parents Evening 3:45pm-6:00pm
- Thursday 18th October - Big Sing Concert Chester Catholic High
- Friday 19th October—Autumn Thanksgiving Mass 9:30am
- Thursday 25th October— Last day of half term for pupils
- Friday 26th October— Staff training day
- Monday 5th November — School opens for pupils
- Wednesday 7th November— 'Asia' class Mass
- Wednesday 14th November— Maths Cubic Challenge at Kings School
- Wednesday 21st November - Full Governors Meeting 6pm
- Thursday 29th November— Walk my Journey Lantern Parade in Chester—"Africa"
- Sunday 3rd December—Presentation of children preparing for Sacraments in Church
- Thursday 7th December—Curriculum and Standards governors meeting
- Tuesday 12th December—Classes One and Two Christmas Nativity
- Thursday 14th—Key Stage 2 Carol Service 6:00pm
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