



31st March, 2023.

Message from Mrs Albon.....

Dear School Community,

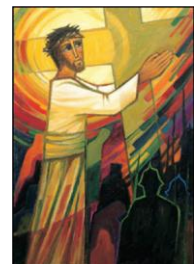
What a joyous way to end our week with the most amazing Talent Show - St Gregory's certainly has many talented children! From ventriloquists, gymnasts, dancers, singers and of course comedians, we were truly entertained! Congratulations to all the children who took part, for their confidence and sometimes real bravery in pushing themselves to perform in front of an audience of over 200, it was wonderful to be entertained by you all.

Prayer and Liturgy

We began our week with a very prayerful mass for Years 3 & 4, their families and many parishioners, on the theme of Reconciliation, in particular looking closely at the words of the Our Father, "*forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.*" We thought about how we could all live this out in our lives, even when we feel hurt and upset. This theme continued with our younger children, when we heard the story of The Prodigal Son and how wonderful it was to be welcomed back to God, when we are sorry for the wrong things we do. Our oldest children also considered the meaning of this bible story, followed by an examination of conscience, being part of their preparations to making their First Confession, which takes place later this year. In all our times of prayer, all our children demonstrated an understanding of stillness and quiet, during times of reflection and prayer.

Stations of the Cross

Today we have journeyed with Jesus through the story of Good Friday. Once again, the children's prayerfulness and reverence shone through and the singing from children of all ages, was uplifting and emotional.



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

There are further opportunities to take part with the Parish, to continue to live the Easter story throughout Holy Week, see the times below for further information.

We extend a special invitation to all our Y4 children, to join us for the Mass of the Lord's Supper, in advance of the children making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 17th June.

Holy Week Masses

The Easter Triduum will be celebrated as follows:

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7pm Prayer Garden
Y4 children very welcome to attend.

Solemn Passion 3pm Prayer Garden

Easter Vigil to be confirmed- check Facebook page

Easter Sunday:

9.30am Our Lady's Prayer Garden

11am Mass St. Gregory's

Please Note: There will be no 4.30pm Mass on Holy Saturday.

Lenten Fundraising

CAFOD - Lydiate Loop for Lent

Huge thanks to those who took part in the Lydiate Loop for Lent. It was a great turn out and everyone involved really enjoyed the walk and the chats. Some people even enjoyed light refreshments in the pub at the end! Thank you also to those families that have supported our



fundraising, with sponsor money from their own family walks. All the money collected will be sent to Cafod to support their Lenten Fundraiser- The Big Lent Walk.

Choir Easter Concert

Thank you for supporting our choir yesterday at their Easter concert. We hope you enjoyed their enthusiastic and, in some cases, quite moving singing. We are really enjoying working with our choir this year, and look forward to their many further contributions during the summer term.

Thank you, St. Gregory's Staff!

Today we break up for the Easter holidays and return to school on Monday 17th April. It has been a very busy term and I am sure we all looking forward to pausing and enjoying some family time. As I have said on so many occasions, we are so blessed with our wonderful school staff, they work tirelessly for our children, always wanting the best for them. I think they all deserve a well-earned break and I wish them all a very restful holiday.

I hope you too have a very happy, peaceful and Holy Easter; we will look forward to welcoming everybody back on **Monday 17th April**.

God bless,
Mrs Albon



Newsletter

31st March, 2023.



St. Gregory's
Catholic Primary School

EASTER HOLIDAYS



St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School closes on Friday 31st March at 3.20pm for Easter Holidays. School will reopen to all children on Monday 17th April.

We have had a really good response to our Ultimate Kids Multi-sports Camp for during the Easter Holidays.

If you haven't booked your child onto the camp yet, but would like to, please follow the link below.

<https://bookings.ultimatekidsltd.co.uk/project/41130>

You can book your child on any, or all, of the days.

The cost of camp is £20 per day, which is a fantastic offer for a full day of activities.



**Multi Sports Camp
St. Gregory's Primary**

**Tuesday 11th April to
Friday 14th April**

9am to 3pm

Children are to be dropped off at the school hall doors, where they will be met by Chris from Ultimate Kids. There will also be members of staff available throughout the days of the camp.

Children should wear casual sportswear, please do not go out and buy anything new, and bring a packed lunch.

There will be lots of fun activities taking place throughout the day, mainly outside, so a lightweight coat might be a good idea!



On Friday, we accompanied Jesus on his last journey, during our times of prayer.

The younger children considered how hands were used on Good Friday, showing cruelty, kindness, helpfulness and above all love.

Key Stage 2 children prayed the Stations of the Cross, through readings, prayer and music.

All our children took part with quiet devotion and true prayerfulness. The staff were visibly moved by the singing and the children's reverence.

All children are invited to take part in the Easter activities at church on Good Friday, please check the Parish Newsletter and Facebook page for further information.





Children in Year 1 have been mixing and stirring ingredients, to make their very own Easter Chocolate Crispy Nests.





Making chocolate
crispy cakes is such
a wonderful activity
and delicious too!







