



10th March, 2023.

Message from Mrs Albon.....

Dear School Community,

What a wonderful way to end the week - snowman building and overall general excitement, outside in our lovely grounds. With some of our children not having much experience of snow, we felt it really important to pause our curriculum and go outside and have fun! We hear lots about making memories; well, our children and staff certainly did that this morning. Check out your class platforms and Twitter for some amazing photos. I think we will all sleep tonight!

Prayer and Liturgy

This week, we thought about how during Lent we can reach out to the needs of others both near and far. We heard the story of the Good Samaritan and thought how we can follow in Jesus' footsteps by helping our neighbour. We also prayed for the work of Nugent Care in our own Archdiocese and Cafod who work internationally, and asked God to bless and support them in their charitable works.



Key Stage 2 also had a time of prayer thinking about where and when we can pray. Once again, this week the children's reverence, attentiveness and responses to prayer were outstanding and all the adults present also felt they too could be still and pray.

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

The next Parish Mass in school will be this Monday 13th March, when Y1 and Y 2 will be in attendance. All Parents and Grandparents are warmly invited to join us.

Girls' Football

What a wonderful week for our girls' football team! Out twice this week, representing our school not only with a display of excellent football but also impressing the two tournament organisers, with their enthusiasm, teamwork and overall outstanding attitude!

As a result of their impressive behaviour, Liverpool FC have kindly offered the girls' team the incredible opportunity of being flag bearers for their Legends match at Anfield against Celtic on Saturday 25th March. This is likely due to the wonderful way that they conducted themselves at the tournament - they clearly impressed the coaches. Alongside entering the pitch with the teams, they also receive 2 tickets for the match.

Well done girls and thanks to their coach, Mr O'Hara, who accompanied them. I think he enjoyed the tournaments even more than the girls!

Attendance Review meetings

This week I continued with meetings with parents of children who are classed as a Persistent Absentee, in other words those with under 90% attendance. The meetings aim to be supportive and helpful in improving the attendance of the children identified. Mrs. King will be in touch to arrange the meetings, which will take place over the coming weeks. We hope that parents find the meetings useful. We thank you in advance for your support.

Parents' Evenings

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

Mothers' Day Assembly

In light of the planned strikes next Thursday, coinciding with our Mothers' Day assembly, we are happy to offer an alternative performance of our Mothers' Day assembly on Monday 20th March at 9.15am.

This should help those families who are affected by the strike in any school, including ours, as we would be unable to accommodate any child involved in the strike action being present in our school on the strike day.

**Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 Mums/Significant Adults are invited on
Thursday 16th March at 9.15am or Monday 20th March at 9.15am**

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.

Following our Monday prayer time, we talked to the children about they can support our two chosen charities during Lent. In the penultimate week of the term, week commencing 20th March, each of the Key Stage 2 classes will be invited to hold a fund-raising event during one playtime, Monday to Thursday, when they can work in groups to raise money. 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 for CAFOD. We are organising a family sponsored walk on Sunday 26th 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. You should hopefully have received a letter and sponsor form yesterday, if you want to get involved.

St. Patrick's Day- Ceilidh

When I first arrived at St. Gregory's, (23 years ago!) Irish Music was a very important part of the school's identity. In fact, Mr Perree and Miss Richardson were in the Irish Band. When Mrs McDonnell and Mrs Kearney retired, we had a Ceilidh as part of their celebrations. The staff enjoyed it so much we decided to introduce all our children to the joys of Irish Dancing, and so next Friday, on the feast of St. Patrick, the children should all come to school into their PE kits, which luckily are green, and each class from Reception to Y6 will be taught an Irish Dance. The event is free and will be funded by the school. I'm sure we will all enjoy our lessons and have lots more fun!

Choir Easter Concert

We plan to hold a Choir Easter concert on **Thursday 30th March at 4.15pm** in the school hall, which 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. Keep warm!

With kind regards,

Deborah Albon

Headteacher

Newsletter



10th March, 2023

St. Gregory's
Catholic Primary School

Term Dates

Term dates for 2023/24 have now been approved by our governing body and are available on our school website.

Parent's Evening Appointments

Appointments have now been sent out via the school app, for Parent's Evenings on Tuesday 21st March and Wednesday 22nd March.

Parents are asked to come to the hall doors and wait in the hall waiting area and your class teacher will come and welcome you into the classroom. Whilst waiting for your appointment, you will have an opportunity to look at your child's work.



48 Hour Rule

Reminder to parents that if your child has vomiting or diarrhea, they must remain at home until 48 hours after their final episode. This is to keep our children and staff safe and well.

Absence Reporting

If your child is absent from school, there are a couple of ways that you can report their absence:

- Leave a message on the school's telephone - absence reporting extension
- Send an app message

The school office will always follow up with a telephone call to check on your child's absence.

If you do not report the absence and we cannot reach a parent to discover the reason for the absence, the mark will be given as an unauthorised absence and not a sickness absence.



