

St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd February 2023



Wow! What a fantastic night last night was! We are so proud of our St Ann's choir and their teachers for their bravery, determination and energy performing in Young Voices at the Sheffield Utilita Arena alongside 5000 other pupils (and Heather Small!). Parents had their binoculars out and cheered in support. It is apparent that everyone really enjoyed the experience and we could not be prouder.

Upcoming Events...

Tuesday 7 th February	Y3/4 Swimming Starts
Tuesday 7 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 10 th February (3:00pm)	Last Day of School – Break up for February Half Term Holiday
Monday 20 th February	INSET Day
Tuesday 21 st February	Return to School
Wednesday 22 nd February (2:00pm)	Distributing the Ashes
Monday 27 th February	KS2 Mini First Aid Assembly
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day

Proud to be Me: *Goodness: "Let us allow God to fill our hearts with his goodness." Pope Francis. "Each person, according to their ability, should be a pattern of goodness to others." St Basil the Great. Perhaps you can: be more compassionate and caring; share sweets or other favourite things; make a phone call to someone who may be lonely; be a kind and patient listener; ask God to help you grow in goodness; get involved in Racial Justice Day, this Sunday, working and praying for an end to racism (see carj.org.uk).*

Reception	Eden	Eden is a perfect example for others to follow, she is polite, well-mannered and shows complete commitment and determination throughout her learning.
Year 1	Darla	Darla has shown perseverance and determination in class, completing task and producing amazing work.
Year2	Niamh	For thinking about the common good and helping others by reminding them of the importance of recycling our old pens to make sure God's world stays beautiful.
Year 3	Melchi	Melchi has been working very hard at school to be independent and try his best.
Year 4	Max	Max is always considerate of others and shows kindness. He shows all our family values by looking after the younger children on his lunch table every day.
Year 5	Wilfred	Wilfred is always very hard working and kind hearted. He is contentious, determined and inquisitive, and works well with other children.
Year 6	Violet M	Violet sets a great example of how to be kind to others. She is friendly, polite and kind, and consistently completes and presents her work to a high standard.

P.E: **Avayah** is a very consistent pupil both with behaviour and engagement. What I have been most impressed with is her ability and desire to encourage and help her fellow classmates if they are struggling either with something PE related or otherwise. **Connie** had a fantastic term, she displayed a great understanding of gymnastics, answering plenty of questions and retaining all of the information taught the class. She also showed a great level of creativity during the lesson where the class were asked to create their own routine. **Juno** had an outstanding term, as she does gymnastics outside of school she displays a great understanding of the subject, also answering questions and demonstrating to the group frequently.

Spanish: **Skyla** worked really well and completed her work beautifully. **Laylah** worked really well on her Spanish calendar producing a beautiful; piece of work. **Oscar** is very consistent in his attitude and focus and always tries hard in Spanish.

Silver Awards: go to Alex for earning 200 Monster Effort points – Well done!

Prayer Bear: Zak

Attendance: Year 5/6 with 97.9%

Happy Birthday Seb J

House of the Week: St Teresa's with 133 points

Plugs for Parents...

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

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Safer Internet Day 07.02.23: [Safer Internet Day Resource Gallery](#)



Are you a parent or carer?



Parents and carers, you play a crucial role in empowering and supporting children and young people to use digital technologies responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. Indeed, parental influence, guidance and education have a significant and long-lasting impact on children's safety and wellbeing in the online world. Therefore, there are plenty of ways for you to participate in Safer Internet Day, whether it is by ensuring an open dialogue with your children, educating them to use digital technologies safely and positively, or acting as digital role models. To help you achieve that, you may want to have a look at the [SID resource gallery](#), where you'll find a range of resources to use with your children, from information sheets on various online opportunities and risks to conversation starters and even games, which are available in a variety of languages and for a variety of age groups. If you would like to find out more about specific actions and resources in your country, you can get in touch with your [local Safer Internet Centre or Safer Internet Day Committee](#).

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.

KS2 Mini First Aid Assembly 27.02.23: Mini First Aid Sheffield will be joining KS2 to give an assembly specifically on the risk of choking. Children will learn how to recognise when someone is choking and will be equipped to help them. Children will also gain a better understanding of how to reduce their own risk of choking.

World Book Day 02.03.23: More information to follow shortly.

Y5/6 Dodgeball: A letter has been emailed out with full details of this Qualitas Dodgeball event. Please complete the consent form linked on the letter as soon as possible.

Family Voice – Proud to be Me Assembly: We would really welcome some family feedback about the Proud to be Me Assemblies that are held every Friday morning. Please use this [Family Voice](#) form to give us your perspective. Thank you in advance.

A Couple of Notes to Parents: Please can children not bring any Pokemon cards. Or any other trading card games into school. Also, our school policy is water only in water bottles (unless otherwise agreed with school under medical reasons). No juice or flavoured water etc; these will be poured down the sink and refilled with tap water - thank you.

National Online Safety: Most parents frequently chat with their child about how things are going at school or what's happening in their friendship groups – but those discussions often doesn't extend to youngsters' online activities. In fact, National Online Safety conducted a recent survey which found that only slightly more than half (54%) of parents regularly talk to their children about staying safe online. It can be an awkward topic to broach and, of course, it needs not to feel intrusive. However, just checking in with your child about their digital life can get them thinking about online safety and alert you to any issues they might be having. In support of Safer Internet Day 2023, our #WakeUpWednesday guide has some useful tips on potential ways to start those conversations. In the attached guide you'll find a number of useful tips such as being as honest as possible, discussing how misleading the online world can be and creating a 'family agreement'.

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

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

Other items...

Stocksbridge Community Leisure Centre: are starting a brand-new free youth/teens session every Friday 4.30pm-5.30pm starting this week. This is also in addition to our existing Teen Sessions that we host: Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm, Thursday 3.30-4.30pm (girls only), Friday 3.30-4.40pm.

Stocksbridge Library: Calling all Lego fans! Stocksbridge Library are running a Lego Club every Saturday afternoon 2pm – 3pm. Please call (0114 273 4205) or email (Stocksbridge.library@sheffield.gov.uk) the library to book a place. We are taking bookings up to 4 weeks in advance. A fun filled family afternoon.

St Mary's Market Stalls: Our Parish Church of St Mary's continues to have a charity stall in Penistone Market every Thursday. The stall needs items to sell, particularly Bric-a-brac, games, and puzzles. No electrical items please. If anyone is having a clear out, please bring the items into the school office – thank you.

Attached with this Newsletter...

- National Online Safety – Tips for Encouraging Open Discussion about Digital Lives
- Stocksbridge Library – Harry Potter Day
- Barnsley Museums – February Half Term Activities
- Young Peoples Support Services Directory
- EIS Sheffield Netball Youth Camp
- St Ann's and St Mary's Newsletter – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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