



24<sup>th</sup> February, 2023.

## *Message from Mrs Albon.....*

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the school year, when we as school staff begin to see the fruits of our labours, as the children grow in confidence and start to make accelerated progress! The second half of the spring term is always busy, with Lenten activities, Mothers' Day celebrations, World Book Day and of course building up to the great celebration of Easter. We will also see more outdoor sporting events and hopefully more prayer times in our open-air cathedral.

### **Prayer and Liturgy**

This week we begin our Lenten journey with three beautiful Ash Wednesday prayer times. Year 6 attended 9.00am Mass at St. Gregory's church, where they were commissioned by Father Grant to give the ashes to the rest of the school community. When Y6 returned to school, they had short time of prayer with their buddies in Reception class and gave each of them ashes. It was moving to see the caring bonds the children have developed for each other and how the Y6 children modelled respectful and prayerful behaviour throughout.

At the end of the school day, we held a final prayer service for the rest of the school and some parents; it was lovely to see so many of you, thank you! Again, the reverence, prayer and participation of all assembled were profound and certainly set us on the right road for our Lenten journey.

Father Grant has confirmed today that he is able to celebrate the Parish Mass on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February in our school hall. Year 4, 5, and 6 will be in attendance. All



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

families are invited to attend, but we fully understand the short notice and work commitments. Unfortunately, due to the many roles that Father Grant has, we are unable to always give much notice. However, all being well, the next Parish Mass in school will be on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, when Year 1 and Year 2 will be in attendance.

### **Formal Assessment Information Evenings**

Thank you to all the Y2 and Y4 parents who attended the information meetings this week. We hope you found them useful. As promised, Mrs Thompson and Mr O'Hara will share any relevant information through the class communication systems for any parents unable to attend.

### **Parents' Evenings**

The spring Parents' Evenings will take place on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**. Mrs King will be in touch with a booking form. Sadly, at the last parents' meetings, a small minority of parents were disrespectful and quite aggressive with some teachers. These disappointing incidents were discussed at the following Governing Body meeting, and as such, it was agreed that all parents attending the meetings will be required to sign up to a **Parents Code of Conduct**. Fortunately, we are more than reassured that the vast majority of parent/teacher meetings take place in a spirit of mutual support and respect, and we are truly grateful for your continued support. Following each meeting, you will have an opportunity to see your child's books, which I am sure the children will be excited to share. We will send out further details of other measures we will be taking to safeguard our staff nearer the date.

### **World Book Day**

Staff are planning simple, 'non-expensive' activities for World Book Day which is next Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March. There will be a selection of activities taking place across the week, with opportunities for activities for the family to join in with, too! Please see the World Book Day flyer, which will follow this newsletter.

### **Mothers' Day Celebrations**

We are delighted to be able to invite our Mums, or a significant adult, to a Mothers' Day assembly in March for Early Years and Key Stage One Mums.

**Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 Mums/Significant Adults** are invited on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 9.15am** in the school hall. We hope you will be able to join us!

### **Lenten Fundraising - GIVE**

During Lent, we are asked to do three things: **Give, Act and Pray**. Whilst we are mindful of the financial hardships within our own community, we feel that as a school we should reach out and support our brothers and sisters both near and far, who are in desperate need. There is of course no obligation to support any fundraising activities within Lent, but there will be opportunities for those who are able.

One of the fundraising projects will be to support the aid needed in Turkey and Syria, following the recent earthquakes. This will be facilitated through CAFOD, who have already launched an appeal. Miss Brown has already organised a money bottle in the main entrance which anyone can use to donate money, even if it is only pennies from children's pocket money. We are also organising 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. More details to follow soon.

Thank you all once again for all your support.

With kind regards,

*Deborah Albon*

Headteacher

# Weekly Newsletter



24<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

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

## *Parish Mass*

Families and parishioners are welcome to attend a Parish Mass on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am** in our school hall.

Year 4 to Year 6 will also be attendance for this mass.

We look forward to you joining us in prayer.



## Reception Admissions

Thank you to our families who have selected St. Gregory's as one of the three preferences for Reception Class in September.

Thank you to our parents who have already provided the required supporting documents. If you have been asked to provide any documents, please return them to Mrs King as soon as possible.

The required documentation is

- Copy of your child's baptism certificate
- Proof of address, where your child resides.

## *Parents' Evening*

St. Gregory's Catholic Primary School will be holding Parents' Evenings on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March from 3.30pm.**

A form is available on the school app for parents to select an appointment. Once all selections have been received, we will allocate appointments and send confirmations via the school app.

Upon arrival to school for your appointment, you will be asked to wait in the school hall and your child's teacher will come to the hall to welcome you to the classroom. Parents will be able to take a look at your child's work which will be accessible in the school hall.

We will always do our very best to accommodate your selection of day/time, however, this is not guaranteed. If you cannot attend the appointment time given to you, please do not swap it with another parent, as this causes issues with the system – please contact school and we will do our best to help.

Parents' Evening is an opportunity for you to find out how your child's learning is developing and to discuss any concerns you may have. Appointments will last approximately five minutes, however, if you believe you may need a longer appointment, please contact the school office and we will arrange this for you at a later date.



## *Ash Wednesday*

On Wednesday this week, Year 6 attended Mass at St. Gregory's church, where they were commissioned by Father Grant to give the ashes to the rest of the school community.

St. Gregory's welcomed families and local parishioners to our Ash Wednesday prayer time later in the afternoon. It was lovely to see so many of our families in attendance and to watching Year 6 share their own faith by distributing ashes to the congregation.





