



16th June, 2023.

Message from Mrs Albon.....

Dear School Community,

It has certainly been a hot and sticky week! Huge thanks to the staff for continuing to be creative and purposeful in their teaching, in sometimes sweltering conditions! Please continue to send in full water bottles and hats, and make sure children have their sunscreen on. Although the weather appears to be changing on Sunday, we hope the sun continues to shine on all our communion children this Saturday.

Prayer and Liturgy

This week, we thought about the feast of Corpus Christi, when we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Through the lyrics of a favourite hymn of some of our teachers, the communion song 'Bread of Life,' children were invited to think about how Jesus is living bread from Heaven, which feeds not just their bodies, but their souls too. We particularly held Y4



close in prayer, as they make their First Holy Communion on Saturday. Key Stage prayer times continued with this theme when we thought about how when we receive communion, we receive Jesus into our lives and become his face, to all we meet.

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

First Holy Communion- Saturday 17th June

The big day has finally arrived and we are so looking forward to celebrating with you and your families tomorrow, 17th June at 10.30am in St. Gregory's Church. To remind you, the arrangements are as follows: - Any family wanting their child to have an individual photograph should be dropped off at church at **9.30am** and those who just wish to be part of the group photo from **9.50am**. The children will be supervised by school staff during this time and the church doors will be opened at **10.20am** to welcome parents and families.

Reverence in Church

The Catechists, Father Grant and I would like you to remind your guests at the Mass that it is a very special and reverential time for your child, and we would therefore ask that everyone is very respectful in Church. This includes no talking, ensuring mobile phones switched off, and not chewing gum, eating sweets or wandering around. We thank you for your co-operation.

Choir

The choir children from Y3, Y5, and Y6 are warmly invited to support our Y4 children making their First Holy Communion by singing at the Mass. They should arrive at **10.15am** and then be collected at **11.45am** (not 12.15pm as previously announced). The choir may wear their own clothes, but no football kits please.

Summer Fayre- Wednesday 12th July from 3.00pm

Thank you to the parents and staff members who attended our summer fayre planning meeting on Monday, and to those parents who offered suggestions via the APP. There were so many good ideas shared, not only for the fayre, but also for future events.

Throughout our planning, we had two things high on the agenda: trying our very best to be sustainable and to keep the running costs as low as possible. With this in mind, there will be only one mufti day, on Friday 30th June, so that families will be asked for only one item on this day, some of which you may already have at home. There are three options to be donated: bottles for the bottle tombola; unwanted presents such as toiletries; new/good condition toys or games. If it is easier, a small monetary donation to buy any additional prizes needed would be gratefully received.

We will also be calling upon all our home bakers for homemade cakes to be delivered to school on the 11th or 12th July (so that they are fresh). This won't be a mufti day and will only be for families who feel they are able to contribute.

Other donations needed, but not expected from everyone, are old but clean white or light-coloured sheets, which will be cut up so that each child can make a flag for the bunting. We also plan to have a book stall, so any books in good condition will be gratefully received. Please send these in with your child or drop them off with Mrs King.

Don't forget, we are still looking for offers of wonderful deeds for our 'Promise Auction'! This is a new idea for us and involves parents and staff pledging to do something for others. For example, 3 hours of computer support (already offered), baking a cake or offering a manicure, altering an item of clothes, washing a car or cutting someone's

lawn - it can be just about anything! We know we have lots of parents out there with many gifts and talents; who will be brave enough to offer? This is also a great way to promote and market your business if you do this full or part time. Get in touch with Mrs King to pledge your promise.

The next planning meeting will be on Monday 3rd July at 5.30pm. All members of our school community are very welcome to attend.

I hope the sun continues to shine, especially on our Y4 children and their families.

Kind regards,

Deborah Albon
Headteacher

Newsletter



St. Gregory's
Catholic Primary School

Date: 16th June, 2023

Love and prayers are with our Year 4 children who will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday. Enjoy your special day. We all wish you everlasting happiness, peace and joy.



Coming up next week at
St. Gregory's

Tuesday 20th June – Year 1 will be visiting Knowsley Safari Park.

Wednesday 21st June – Year 2 will be attending Wavertree Sports Park for a fun Tennis event!

Friday 23rd June – Whole School Sports Day



MARICOURT
CATHOLIC
HIGH SCHOOL
& SIXTH FORM CENTRE

SPORTS AWARDS EVENING 2023

DATE: 14th June 2023

Congratulations to Florence (Year 5) on winning Primary Sports Personality Of The Year Award for St. Gregory's.

The award evening was held by Maricourt High School on Wednesday evening at Aintree Racecourse. Florence did not know upon arriving at the ceremony that she was receiving such a prestigious award – what a lovely surprise!

