



17<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.

## Message from Mrs Albon.....

Dear School Community,

What a delight it was to welcome lots of Mums and significant ladies, to our Mothers' Day Assembly on Thursday. The children entertained us magnificently with poems, flattering paintings and of course their wonderful singing. The audience were appreciative and smiling throughout, with perhaps just a few happy tears! We are very proud of all our Early Years and Key Stage One children. Thanks to all the school staff who prepared the children for their hard work and enthusiasm. We look forward to welcoming those Mums who are booked in to attend on Monday **20<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am**. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate any Mums who attended this week, as Key Stage 2 children will also be attending the Monday assembly and there won't be enough room in the hall. Thank you!

### Prayer and Liturgy

On Monday we celebrated Mass with Father Grant, Y1 and Y2, parents, governors and parishioners. During Mass, we thought about how Jesus offers all of us the hand of friendship, and how we too can be a good friend to others. We heard the story of the Samaritan woman at the well and how Jesus had been sent from God to everyone, no matter who they are and where they came from. Once again, the children's prayerfulness was remarkable and we received some beautiful comments from those attending...



*"A beautiful, prayerful start to the week. Wonderful sign language which helped the children understand the meaning of the mass."*

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

Key Stage 2 also had a time of prayer thinking about the same bible story. They heard that, just as the Father sent Jesus, Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit; He is the source of the living water of the Holy Spirit. The children spoke about how our souls are the innermost part of who we are, the part that communicates with God. Just like our physical being becomes tired, when our souls become thirsty, they too need to be nurtured with the goodness of the Spirit. We paused to consider how we can make Jesus the source in our lives this Lent and always, helping us to grow closer to God.

The next Parish Mass in school will be this Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, when Y3 and Y4 will be in attendance. Confirmation of the Mass will be sent out nearer the time to account for Father Grant's busy schedule.

### **Parents' Evenings**

The spring Parents' Evenings will take place next week on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**. Mrs King has sent out all the appointments, and all parents attending will be required to sign up to a **Parents Code of Conduct** to safeguard staff.



### **St. Patrick's Day- Ceilidh**

What another fun Friday we have had today, celebrating St. Patrick's Day! Each class learnt a traditional Irish Dance and then we enjoyed a performance together. There was a wonderful atmosphere and lots of laughs along the way. It was fantastic for our children to dance together and to learn something new. As well as being superb exercise, it certainly contributed to positive mental well-being.

### **Lenten Fundraising - GIVE**

There is of course no obligation to support any fundraising activities within Lent, however, we have now decided on two fundraising opportunities during Lent for those who wish to get involved.

Next week, each of the Key Stage 2 classes are invited to hold a fund-raising event during one playtime, Monday to Thursday, when they can work in groups to raise money. The children have already come up with some amazing ideas and the week will start with

Y6, who can demonstrate to the younger children how the fundraiser runs. Activities in the past have included a bake sale, name the teddy, find the treasure and other very imaginative activities!

Our other fundraiser will be in aid of CAFOD. We have organised a family sponsored walk on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March in aid of CAFOD, when we will be walking the ***Lydiate Loop for Lent***.

The walk will begin straight after the 11.00am St. Gregory's Mass. We can park at school and walk to the start of the walk at Sumner's Turn Bridge on Bell's Lane. It is about a 6 mile walk and will be muddy in parts! We hope you will be able to join us, in what should be a lovely community event. Thank you to those who have already signed up, there is still time to get involved.

### **Choir Easter Concert**

We plan to hold a Choir Easter concert on **Thursday 30<sup>h</sup> March at 4.15pm** in the school hall and will include seasonal refreshments - Hot Cross Buns! The event will be free, although those who are able are invited to make a voluntary contribution towards refreshments. We have an incredibly enthusiastic choir this year, so come along and enjoy the concert!



Thank you all once again for all your support, have a lovely weekend. Slainte!