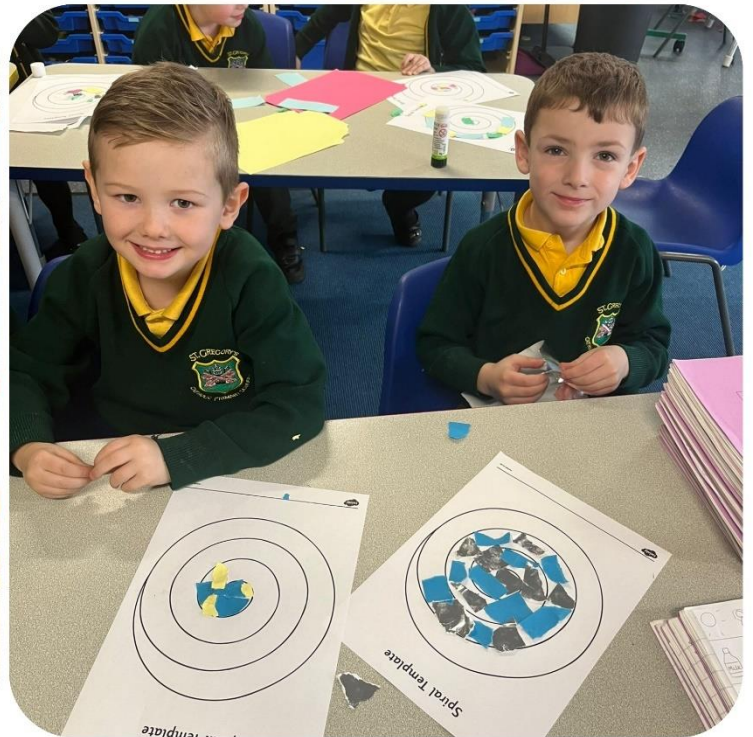
Year 6 were extremely reflective when delivering the ashes to their buddies from Reception class, using their own words of blessing.





## Spiral Art

Children in Year 1 have been introduced to the idea that making a drawing is a physical activity, which uses the whole of the body and connects the head, hand and heart.



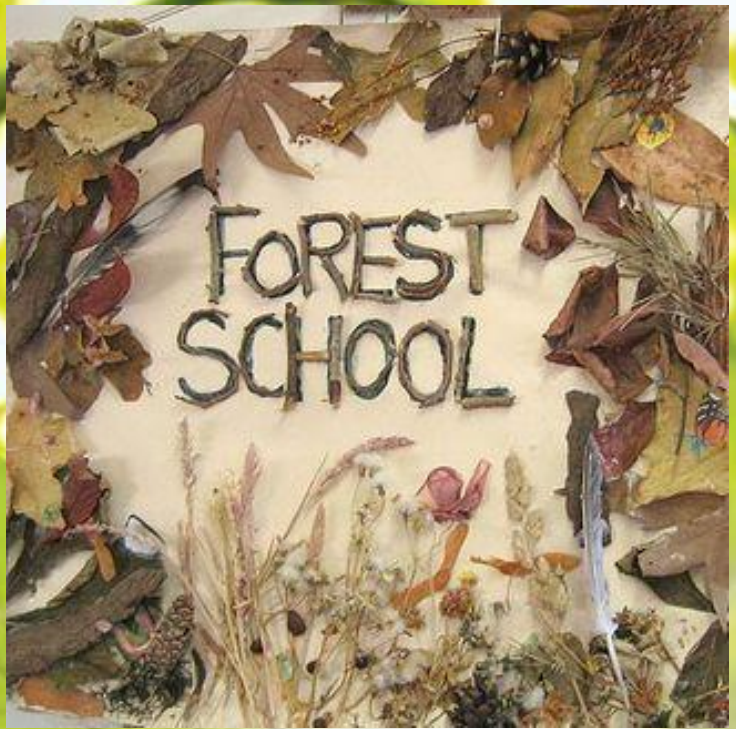


We have been using our whole body to create large scale spiral drawings.



We have been exploring different qualities of line colour blending and mark making.





Children in Year 4 have been enjoying their Forest School activities this week.



They took part in team building challenges, requiring problem solving skills.



# Special Mention Award

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



Lily  
Olly  
Thomas

# Special Mention Award

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



Cillian

Jacob



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Luca

Iris



# Gold Medal Award

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



Luke  
Albie  
Eloise

# Gold Medal Award

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



Georgie

Eryn



# Gold Medal Award

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



Jim

Holly



# Best Book Award

Congratulations to our Best Book Award winners this week.



What a wonderful piece of work Alex produced. The children were set a challenge over the half term to find out facts about their favourite country and Alex chose Poland. His work really impressed everyone at St.Gregory's – well done Alex!

# Best Book Award

Congratulations to our Best Book Award winners this week.



Adam

Amelie

Ben

Evie



# Best Book Award

Congratulations to our Best Book Award winners this week.



Emilia

Jude



# GYMNASTICS

Congratulations to our super gymnastic stars, who attended Chesterfield High School on Friday and came **FIRST PLACE** in Central Sefton Sport Partnership Gymnastics Competition.

The coaches were very impressed with the children's balance, upper body strength and discipline shown.



Erin  
Katherine  
Archie  
Leo  
Charlie



# Attendance



Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.3%	99%	98.7%	96.1%	98.7%	98.7%	97.3%

Congratulations to Year 1 on winning the Attendance Cup once again!

Well done Year 1!



Congratulations to the following children who achieved 100% attendance this week:

Luke, Katy,  
Matilda, Theo,  
Sophia and Jacob