

# St Clare's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 4/10/2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Pupils in Asia (Year Five and Six) had a wonderful time in the Conwy Centre in Anglesey last week. The children rose to the challenge of surfing, gorge walking, completing the high rope course and many more fun activities. Mrs Ward, Miss Newall and Mr Wright were bursting with pride when they returned as they were so impressed with all the children, especially the way they supported and encouraged each other. They are a great team of pupils with positive attitudes.



We have only been back for five weeks and already children have had many wonderful learning opportunities. This week Manchester Camerata spent three days in school composing a piece of music with children in North America. We are looking forward to the performance of the piece on Tuesday 15th October.

We are collecting Aldi 'Kit for school' vouchers, please hand into the school office for a chance for us to win £20,000 and sports kit.

Thanks for your continued support

### PTA and School Council



Today the School Council launched our 'Sponsored Jog'. Children are going to use the funds raised to purchase new play equipment for break times. During the week beginning Monday 21st October children will see how far they was run, walk and jog along the 250m track. Please help with this initiative. Members of the PTA are coming a lot to help organise the events.

### Uniform

Thank you for helping all our pupils look smart. Since returning to school in September two Key Stage Two pupils have 'lost' their school cardigans. Please ensure all uniform is labelled. And check that your child has not accidentally picked up the wrong uniform.

**Sport at St Clare's** On Saturday 22nd September Mr Wright and Miss Bradley took a group of Cross Country runners to the first race of the season in Ellesmere Port. Olivia, Taylor, Grace, Emma, Killian, Oliver, Miley, George, Blake, Tymon, Dalia and Oliwia represented the school with pride and all did incredibly well with lots of personal bests and top ten places being celebrated. Miley was the winner of the Year Five girls' race. Next week children are taking part in a tag rugby competition at Chester Rugby Club.



### The BIG WRITE

This week we launched our 'Big Write', where all pupils have the opportunity to write completely independently for a period of time (depending on age) and evidence all the new skills, knowledge and vocabulary they have learnt. This will take place every two weeks, on Fridays. When your child brings home information about what they are going to be writing about, please help them by talking through ideas. This week a group of more able writers attended a writing course with Jon Mayhew. They learnt some brilliant techniques, which I am hoping to see in school.



### Mini Vinnies

This Sunday 6th October our Mini Vinnies are joining the Parish SVP to complete a sponsored walk around Chester. This is a great cause and we are very proud of the work our Mini Vinnies do.

## Attendance

Last year we saw an improvement in attendance figures and we also saw the positive impact that this has on pupil attainment and progress.

|               | Week Beginning | Week Beginning |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|
|               | 23/09/2019     | 30/09/2019     |
| Australia     | 96.9%          | 91.7%          |
| Europe        | 92.1%          | 99.3%          |
| South America | 96.2%          | 97.4%          |
| North America | 95.2%          | 95.9%          |
| Africa        | 97.5%          | 96.4%          |
| Asia          | 95.3%          | 92.0%          |
| Whole School  | 95.5%          | 95.4%          |

## Harvest Thanksgiving Mass

Next Wednesday we are joining parishioners for Mass at 9:30am to celebrate Harvest. Please can children bring in a packet or tin of food which will be donated to the local foodbank. All parents/carers and extended family members are welcome to come along to the Mass.



## Prayers during October

During the month of October we are praying the Rosary every lunch time with pupils from Key Stage Two. This week we have been amazed with



## Celebration!

Today we celebrated Ryan's achievement in winning first prize in the City of Chester training band solo competition. Ryan played Jupiter on his cornet in assembly and impressed everyone!

Wiktor participated in a national Maths Challenge and out of 270,000 was in the top 6%! For this achievement, he received a gold certificate. Many children to took part in this event were secondary aged pupils!

Congratulations to both pupils!



## School Calendar

- Wed 9th Oct— Harvest Mass 9.30am in Church
- Thurs 10th Oct—Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby
- Mon 14th Oct— Inter School Cross Country
- Wed 16th Oct— Reception Class on Pizza Hut Trip
- Thurs 17th Oct— Flu Nasal Vaccine
  - Yr 5/6 Quick Sticks Hockey
- Mon 21st Oct—Book Fair start (all week 3.30pm)
- Wed 23rd & Thur 24th Oct — Parents Evening
- Fri 25th October — Last day of term
- Mon 4th Nov — Inset Day
- Tue 5th Nov — 1st day of term
  - King's Cubic Challenge
- We 20th Nov—SEN Multiskills Event
- Thur 28th Nov — Year Curriculum Challenge at QPHS
  - Year 1 Multiskills Event
  - Lantern Parade—Africa Class
- Sun 1st Dec — Presentation of Candidate for First Holy Communion (Mass in church)
- Mon 2nd Dec—Reception Class trip to Chester Zoo
- Thur 5th Dec—Yr 2 Multiskills Event
- Fri 6th Dec—Asia Class Music Concert (pm)
- Sun 8th Dec— PTA Ta/Coffee after Mass
- Mon 9th —Mass (School Hall) Feast of the Immaculate Conception
  - Last week for after school cubs
- Wed 11th Dec—KS1 Nativity 2pm & 6pm
- Thur 12th Dec— Christmas Jumper Day & bring raffle item
- Fri 13th Dec— Pantomime— 'Snow White' at Mew Brighton
- Mon 16th Dec— Last Swimming Asia Class
- Wed 18th Dec—Carol Service in Church 6.00pm
- Thur 19th Dec—Christmas Disco
- Fri 20th Dec—Last Day of term—3.30pm finish