With kind regards,

*Deborah Albon*

Headteacher

# Newsletter



**St. Gregory's**  
Catholic Primary School

**17<sup>th</sup> March, 2023.**

## Welcome!

We are extremely fortunate to be able to welcome two new Teaching Assistants to our team, Mrs Eastwood who is working with Year 2 during the afternoons and Mrs Mooney, who is working with Year 3 and Year 1.



All our children have welcomed our new members of staff to our school and we know they will be fantastic additions to our already strong team.

### **Mother's Day Assembly**

We will be holding our second Mother's Day assembly on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March, for Mums Nanas, Grandmas, Aunties of children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 classes.

Seats have been allocated now for this performance, if you attended on Thursday, please do not attend on Monday, as we have strict health & safety rules we have to adhere to.



### **Parent's Evenings**

Parent's Evenings will be taking place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

All appointments have now been sent out to parents via the school app.

Please arrive via the school hall doors and you will be ushered to a seat in the hall, where you can await your appointment with your teacher.



### **Talent Show**

St. Gregory's Got Talent will be taking place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March during the afternoon. All children from Reception to Year 6 are invited to take part in this wonderful event.

Singers, dancers, magicians and more are all welcome to show off their talents.

Due to limited space, we would not be able to open this up to parents.

# Parish Mass

It was wonderful to see so many of our families and local parishioners attending our Parish Mass this week. Father Grant led prayer time, with children from Year 1 and Year 2 in attendance. The gospel was 'The woman at the well' and Father Grant delivered the theme, the 'Hand of Friendship'



*A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink', you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."*

# Mother's Day Assembly

There wasn't a dry eye in the house on Thursday, when children from Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 recited poems and sang beautifully to their Mums, Nanas, Grandmas and Aunties.



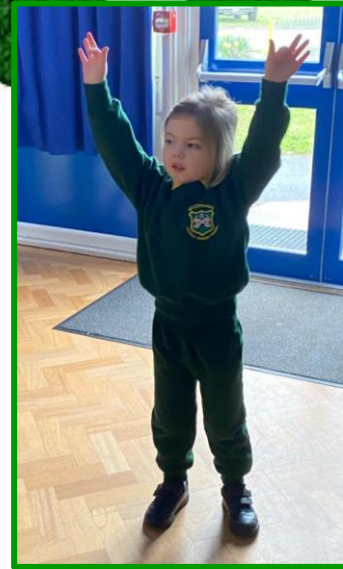
The children also created portraits of their Mum, which they proudly displayed.

St. Patrick's Day was well and truly celebrated at St. Gregory's Primary School on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, when Education Group came into school and taught all the children Irish Dancing.

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# Year 6

## Liverpool Royal Philharmonic

Y6 visited the Liverpool Philharmonic to become time travelers, discovering how music helps us to travel through the ages. They listened to the world-famous Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra play a series of songs from renowned composers such as Beethoven and more recent compositions, too. The music selected and performed was composed to help our understanding of periods of time, from battles of dinosaurs 66 million years ago, to Romans marching in to battle and industrialisation throughout the Victorian era.



The children were then fortunate enough to sing as part of a mass choir of several hundred children, with the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra playing along.

It's not every day you can say you've listened to and performed with a world-famous orchestra; that's just another of our intentionally planned experiences for our children's time at St. Gregory's!

# Gold Medal Award Special Mention Award

Congratulations to the children who won the Gold Medal Award and Special Mention Award this week.



Year 1  
Theo and Jack

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Congratulations to the children who won the Gold Medal Award and Special Mention Award this week.



Year 2  
Bethany and Luca

Gold Medal Award  
Special Mention Award  
Best Book Award

Congratulations to the children in Reception Class who won the Gold Medal Award, Special Mention Award and Book Award this week.



James

Alice

Charlotte

# Best Book Award

Congratulations to the children in Year 1 and Year 2 who won the Best Book Award this week.



Ellie

Eryn

# Gold Medal Award

## Special Mention Award

Congratulations to the children in Year 3 Class who won the Gold Medal Award and Special Mention Award this week.



Mrs Mooney

Ella

Leo