



Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School

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NEWSLETTER – NO 6 *9th February 2024*

Dear Parent/Guardian,

COUNT OUR BLESSINGS

I hope you and your families are all keeping well. Many people seemed to have a tough January, so I hope February brings many blessings upon those in our school community. We have been discussing counting our blessings in assemblies. The children have given excellent responses. E.g. “We are blessed because we have a school to get an education.” Reminding us not to take things for granted compared to others who are less fortunate. The children always inspire us and they are our blessing! We are busy planning fun Spring activities at school when we can get outdoors more. Hard to imagine on a wet and windy day as I write the newsletter!

WOW ASSEMBLY

As referenced in my last newsletter, the WOW assemblies have begun. Children have been presented with certificates to bring home if they were chosen for their efforts in Work, Worship or Witness of the Week. It is a whole school celebration, sharing the joy of the children proudly earning their certificates.

8AM LENTEN MASSES AT CHURCH

Fr Philip has kindly agreed to our Lenten 8am Masses. All families are welcome to our Lenten Mass each Friday at 8am during Lent in term time. They commence on Friday 16th February. If you do attend, parents/guardians are requested to escort their own children to school after Mass as usual.

Families that have attended Mass are invited to our school hall to share breakfast. We will provide hot drinks and utensils. You may bring breakfast cereal for yourself or your child and we will provide the milk. Children must be accompanied by an adult in the hall. Please enter school via the school hall doors. The hall needs to be vacated by 8:45am and children then go onto the playgrounds for 8:50am as usual.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME CHILDREN

The Service of Reconciliation on Thursday 21st March runs from 3:30-5pm. It starts at 3:30pm so that families can go straight from school if they wish.

I hope you are enjoying the special lessons at church. These lessons combined with preparation at home and school really help the children to have a meaningful experience. If there is anything you are uncertain of along the way please don't hesitate to ask us.

CARITAS BOXES

We will be sending home the Caritas Boxes on Ash Wednesday. We are focusing on the St Joseph's Penny Appeal in Lent. This charity supports vulnerable children and families in our communities. They offer support such as food parcels, counselling sessions and safe places for parents and babies to live.

Please contribute if you can to the boxes. Boxes need to be returned **ON Friday 22nd March** – Our last 8am Lenten Mass day. Please do not return the box before this date.

This day will also be our **LENTEN OWN CLOTHES DAY**.

SPORTS REPORTS FROM OUR JUNIOR JOURNALISTS!

NETBALL GAME

Our Lady of Grace vs Phillips

On the 24th January Our Lady of Grace played against Phillips.

On the first quarter Phillips started off strong passing the ball and intercepting, but we came back with flying colours and scored many goals making the score 2-0.

On the second quarter Phillips tried to outsmart OLOG with bounce passes but only managed to score one goal. We scored once again completing the core as, 3-1 for half time.

During the third quarter, Phillips came back stronger than ever making quick movement and impressive passes, but Our Lady of Grace caught on quickly and using teamwork they got the ball in the hoop. This quarter ended with the score being 4-2. Final quarter showed intense contact and Phillips played well, but that proved not to be enough. Our Lady of Grace scored a total of 7 goals this match showing they never give up.

Overall, both teams tried their hardest but one had to come out on top. The score for the ending was 7-2 with Our Lady of Grace winning.

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

On the 25th January we played a basketball tournament against a variety of teams.

On the first game Our Lady of Grace won 4-2.

On the second game we lost 4-3 with OLOG scoring from half court taking us to the semi-finals. If Our Lady of Grace hadn't scored a three pointer we would have been knocked out of the tournament.

The third game went to overtime after a 2-2 draw. Our Lady of Grace scored a free throw to win our third game.

It was Final game of the tournament and one of our players scored all of our baskets completing the score at 4-2.

It was a tough tournament for everyone but Our Lady of Grace ended up on top of the leader board, getting us gold medals, which is our schools 2nd win on the run!

FOOTBALL GAME

Our Lady of Grace vs All Saints

On the 30th January we played against All Saints Primary School.

The first half ended with an amazing 6-0 lead. Our Lady of Grace scored two early goals with one of them being an own goal by All Saints.

It was 13-0 at full time. A great performance overall.

YOUNG VOICES CONCERT

The choir had a highly successful trip to the Arena, Manchester taking part in the Young Voices Concert. A wonderful time was had by all. Special thanks to all involved who give so generously of their time to enrich the educational experiences of our children. As you can imagine this is a huge operation to organise but it is so rewarding for the children in the choir to experience.

PARENTS' EVENING APPOINTMENTS FOR YEAR ONE – YEAR SIX ON 15TH FEBRUARY

Further information and a 'Google form' has been sent out for you to complete your choice of time-slot for parent's evening.

WORLD BOOK DAY

To celebrate World Book Day (7/3/24) we do not ask our children to dress up as this can often be too much pressure on families. Traditionally we arrange for the Hobgoblin Theatre to perform at our school to mark the occasion. This year they are performing two age appropriate shows of King Arthur for the older and younger children.

Children will be participating in a variety of fun activities throughout the day to inspire and encourage our children as readers and writers. At home you can encourage your children further by visiting the website: www.worldbookday.com and getting involved with some of the many great activities online. Each child will receive a £1 book token at the end of the day. This book token entitles you to ONE FREE WORLD BOOK DAY 2024 book – OR £1 off a book or audiobook. If you wish to use this token please visit www.worldbookday.com/participating-retailers

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

We finish school on Friday 16th February at the usual time 3:30pm.
We return to school on Monday 26th February. Happy holidays!

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