What a fantastic way to end our term, with our Talent Show! It was an amazing show and a wonderful treat for our captive audience.

Amongst the artists this year, we had singers, dancers, rappers, magicians, poets, gymnasts and more!

How lucky are we at St. Gregory's to have such talented children, who thoroughly enjoyed exhibiting their flair and skills to the whole school!



*Congratulations to our Winners of our
Talent Show 2023!*



The Judges



Welcome to our Judges – our very own Alesha Dixon (aka Mrs Gordon), the Hoff himself (Mr O'Hara) and the fabulous Amanda Holden (Mrs Thompson)

They had such a tough job deciding on category winners and then the overall winner of our Talent Show for 2023 was announced, which everyone in the audience agreed with their decision – Anna (Y4).



























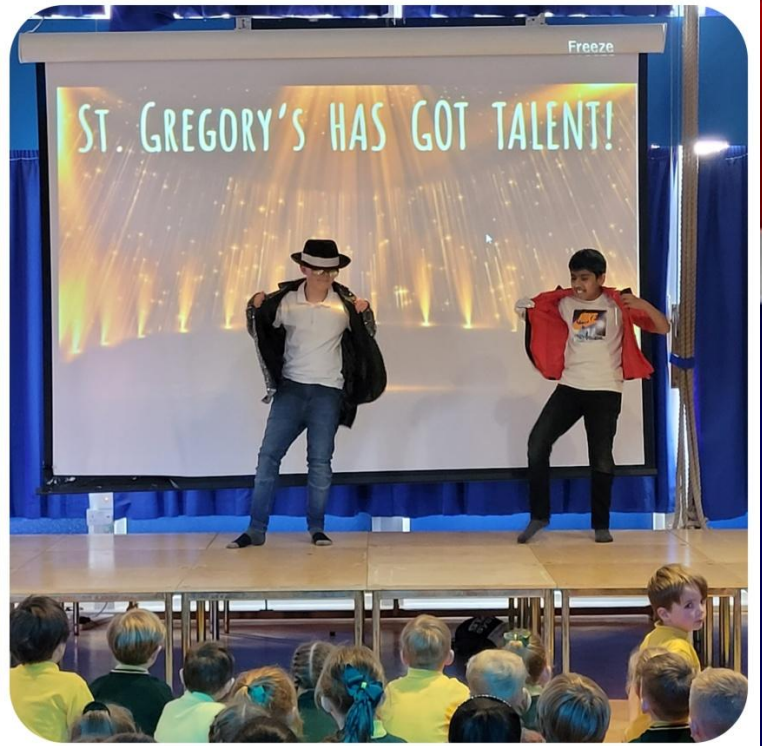
























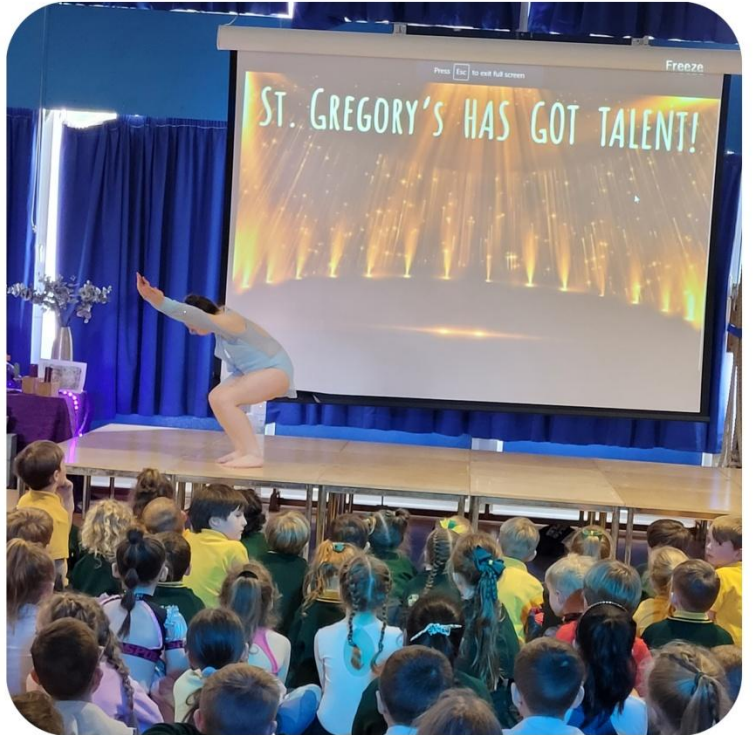






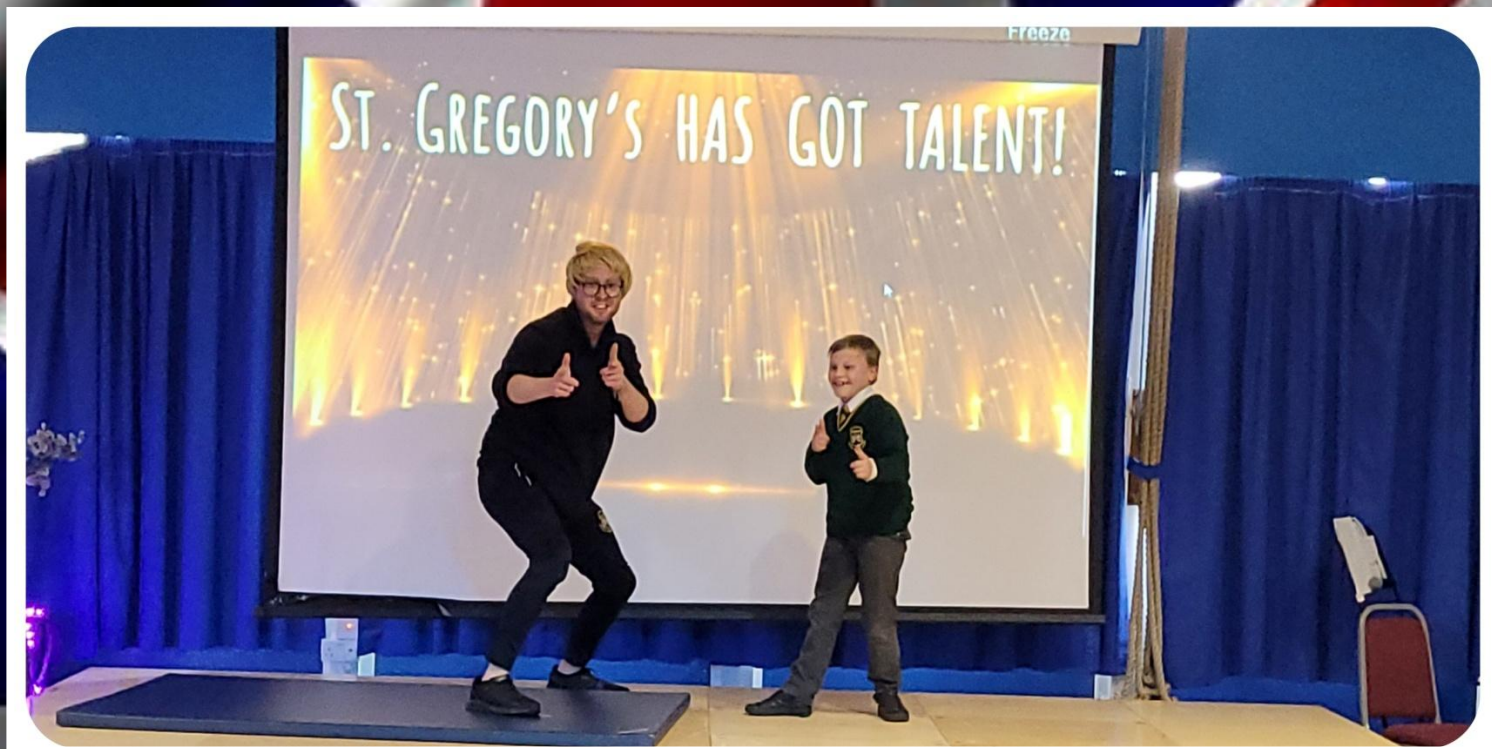














The show would not be complete without our very own resident compere himself, our very own Declan McParland - Mr Perree. He kept us all going with his enthusiasm and wittiness.

Special thanks go to our technician, the one and only Miss Brown. Who worked tirelessly compiling all the songs, backing sounds etc

More special thanks must go to Mr Hutson, who worked hard putting all the stage together for the performers and also all the teachers who have encouraged and helped the children with all their performances.

