



Message from Mrs Albon.....

Dear Parents,

Thank you to our entire school community for your generous support of our Summer Fayre this week. Although the weather was changeable throughout the day, the rain managed to hold off throughout the fayre, and the sun even managed to make an appearance! There was a lovely atmosphere with lots of people giving positive feedback. We recognise there were some teething problems with our new token system, and of course we have taken feedback on board for next time. However, overall, those of us involved in the organisation of the event felt it was a real success, as did the overwhelming majority of families we spoke with, and we are delighted to report that we raised a magnificent **£2,891!** Raffle tickets are still available, as the raffle won't be drawn until next week – that means we could top the £3,000 mark, if we managed to sell some more tickets!

Huge thanks to the parent volunteers for taking time off work to help out, and for those parents who also attended the planning meetings over the past few months. We will be holding a Christmas event in December and will reach out once again for parents to work with us to raise much-needed funds for our children.

As always, our staff gave generously of their own time to support this event. We are so lucky to have such a committed and hardworking team, who work tirelessly for the good of our children and their families.

Together, in Jesus, we love, learn, create and celebrate!

Prayer and Liturgy

This week in our Collective Worship, we listened to Jesus' beautiful invitation, "Come to me all who are weary and I will give you rest," which is a very timely theme, as we near the end of the school year! During this time of prayer, we explored the need to take a break, and we handed over all our concerns to Jesus and allowed Him to make our lives easier



Jesus, when I am busy, with so much to do, you say, "Come to me and rest."

When I am worried, with thoughts running around my head, you say, "Come to me and rest."

When I am tired from trying so hard, you say, "Come to me and rest."

Jesus, I come to you now and rest in your loving arms. Amen.

SATs Results

On Tuesday, we received our Y6 SATs results. Our current Y6 children have experienced over two years of disruption in their Key Stage 2 education, and their journey has been a tough one. However, their hard work, effort and determination to succeed has resulted in strong results, with some personal triumphs, of which we are particularly proud.

All of the subjects tested are well above the National Average. Congratulations everyone!

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School – Attainment Averages				
<u>Subject</u>	<u>School % at Expected or Above</u>	<u>National % at Expected or Above</u>	<u>School Average Scaled Score</u>	<u>National Average Scaled Score</u>
Reading-SAT	87%	73%	109	105
Writing-TA	77%	71%	n/a	
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling-SAT	87%	72%	107	105
Maths-SAT	90%	73%	109	104

The excellent results from the children, are also down to the commitment and hard work of Mr Perree, Mrs Gordon, Mrs Williams, and all our staff who have taught Y6 through the years. Contributing to this success has been the support and encouragement of our Y6 families, especially those who have worked in partnership with school staff to ensure children are best placed to succeed. Thank you!

Leavers' Mass - Tuesday 18th July

On Tuesday next week, the Y6 children and their families will celebrate their time at St. Gregory's during our annual Leavers' mass. Weather permitting, we plan to hold the mass outside which Father Grant will celebrate. Following the mass, we invite you to stay for refreshments and a trip down memory lane. Please feel free to invite grandparents and other significant family members.

Transition Morning

Children will be visiting their new classes next Tuesday morning. They will spend time in their new environment with their new class staff, getting to know their adults and learning about their new year's curriculum.

School Holidays - EARLY FINISH

As you are aware, we break up on Wednesday 19th July. Y6 will be leaving us late morning for their end of Primary School party with their families. The rest of the school will have an early lunch and finish at **12.30pm. There will no HUB on Wednesday.**

Final Goodbyes

There will be more goodbyes next week in our final newsletter, by which time the children and staff will have thanked Mr O'Hara and Mrs Parks, as they both leave our school for pastures new.

In the meantime, thank you for your continued encouragement, kind comments and support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Deborah Albon

Headteacher

*"What do you want to be
when you grow up?"*



"Kind" said the boy

St. Gregory's Newsletter

6th July, 2023



Thank you to all our families who donated to our Year 5 Mini Vinnies 'The Whitechapel Centre' appeal. The response was overwhelming – your generosity was amazing and will be much appreciated at the centre.

The Whitechapel Centre is the leading homeless and housing charity for the Liverpool Region. They work tirelessly, to help people who are sleeping rough, living in hostels or struggling to manage their accommodation. They are committed to helping people find and maintain a home and learn life skills, essential for independent living.

