

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27th January 2023



We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Parkin at Easter as she moves on to pastures new. Miss Parkin has been a fantastic member of Team St Ann's and we thank her for all her hard work during the time that she has been with us. We wish her all the best in her new adventures – we know you'll do amazing Miss P!

Upcoming Events...

Wednesday 1 st February	Industrial Action Day – School Closed
Thursday 2 nd February	KS2 Young Voices Concert at Sheffield Arena
Friday 3 rd February	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 7 th February	Y3/4 Swimming Starts
Friday 10 th February (3:00pm)	Last Day of School – Break up for February Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 21 st February	Return to School
Wednesday 22 nd February (2:00pm)	Distributing the Ashes

Proud to be Me: *Happiness: "The goal of our life is to experience God's own happiness - a gift to every person." Adapted from the Catechism of the Catholic Church (nos 1718-1719). "Whoever possesses God is happy!" St. Augustine. Perhaps you can: volunteer to give someone a helping hand; serve your parents and teachers by cheerfully doing what you are asked to do at home and at school; forgive someone who has upset you, and make a fresh start with them; give someone a kind message or a gift.*

Reception	Viktor	For showing commitment and determination in his phonics learning. I'm really proud of you.
Year 1	Elma	For showing care and love to her friends by supporting them in their learning.
Year 2	Vincent	For showing commitment, determination and resilience in all his work. Well done Vincent.
Year 3	Hermione	Hermione has shown perseverance in maths this week and has begun to ask for help when she needs it. Well done Hermione!
Year 4	Ffion	Ffion has been working in groups and she has shown strong leadership skills.
Year 5	Zara	Zara is a very cheerful, friendly and forgiving member of our class. She is unwaveringly kind to other children and goes about her day with a smile on her face. Well done, Zara!
Year 6	Bailey	Bailey is another kind, cheerful and helpful member of Y5/6. She is incredibly kind and empathetic, and impresses me with her calm and considerate nature.

P.E: **Heidi** for making sure that she tried her best in everything we practised this week. **Thea** for her consistent positive attitude towards PE and super basketball skills. **Kaidan** WOW! What a basketball superstar you were in PE this week with amazing shooting of baskets. **Max** really gives his all in dance. **Mia** always listens to make sure she gives 100%. **Wilfred** always listens and buys into everything we do in dance. **Ashleigh** showed excellent understanding and knowledge for counts of 8.

Spanish: **Shay** listened beautifully during Spanish this week. **Erin** joined in fantastically well with the Spanish months. **Thomas B** worked so brilliantly on his Spanish puppet. Lovely work! **Jenson F** made great connections between Spanish and English sharing his knowledge with the class.

Music: **Taylor-May** for her super singing this week. **Connie** for her work on rhythm notation this week. **Evelyn** for her great singing this week. **Wilfred** for his great rhythm writing this week.

Bronze Awards go to **Joshua C, Joshua R, Seb J, Seb L, Iona, Savannah, Skyla, Thomas R, Taylor-May, Bobi, Lucy and Katie** for earning 100 Monster Effort points – Well done!

Prayer Bear: Shay

Share a Prayer: Wilfred

Attendance: Reception/Y1 with 98%

Happy Birthday Leo and Marshall

House of the Week: St Gregory's with 316 points

Plugs for Parents...

Industrial Action 01.02.23: School will be closed on this day. Provision will be provided to a small number of pupils who have received an invitation via email on 25th January this week.

KS2 Young Voices Concert: We can't wait to do this again this year! If you have ordered tickets, please come and collect them from the school office. Please allow plenty of time to get to the Arena and park, as there will be mile long queues on all roads leading to the Arena. All KS2 parents will have received information about this event and where to collect from.

NSPCC Number Day 03.02.23: The children will be doing lots of number-based activities on this day to support NSPCC's Number Day. If you would like to donate £1 to this cause and help us raise funds for the NSPCC, **there is now a payment item on [ParentPay](#).**

Y3/4 Swimming: Starting on 7th February, Year 3/4 will be taking swimming lessons during the school day. Every Tuesday, they will need to bring a swimming costume/shorts and a towel.

Distributing the Ashes 22.02.23: Family and friends are welcome to join us in the school hall at 2pm to celebrate the distributing of the ashes.

Y5/6 Dodgeball: A letter has been emailed out with full details of this Qualitas Dodgeball event, which takes place in the first week in February. Please complete the consent form linked on the letter.

Y3/4 Thornbridge Residential (February 2023): The final instalment is due on 1st February. Please make prompt payment using ParentPay.

National Online Safety: In the last couple of decades, the volume of online traffic has increased exponentially – but, by and large, people's awareness of the accompanying risks hasn't grown along with it. To illustrate the scale of the issue, consider this: a report by the Internet Crime Complaint Centre found that, in the US during 2020, there was a successful cyber-attack every second. Yes: every second. Criminals continue to find new and devious ways to attempt to hijack our online transactions and harvest our private information. To them, the smart devices that many of us now use as standard at home are simply a convenient back door into our lives – and our networks. Check out our #WakeUpWednesday guide for advice on beefing up your household's cyber resilience. In the attached guide you'll find tips on a number of potential risks such as how to use a password manager, how to back up your data and how to check for breaches.

Ten:Ten: Please follow this link for January's [Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter](#).

Wednesday Word: Please see here for this week's [Wednesday Word](#)

Other items...

Eat Smart Sheffield: As you may be aware, Eat Smart Sheffield is a school-based programme focussing on food and nutrition. They support families to help encourage children and young people to develop healthy lifestyle habits so they can grow, thrive and live life to the full. They are here to help and have pulled together some top tips for healthy eating throughout the day which we hope you will find useful... [Eat Smart Sheffield Newsletter](#)

Attached with this Newsletter...

- St Ann's school - Come and See Family Newsletter
- National Online Safety – 12 Top Tips for Building Cyber Resilience at Home
- Passport Activity Newsletter
- Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre – Ultimate Activity Camp, February Half Term
- Stocksbridge Library – February half Term Ignite Imaginations
- St Ann's & St Mary's Church Bulletin – 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
- The Sheffield College – Multi-sport Holiday Club

Picture News...

Does the natural world have rights? This is the question we will be deliberating next week.



Does the natural world have rights?

In the news this week

Brazil's new president has said he aims to reduce deforestation and help protect the Amazon rainforest. In his first speech, Luiz Inácio da Silva (also known as Lula), promised to make climate protection a priority and explained he wanted to reach zero deforestation in the Amazon. Scientists often call the rainforest the 'lungs of the planet', because of the role it plays in absorbing carbon dioxide and producing oxygen, saying that preservation of the Amazon is vital to stopping climate change.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share what you know about the Amazon rainforest with others at home and talk with others about what they know.
- Do you believe enough is being done to protect the Amazon rainforest? Do you think the natural habitats close to where you live are protected?
- Whose responsibility do you consider it is to protect natural habitats?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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