

St Monica's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Pentecost Term

July 2022

News from the school

Welcome to our final newsletter of the 21/22 academic year. I hope you will enjoy reading what the children have been up to. Thank you for all your support during the year, including around COVID and recent water and weather issues. More importantly, thanks for the support you have put into your children's learning and we hope you will have been pleased with recent reports and results where relevant.

As we say goodbye to a number of families whose children are leaving and how have had a long association with the school, we look forward to welcoming families new to the school. We have a number of places available in particular year groups so, if you know of anybody looking for a Nursery or Primary School place, please ask them to email us at stmonicas@st-monicas.co.uk

We wish you all the best for the Summer holidays and look forward to welcoming most of the children back on Monday, 5th September. Where that date is different for your child (e.g. in Early Years), you will have had your start information from the teachers.

Mr O'Malley



Sports News

St Monica's came second to St Bernadette's in Catholic Sports this year. The picture shows children who won their events on the day. Particular congratulations to multiple medal winners, Omali and Michal.



Girls reach MK Football Final

Well done to our girls' football team who reached the city finals after coming second in our qualifying group in the league. It was great to see a number of girls who had not played for a team previously doing so very well and I thoroughly enjoyed the good spirit they showed all year.



Accelerated Reader celebrations

On Monday 18th July we had Accelerated Reader celebrations with pizza and lollies in the staff room.

This was to reward those children who had read a million words (Year 5 and 6) 500,000 words (Year 3 and 4) and 100,000 words (Year 2).

A very special congratulations to Jayshana, in Year 6 LH, for reading Four Million words! WOW!



School Book Fair

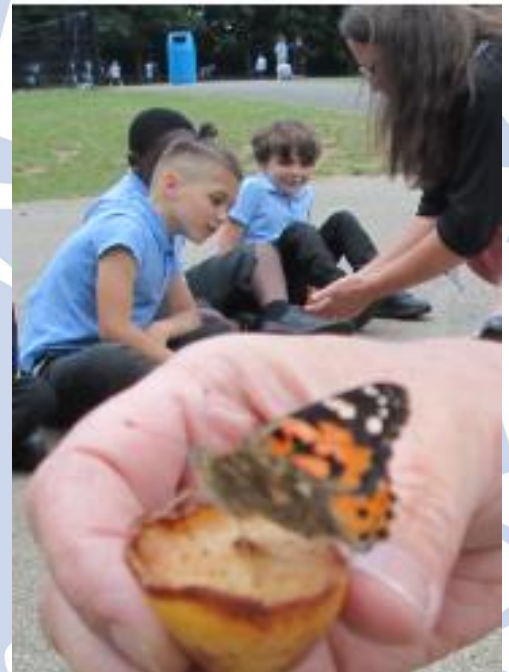
Thank you to everyone who came to our Book Fair. We made a total of £467.82. With this, we were

able to spend £187.15 on these new books for our school library.



News from Year 2

During Science week, Year 2 completed lots of fun learning about animals. We learnt about: their habitats, their lifecycles and food chains. As part of our learning we looked after caterpillars and watched the different stages of their life cycle as they metamorphosed into butterflies.



Year 2 also Enjoyed a Design and Technology day where the children were challenged to design a toy cars using wheels and axels. The design criteria was; to design a toy car that moved, was strong and was attractive to young children. After designing and building the cars, we then tested and evaluated our designs.



All the year 2 children enjoyed our recent trip to Woburn Safari Park. We saw lots of the animals we had been learning about in our science and as we took a guided tour around the road safari the children learnt lots more interesting facts. We dazzled the Woburn staff with our knowledge about food chains in our educational classroom session, and we even had enough time for a ride on the train.



Well done to our Year 3 children who attended the marble run competition at St Paul's www.st-pauls.org.uk The aim was to create a run which took the longest (not the shortest) time for the marble to travel to the bottom. The children's designs worked well and they received a lovely trophy from St Paul's. Thanks to them.



The Year 4s have completed their woodwind tuition with a concert in the school Hall to the Year 3s. Mr O'Malley was in attendance too - and very impressed with what he saw!