But more importantly, special thanks must go to the children who performed, who all gave it their very best, making this show one to remember – see you all next year!

Sports News



Congratulations to our Year 3 footballers, who attended Chesterfield High School on Friday 24th March, taking part in Central Sefton Championships.

They played 6 matches, won 5 and drew 1; making St.Gregory's the winners of their group.

As the children collected their WINNERS medals, they discovered that they will be playing in the Grand Final at Everton Football Club's Finch Farm training venue.

What an exceptional achievement!

St. Gregory's Key Stage 2 Netball team, took part in a tournament at Maricourt High School this week.

There was tough opposition at this tournament and although the children did not win the tournament, they had great fun!

Well done St.Gregory's Netballers!





Dates for your diary

17 th April 2023	School opens after Easter holidays
17 th April 2023	Year 3 CHET meeting for parents (3.30pm)
19 th April 2023	School Photographs (Class)
26 th April 2023 to 28 th April 2023	CHET Residential Year 3
26 th April 2023	Pizza Express visit Year 4
5 th May 2023	King's Coronation Party Lunch
8 th May 2023	Bank Holiday (School closed)
9 th May 2023 to 12 th May	KS2 SATS
26 th May 2023	INSET Day (children are not to attend school on this day)
29 th May to 2 nd June 2023	Half Term Holiday
Monday 5 th June 2023	INSET Day (children are not to attend school on this day)