Nursery

We will be finalising arrangements for Nursery places for September 2023, very shortly. We will be contacting parents of applications and then final offers for places will be sent out.

If you would like a Nursery application please contact Mrs King and she will forward one on to you.

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 13th March – Parish Mass (Y1/Y2 present)

Tuesday 14th March – Boys football match (home)

Thursday 16th March – Year 6 at Liverpool Philharmonic

Thursday 16th March – Mother's Day Assembly (1)

Monday 20th March – Mother's Day Assembly (2)

Tuesday 21st March – Parent's Evening (1)

Wednesday 21st March – Parent's Evening (2)

Wednesday 22nd March – Year 6 at Formby Beach

Wednesday 22nd March – Boys football matches

Friday 24th March – Year 3 Football Festival

Friday 31st March – Talent Show (whole school event)

Friday 31st March - School closes at normal time for end of term holidays

Monday 17th April – School reopens for Summer term

Sports Page



Congratulations to St.Gregory's Girls Football Team, who took part in Premier League Primary Stars North West Finals in Preston this week.

The competition was tough, the girls gave it their very best and tried so hard. It was a huge honour for the girls to participate in this event and even though we were not crowned winners on the day – they are our St.Gregory's Champs!







Mia, Kiera, Lily, Ava, Florence,
Kyla, Millie and Emily

Well done girls!





Mothers' Day Assembly

*We would like to welcome Mums, Nanas, Nans,
Grandmas, and aunties (or any significant adult!) of
children in our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes to
our Mothers' Day Assemblies on*

Thursday 16th March at 9.15am

or

Monday 20th March at 9.15am



*The children have all been learning songs and poems
and have extra special treats for their mums!
Please come along and enjoy the celebration of
Mothers' Day.*

*There is a form available on the school app for you to
complete to confirm your place at this wonderful event.*

Collective Worship



Children in Year 1 have been showing respectfulness during their prayer time this week.

The children showed understanding of stillness and calm during their time of Lenten prayer.



JACK & THE BEANSTALK

One of the topics for Reception class has been the story of Jack and The Beanstalk. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this story and have been creating their own version of the story in different ways.



The children built their own beanstalk for the giant to climb.

Playdough fun!
Making their own beanstalk
out of playdough.



JACK & THE BEANSTALK



Building the giant's castle in the sky, was so much fun!

Using lego is really good for a child's hand and eye co-ordination and develops problem solving skills.

Drawing a gigantic story map, and telling the tale in their own words.



JACK & THE BEANSTALK



The white fluffy clouds, were as light as cotton wool!

Painting, gluing and sticking, there was lots of creativity fun taking place in Reception Class.



Using their maths skills to solve number questions.





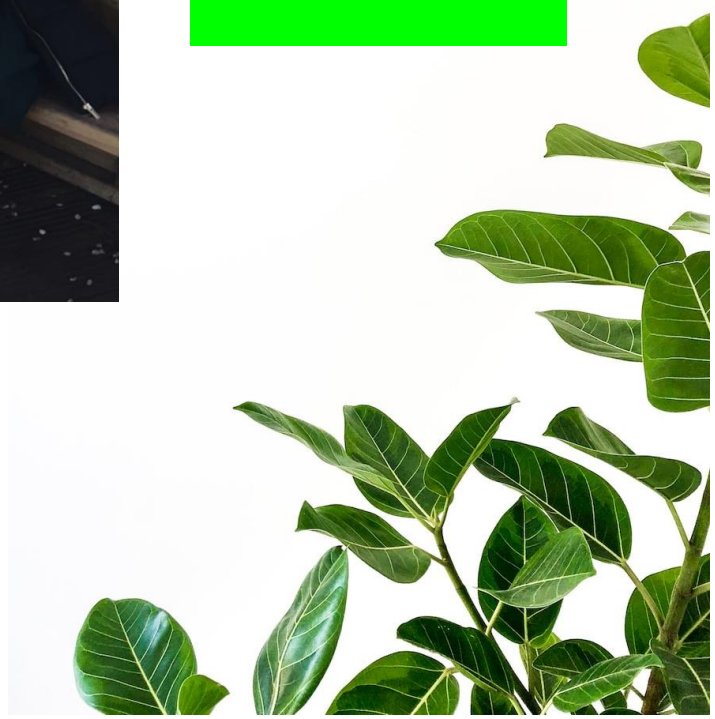
Year 2

Science / English

Year 2 have been making the most of the sunshine earlier this week and enjoying an outdoor English and Science lesson, exploring plants and leaves.



The children have been expanding their vocabulary by describing colours, shapes and textures of different kinds of leaves.