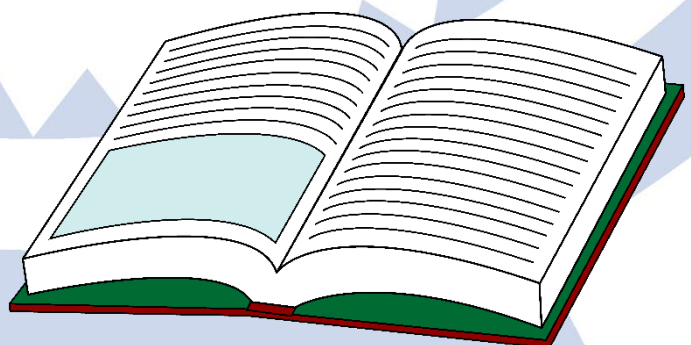


News from Year 5

Year 5 have been looking at Milton Keynes and how it has changed over the last 50 years. Children had the opportunity to research and create their own estate as part of a DT day. We had a great time creating their own buildings and forming a new estate.



Well done to all the children who have worked hard towards their accelerated reading targets over the year- this half term's reward was a trip to the park.



News from Year 6

Year 6 had an excellent three days at Manor Adventure in Norfolk. Activities included raft building, canoeing, fencing and a visit to the beach at Winterton-on-Sea.



The Rainbow Club

Come and join our lively and thriving Breakfast and After School Club!

We have a wide range of activities to meet the needs of every child in a fully inclusive environment.



We are open from 7.30am until 6.00pm and offer great value for money with every session providing a nutritious snack.

Please check us out and sign up on our school website.

Alternatively email Liz.murphy@st-monicas.co.uk for further information. Our fully trained staff offer a friendly service and give you reassurance that your children will be well cared for.

Lost Property

Please can you make sure your child's full name is on each item of school uniform which they bring to school as we have had a lot of lost property already this year. If your child's property is named clearly it is likely to get back to them very quickly - unnamed uniform is much more likely to remain unrecovered.

Looking for Name Labels?

Name labels are the latest initiative from (our PTA) FOSM.

St Monica's is registered with Stikins, a family owned business, which promotes a school fundraising scheme through which the school can receive 30% commission on every order placed quoting the school reference number (21229).

Why choose Stikins Name Labels?

1. Easy to use!

Stikins® name labels are made of an advanced material; all you have to do is stick them onto the wash-care label of clothes. They are a one-size, multipurpose label, which can also be used on school items such as shoes, plastic boxes, water bottles, pencil cases etc.

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<https://st-monicas.co.uk/information/uniform-and-dress-code/>



We print labels every working day
up to 3pm & send them out same day
by first class post.

Packs	2021 Prices
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Parking

We constantly have complaints from neighbours about disruption from parking, particularly at the end of the school day. Please can you park observing the rules of the road, including with regard to stopping in the middle of the road and parking on yellow lines? Please do not block parking spaces, junctions, driveways or park on corners of the paths.



Attendance figures



St Joan – 5FC



St Lucy – 4KB



**St Augustine
– 5MS**

Group	% Attend
St. Joan	96.3
St. Lucy	95.4
St. Augustine	95.4
St. Thomas	94.9
St. Clare	94.5
St. Francis	94.4
St. Peter	94.3
St. Joseph	94.3
St. Therese	94.1
St. James	93.8
St. Luke	93.5
St. Mark	93.1
St. Catherine	91.2



**Attendance
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

Diary Dates

Week no.	Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	5-Sep-2022	Back to school	Nursery visit- new intake	Nursery Opens		
2	12-Sep-2022					
3	19-Sep-2022					
4	26-Sep-2022					Well-being Day
5	3-Oct-2022		Mass at St Augustine's			Stay and Pray Y4AP - 9.00am
6	10-Oct-2022			Victorian Day- Y6		School Photos
7	17-Oct-2022	St Paul's Welcome Mass ----- PTA- AGM 6:30pm	Y2 Nature Walk		Y5 Greek day in Hall	CAFOD 'Brighten up this Harvest' Wear own clothes day
8	24-Oct-2022					