Florence has excelled in many ways this year, becoming a true all-round sports person. She has shone as part of the St. Gregory's girls' football team, as they won the league, remaining unbeaten throughout the entire season. Her football ability is one thing, but her positive attitude, resilience and determination are even more impressive.

As well as her football, Florence has been an inspiration to others in promoting other sports, as she captained the school's newly formed netball team this year and has been so supportive towards less experienced players. The foundations of a brilliant netball team have been built this year, and Florence has been a big part of that.

Above all, she completes every task to the best of her ability and, more importantly, with a huge smile on her face!

Well done, Florence!

Imagine That!

Reception Class had a wonderful time on Tuesday this week, when they visited Imagine That! in Liverpool. The children learnt lots of scientific facts and participated in lots of fun activities.





All the children enjoyed taking part in the activities, particularly the Dry Ice Sensory Adventure Science show, stimulating their senses and more importantly – covering them with dry ice!

There were lots of laughter in the role play areas too – with builders, a hair stylist and a head chef. What a lot of fun they all had! Mrs Albon seemed to be enjoying herself a little too much, too!





St. Gregory's were treated to a visit from an author on Friday, Will Hamilton-Davies. Will read his wonderful new book 'The Shrew with the Flu!' to the children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 classes.

The combination of rhyming verse and rich vibrant illustrations makes this environmentally themed story the perfect read-aloud for every family.

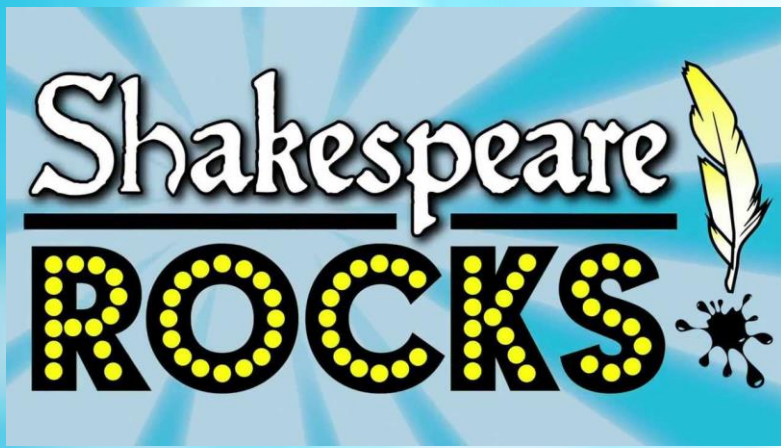


We thoroughly enjoyed Will visiting St. Gregory's and have sent a link to parents via the app for you to be able to purchase this book, if you so wish.

Throughout the book, families will relate to the temptation of having excess (whether it is food, designer clothes or plastic packaged products - we have all done our fair share of consuming something we shouldn't). In the story, Shrew notices that there's a link between his greediness and the well-being of his forest. He has to decide whether he continues to be greedy – to the detriment of his surroundings - or whether he will change his ways in order to restore balance. Shrew's decision to help the forest is a decision to respect Mother Nature, a decision that (I hope) will encourage readers of this book to do the same.



Thank you for letting me visit today.
William



Year 6 and children in Key Stage 2 classes will be performing in their summer production of Shakespeare Rocks.

This production is set in Shakespearean times and is a fresh, funny and up to date look at the life and times of William Shakespeare.

The children have all been rehearsing their lines and dances very well and we are amazed at some of the acting! Thank you to our parents who have helped the children learn their lines and have supported with props and costumes.

On Monday 26th June and Tuesday 27th June, we would like to welcome families of children in KS2 to come along and watch the performances. There will be different days for different classes. Please see below for further information.

Monday 26th June – Families of children in Year 3 and Year 5

Tuesday 27th June – Families of children in Year 4 and Year 6

Both performances will take place in the afternoon. Doors open at 1.20pm, with the performance commencing at 1.30pm.

A message has been sent out via the Parent App for parents to book seats for this performance. We have to limit the tickets at the moment to two tickets per child, in line with health and safety procedures. We will hold a waiting list for further tickets, should they become available.

The children have all worked extremely hard on this production, therefore we ask that babies and toddlers are left with child minders on this day. Also, we ask that if you are going to film this production on your phones, you do not upload the videos to any social media platform. Why not take this opportunity to enjoy the production live and not through the lens of your camera?

In light of the current financial climate, we will not be charging for tickets for the performances, but there will be a bucket available for small donations, if you so wish. The donations will go towards the cost of purchasing the license to perform this production and for props and scenery costs.

Gold Medal Award

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



Grace Adam Annabella Luca

Gold Medal Award

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



Jack

Harrison

Gold Medal Award

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



Harper

Special Award

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



Jonjo

Sebastian

Esme

Special Award

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



Noah

Amelia

Zoe

Special Award

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



Grace

Book Award

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



Felicity Ella Sophia Eryn

Book Award

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



*Sophia
with her correct book!*