



Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School

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NEWSLETTER – NO 7 19th June 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

GOOD TO BE BACK

I am certainly counting my blessings to be able to write this newsletter after suffering with a severe frozen shoulder. Special thanks to Mr Collins, Deputy Headteacher for keeping the “show on the road” in my absence. I am truly blessed to have had the never-ending support of the staff and it has been lovely to return to a warm welcome. I am still on the road to recovery so I won’t be doing my usual handstands and cartwheels yet! May God bless the NHS staff who cared for me every step of the way.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

What a wonderful day we had on Saturday for the First Holy Communion in Class Y3H. It was perfect! I felt very proud. Congratulations to all the families in attendance. Special thanks to Father Philip for leading our celebration. The beautiful occasion was a strong example of the joy the home, school and parish links bring. Well done to all involved. We are looking forward to the First Holy Communion Mass for Class Y3S on Saturday 22nd June. I have sent letters to Year Three families with details of the celebration party at school on Monday 24th June.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Thank you for your co-operation with our latest building project. It’s all running smoothly. We are having new toilets installed for Key Stage One and some additional ventilation in a central area which is used for B49A3 Club, Music Tutors and small group lesson activities. These works have been enabled to go ahead due to a successful building bid with our Diocese.

BUSY SCHOOL LIFE

It’s very busy with lots of fun for the children in this Summer Term to add to their childhood memory bank! All the children have opportunities to go on exciting school trips this term. There is a great amount of work to make these happen – even for those who don’t get to go on the trip! It’s lovely to see the children excited about these special days.

Thank you to all the parents who have made a financial contribution to supporting these trips. Without these contributions we could not afford them. School budgets are very tight in these current times.

They are a lucky bunch! Recent trips...

- Year Six – Crucial Crew, a residential trip to Alton Castle, Shropshire, and a day trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park and more to come in this special final school year
- Year Five – a trip to the Beatles Museum
- Year Three & Four - a trip to Bury Art Gallery
- Year One & Two – going to Legoland
- Nursery & Reception – going to Smithills Farm

SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

There is lots going on at school. Don't forget you can check the school website calendar for dates/times of events!

PAYMENT DEADLINES

If you pay for Nursery fees, B49A3 Club or dinner money the deadline for payments is Friday 12th July.

SPORTS REPORTS FROM OUR JUNIOR JOURNALISTS!

Cross Country at Heaton Park

After school, the cross-country team came together at Saint Hilda's. We all sat down and listened to the rules. Then, we all stood up and walked to the park. All the boys lined up to get ready to run. The boys set off after the hare took off and we ran up a stony, steep hill.

All parents were clapping and cheering to all the people participating. At the end, all the boys in our school felt confident they would do well and didn't get overtaken at the funnel (all parents were clapping as we made it to the end). The first Our Lady of Grace boy to come in was a Year 6 and they came 7th. Second was a Year 5 and he came 9th. Third was a Year 5 and he came 17th. Overall, the boys came 2nd.

Next was the girls, they had watched and were determined to win. They lined up and took off with immense speed. With clapping and cheering from the parents, it regained their stamina and they never gave up. In the end, the first Our Lady of Grace girl (in Year 6) came 2nd. The next girl in Our Lady of Grace came 3rd and the third girl came 6th. Overall, they came first!

National Girls Football Tournament

On Wednesday the 12th and 13th of June some of our year 5 and 6 girls went to London for the Premier League Primary Stars Nationals.

When we first got there we went to this really posh hotel which had a restaurant. After that we went to our rooms and had a good sleep. The morning came up and we were all excited, we got changed and went downstairs to have some breakfast. We got on the coach to go to the ground we were so excited.

When we arrived, there were so many football teams there. We walked through the tunnel and sat on our stands. Luckily, we were first up, we played a few games and it was good. We only lost one game. The winners were the team we lost to. At lunch the workers at the stadium gave us a packed lunch - it was so good.

Once all the games had finished we had a presentation where the winners got their trophy and other awards went out. The day was over and we made our way back to the coach. All of our players had such a fun time and we hope we will be able to do it all again.

ECO WARRIORS

Some of our Eco Warriors attended the Laudato Si' Centre in Spring. The Laudato Si' Centre at Wardley Hall is the Diocese of Salford's ambitious response to the international call by Pope Francis to people of all faiths in his letter *'Laudato Si' – Care for Our Common Home.'*

We are working hard to teach the children how to care for our common home. We plan to liaise further with the Laudato Si' Centre Environment and Learning Officer to build on this important message.

AWARDS FOR CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME

RHS Gardening Level 5

We have now been awarded the final accolade of Level 5, received a £150 national garden gift voucher, a certificate and seeds for planting. We have been gardening with our community, gardening through the seasons and planning for the future. Thank you to the parents and Tesco, Prestwich for donations of plants and seeds to support our school.

Woodland Trust Green Tree Award

Schools are rewarded points for doing environmental projects such as tree planting, reducing CO₂ and visiting woods. You collect points for each activity you complete, progressing through various levels. We have submitted our contribution and have achieved the Bronze Award. We are now working towards silver.

CONTACT DETAILS

We will be sending out the Annual Reports via email this term. If you have changed your email address or any contact details please update the school office.

BE HAPPY

I hear a lot of laughter around our school every day which is a delightful sound. It is certainly contagious and uplifting. I read that, "Children laugh an average of three hundred or more times a day...we have a lot of catching up to do!"

Let us enjoy the rest of the term and hope that along with the laughter we get some sunshine!
Thank you as always for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A K Casey



"Our Lady of Grace is an outstanding Catholic Primary School" - RE Inspection - June 2017

"Pupils enjoy belonging to this school community" - Ofsted Inspection - March 2023