*Well done Year 5
Mini Vinnies!*

Summer Fayre 2023

Our Summer Fayre was a huge success and we would like to say a massive thank you to all our families and local residents who supported it. Your generosity and kind words, as you were enjoying the afternoon, was very sincere.

Watch this space to see our outdoor projects coming to life over the next few months, supported by the funds raised at this event!

The event could not have taken place without the support of our wonderful staff and volunteers from our PTA.

Everyone worked tirelessly to create a brilliant fun event for all our families.

During assembly next week, we will be announcing the winners of our Special £5 Summer Fayre Raffle.

Don't worry, there is still time to buy your Raffle Tickets – if you would like to purchase some, please complete the form on the school app. The tickets will then be charged to your Parentpay account. Once payment has been received, we will pop your raffle ticket into the draw!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our raffle and good luck!

Special thanks to Mr Smith, who organised the prizes for our Raffle and also gave up his time to attend the event, with the Vauxhall Mokka Electric car – it was stunning!

Thanks to Jason our Fairground owner, who travelled from Manchester to make our Summer Fayre extra special.

Also, thanks to Ultimate Kids, who provided a very popular gladiator inflatable – I think Miss Richardson had more fun on this than the children did though!

Thank you to our families who have taken part in our Secret Auction. The response has been amazing – this Auction will be continuing until next week, so there is still time for you to bid on some amazing prizes, if you so wish.

The form for the auction is on the school app and Mrs King is monitoring the bids – and in all fairness of play, she is not entering a bid herself.

This is the first time we have had a Secret Auction and we are thrilled at the response – thank you!

Gold Medal Award

Congratulations to the following children for winning the Gold Medal Award this week.



Louie



Oliver

Gold Medal Award

Congratulations to the following children for winning the Gold Medal Award this week.



Florence



Alex



Hollie

Gold Medal Award

Congratulations to the following children for winning the Gold Medal Award this week.



Grace & William



Joel

Special Award

Congratulations to the following children for winning the Special Award this week.



Imogen



*Louis
&
George*



Millie

Charlotte

Special Award

Congratulations to the following children for winning the Special Award this week.



Rafael



Harry



Harrison

Billy

Best Book Award

Congratulations to the following children for winning the Best Book Award this week.



Maisie

Emily



*Sophia
Elliott Issac*

*Thomas
Anna*

Leasowe Bay is a small, secluded, sandy cove, close to the North Wirral Coastal Park. The area is very popular with surfers and windsurfers.

Sadly, some visitors to the beach, do not clean up after themselves and spoil it for others and the wildlife.



Supported by Quensh, Will Shepherd and his family recently attended a Beach Clean up of this area. The volunteers collected just over 12kg of rubbish from the area – which roughly equates to three x 32” TV’s, 3,840 tea bags or 204 empty shampoo bottles. This campaign was registered with the Million Mile Campaign (Surfers against sewerage).

Congratulations to Will and his family, for becoming involved in this worthy appeal.

If you would like to help with a local beach clean up at Formby (Freshfields), this will be taking place on Sunday 30th July 2023 from 10am to 1pm.

Follow the link below if you are interested in registering to help with this event:

<https://www.mcsuk.org/beach-cleans/formby-beachwatch-event-30-07->



Well done Will and his family, your enthusiasm to clean up our beaches is fantastic!

Not only did he enjoy himself, but he also learnt a lot. During the day they found lots of unusual things left behind by people - an eye opener for both Will and his mum!



Ready, Set, Read!

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Sefton council has once again launched it's Summer Reading Challenge. St.Gregory's were very fortunate to receive a visit from Mrs Flaherty, from Meadows library, to explain the scheme to the children during an assembly.

The challenge is a national scheme which Sefton libraries actively take part in every year, with around three thousand children getting involved. Statistically the borough is the number one performer in the North West for people completing the challenge successfully.

During the summer holidays literacy for children tends to drop, because youngsters are not in school being actively encouraged to read. The aim of the challenge is to tackle this by encouraging children aged 4-11 to read books for fun during the break.

After signing up to your local library you can complete the challenge by reading a total of six books. Children can read whatever they like – just as long as they are borrowed from the library. Young people receive a special reward every time they finish a book and there is a certificate for everyone who finishes.



Captivated and excited by the delivery of the assembly by Mrs Flaherty, Joseph and Bradley went to the library straight after school, and registered for the Summer Reading Challenge.

Well done boys!

To find out more information about the Summer Reading Challenge visit summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

To get information about your local library visit www.sefton.gov.uk/libraries