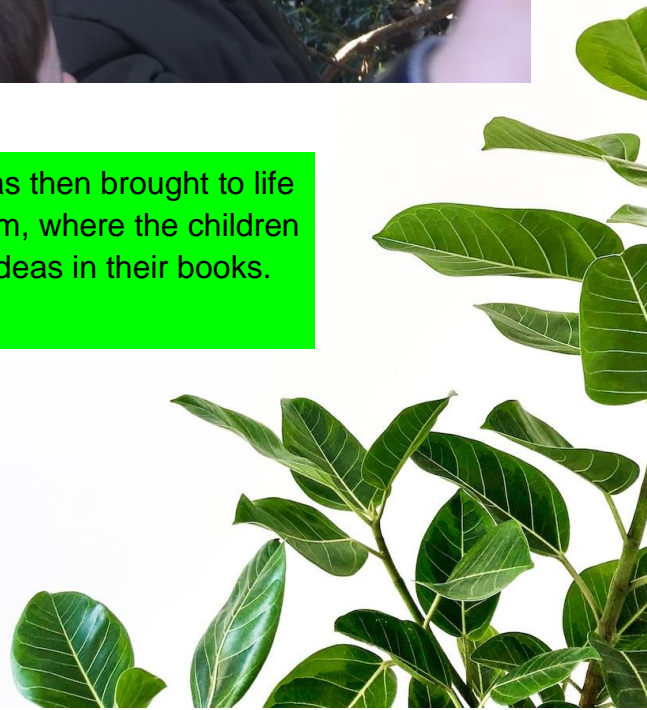


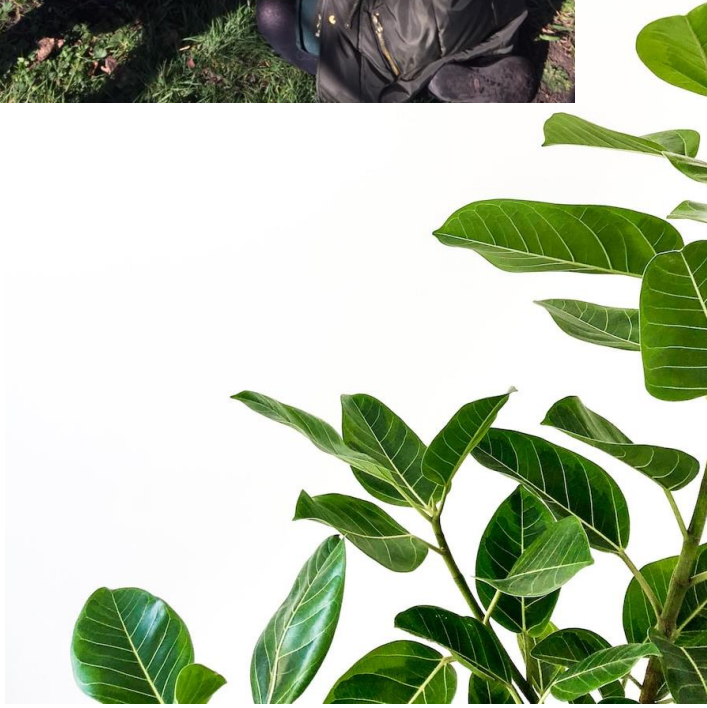
Year 2 Science / English

They thought the holly leaves were shaped like bat wings and were as sharp as a cactus!



This activity was then brought to life in the classroom, where the children wrote all their ideas in their books.





Fun In The Snow



When waking up on Friday morning to a blanket of snow on the ground, the children arrived to school extremely excited! All the staff joined in the fun with the children, as they built snowmen, threw snowballs and even made snow angels!







St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on Friday 17th March with an Irish Dance workshop that each class will participate in.

The dance workshop will be run throughout the day, with each class receiving their own dance lesson. Then at the end of the day, the whole school will come together to celebrate in style!

This workshop is free for all our children to take part in and has been subsidised by the school Sports Grant fund.

HAPPY   
St. Patrick's
   DAY

Special Mention Award

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



Reception – Bradley

Year 1 - Oliver

Special Mention Award

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



Year 6 – Annabelle

Year 5 - Ava

Special Mention Award

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



Year 3 – Seb

Year 2 - Alex

Special Mention Award

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



Year 4 - Scarlett

Gold Medal Award

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



Reception – Carter
Year 2 - Emilia

Gold Medal Award

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



Year 5 – Harry

Year 3 - Bobby

Gold Medal Award

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



Year 4 – Noah

Year 1 - Noah

Year 6 – Zak



Best Book Award

Congratulations to our Best Book Award winners this week.



Year 1 – Ruby

Reception -Grace

Best Book Award

Congratulations to our Best Book Award winners this week.



Year 6 – Erin

Year 5 - Katy

Best Book Award

Congratulations to our Best Book Award winners this week.



Year 4 – Isaac

Year 2 - Elias



Attendance



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.1%	98%	96%	94.2%	90.7%	91%	93.3%

Congratulations to *Year 1* on winning the Attendance Cup this week!



Our overall attendance this week was: 93.8%, which is **BELOW** the national expected attendance of 96.7%.