

# St Monica's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Pentecost Term

July 2023

## News from the school

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to the last letter of this academic year.

We have had a really successful end to the year with highlights including:

- Our best ever end KS2 SATs results (well done to the Year 6 children and the staff)
- A successful RE inspection (thanks to all of you for your support, including so many replies to the parent questionnaire.
- Winning Catholic Schools Sports (well done to all the children and staff, including Mr Cranston and Mrs Parlett).

We wish our leaving staff, including Mrs Cosstick, Mr Stothers, Mrs Barton and Mrs Ford, all the best for their new roles, including in Dubai and in Ireland. Thanks to all of them for all they have done for the children and families of the school.

Thank you to all of you for supporting the school in so many events this term, including our Sports Days and Stay and Pray sessions which have had great attendance. Thanks to FOSM and its leaders for again providing great opportunities for the children over this year.

Thank also to so many of you for your support for me as Headteacher over the last 7 years. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with you and your children. This has been the school I have most enjoyed working in and I will look back on it as a school in which I have learnt a lot and had a great time.

All the best to Miss Shanahan and Miss Collins, who both attended St Monica's as children, in their new roles. I am confident that they will do a great job in serving you and your children.

*Mr O'Malley*  
Headteacher





## Accelerated Reader Prize

Double congratulations to Yellow House!

They have won the end of term Accelerated Reader prize and have also won the prize for the academic Year 2022/23.

Well done to all House colours. This year you read 14,550 books and a total of 86,173,405 words.





## News from Nursery

We have had a busy term in Nursery. We have been learning about Animals. Linda brought her tortoise Travis in for a visit and we also had a farm visit us. Nursery also held their own Sports Day which we all enjoyed taking part in and were very proud of the medals we won.





## News from Reception

Reception have had very busy final term at school. This term we have had a lovely sports day where the children showed us that they enjoy healthy competition and have fun taking part. We also had a brilliant trip to Safari MK where all the children used their physical skills while having fun with their friends. Last week the children benefited from some farm animals coming to visit, all the children enjoyed the opportunity to touch the animals and find out more about them. More recently we finished our learning on the topic of Italy in style and so we made and ate our very own pizzas! It was a lovely experience for all the children.





In literacy Year 3 have been learning about persuasive writing. The children wrote some fantastic letters to Mr O'Malley using lots of persuasive techniques and they successfully persuaded him to join us for a picnic in the woods.

In computing, the children have learnt how to create a presentation. They have produced some impressive presentations all about themselves including their favourite foods, animals and hobbies. They also included slides on how they intend to look after our world, linking with our RE topic.

Through our partnership with St Pauls, the children in Year 3 took part in a STEM project to create a marble run. St Pauls provided us with all of the resources and the children made some brilliant marble runs in small groups. Four lucky children were also selected to take part in an epic marble run event with other primary schools held at St Pauls. They had a wonderful time!





## News from Year 6

### Leaver's Mass

On Tuesday 11th July, Father Emmanuel came to lead our Leaver's Mass for our Year 6's who are leaving St Monica's to go their new secondary schools and for staff who are also leaving St Monica's. Remember the key points from Fr Emmanuel's Homily: Gratitude, Don't be afraid, Love everybody and pick your friends wisely.

Thank you to all the parents who attended.

### Aladdin Trouble

Congratulations to Year 6 for their fantastic performances in 'Aladdin Trouble'. The children have worked extremely hard to learn their lines, acting roles and songs. Well done everybody!

Aladdin  
TROUBLE

### Manor Adventure

On Friday 30th May- Sunday 2nd July, 39 Year 6's went on their residential trip to Manor Adventure in Norfolk.

We had a fun filled weekend with the children taking part in: kayaking, paddleboarding, rock climbing, raft building, archery, blind train, aroo-ball and activities around a camp fire.

On our way home on Sunday, we stopped at the beach to have a quick run about and some ice cream.

Staff were very proud of all the children who were really well behaved and gave all the activities a go, including jumping in the lake!





## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the Book Fair. We made £441.56.

We were able to get these books for our school library, thanks to everyone who bought books.



## Word Millionaires

Congratulations to all of these children who became Word Millionaires this year.

They celebrated their success with pizza and Ice lollies.





## Catholic Sports Day

In June, this incredible team of children celebrated winning the trophy for Catholic Sports which was held at St Paul's School.

We came first place in most events and won all of the Tug of War competitions.

Congratulations to everyone involved!



## MK Instrumental celebration

In June, Mrs Hayes, Mrs Phillips and I (Mrs Daggett) took some of our guitarists and violinists to the Ridgeway Centre in Wolverton Mill for the annual Milton Keynes Music Hub Instrumental Celebration.

The Y4/5 violin group got a special award for 'Ensemble Skills'. It was a brilliant afternoon and our children, as always, were a credit to our school. Application, concentration and exemplary behaviour.





## Pre-loved Uniform Shop

Thank you for the parent donations of uniforms. We will be collecting donations again in September. Our pre loved sale will carry on next term and the date will be announced in September. Any lost property not collected this term will be donated to our pre loved uniform shop.

We are still accepting donations of uniform in our office.

Please check outside the school office if your child has lost an item.

## 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 and/or meal.

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

Alternatively email [Rainbowclub@st-monicas.co.uk](mailto:Rainbowclub@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?

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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.







**St Joan – 5DB**



**St Peter – 6MS**



**St Mark – 4LD**

Group	% Attend
St. Joan	96.2
St. Peter	95.9
St. Mark	95.6
St. Joseph	95.5
St. Augustine	95.4
St. Lucy	94.6
St. Catherine	94.3
St. Clare	94.2
St. James	93.7
St. Thomas	93.3
St. Therese	92.8
St. Matthew	92.2
St. Luke	91.8
Average	94.3



**Attendance  
Matters**

Every student. Every day.