



St. Mark's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher Mrs. D. Linley



Friday 8th October 2021



Hello parents,

This week in school, we have started to use 'Widget', this is a resource that allows staff in school to create visual communication and learning support resources, (the images appear above the words to help aid understanding). As a school, we strive to be as inclusive as possible, so that ALL learners can make the progress they are capable of. If your child receives widget images in their homework, please support them by talking about the meaning of the images as well as the words.

On Wednesday this week, every Key Stage 2 class had a workshop on Racism, please see some of the children's responses to these workshops below. We will *always* be a school that refuses to tolerate racism, and I am very proud of how well the children discussed this topic in classes afterwards – well done!

"Racism isn't just about making fun of people's skin, it is religion and culture too." Ali (Year 4)

" Racism is something we shouldn't do. It isn't nice to be rude to people because of the colour of their skin. God made us all different and like him." Elisia (Year 4)

"We celebrate the achievements of black people during October. There's no room for racism this month or any month." Raphael (Year 6)

"Stereotypes are when people make judgments about other groups of people, thinking they're all the same. They're not always fair and nice, especially about race." Trae (Year 6)



Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Linley and the St. Mark's Team

School Council Announcement Harvest Mass

Following our assembly on food waste in the world, our school counsellors invite you to donate any excess food you may have at home to support those in need in our local community, at this special time of harvest. This is an opportunity for us to give thanks for all that we have, and for those who help to grow and prepare our food. It is also a real opportunity for us to think about others who may not have enough to eat and prevent any food wastage within our homes and school. Please support us by making a donation gift of **tinned and packaged food** by Thursday 14th October. All food produce will be donated to the Fireside Centre which caters for the vulnerable and homeless people in our own city. Please be as generous as you possibly can. Donated food should be sent into classes and all food will be gathered during our harvest mass.



Presentation Points

In order for children to score 100 points, all children need to be dressed in the correct uniform every day - that means no trainers unless they have been asked to wear them, no nail varnish, no earrings and red school jumpers please.

Reception - 94

Year 1 – 96

Year 2 – 98

Year 3 - 98

Year 4 - 94

Year 5 - 98

Year 6 - 96

Well done Years 2, 3 & 5
Keep up the good work!



Attendance figures so far this term

Reception – 94.6%

Year 1 – 94.2%

Year 2 – 98.6%

Year 3 – 99.4%

Year 4 – 98.5%

Year 5 – 96%

Year 6 – 96.6%



Well done everyone but in particular well done to **year 3** who have the highest attendance so far! Keep it up!

Congratulations & Well Done!



We would like to say a big well done to the following pupils for receiving a Congratulations certificate this week. Keep up the great work!



Reception: Caelan & Ariana

Year 1: Anhad & Sofia

Year 2: Harpreet & Julia

Year 3: Fionn & Aaryan

Year 4: Palvi & Anah-Lia

Year 5: Raman & Savaun

Year 6: Kian & Mya

Healthy Eaters

This week's Healthy Eaters awards go to, Ibraheem in Reception and Piotr in year 1. Well done both of you and keep making healthy food choices!



Wednesday Word - Sharing the Gospel

Please click on the following link to access this spiritual resource to share with your family and friends:



<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/happiness?pid=MTA101634&v=40.3>

Our values for this half term are Eloquent and Truthful

Our children are growing to be eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relationship between people and the world. This half term our children's mission is to consider when we talk to each other, how we choose our words - we should do so carefully so they are kind and compassionate, and don't hurt others. Please help your children to write prayers focussed on our virtues when they bring home the prayer bag.

Values & Virtues of the Week

- Reception** – Mikilaj for remembering some of the creation story and for being kind to God's creations.
- Year 1** - Tida for always caring for and being kind to her friends.
- Year 2** - Isaac for being supportive and showing care towards others.
- Year 3** - Kaid for always speaking respectfully to his friends and teachers.
- Year 4** - Eline for being caring and compassionate towards others.
- Year 5** - Christina for being a great role model to the reception children.
- Year 6** - Aadam for a big improvement in using his manners around school.



TOP STAR EARNERS OF THE WEEK



Well done to the following children for earning the most stars this week!!

(YR) Spirit
(Y1) Dior
(Y3) Hena
(Y5) Freya
(Y6) Kimaya

(YR) Ibraheem
(Y2) Joey
(Y3) Nathan
(Y5) Raman

(YR) Aisha
(Y2) Sophie
(Y4) Madhav
(Y5) Raiyaana

(Y1) Julia
(Y2) Tia
(Y4) Anah-Lia
(Y6) Preeti

(Y1) Luca
(Y3) Suriyah
(Y4) Palvi
(Y6) Raphael

Update on Parents' Evening on Thursday 22nd October

Next week you will receive an email about how to book your child's appointment for Parents' Evening. We will be giving you the option of booking a meeting online via Microsoft Teams or attending a face-to-face meeting with your child's class teacher in the school hall.

If attending in person, we ask that no children attend and no more than 2 adults per child please. This is to keep numbers to a minimum and we politely request that masks are worn to face-to-face appointments. Please do not attend an appointment in person if you have any Covid symptoms.

Appointment slots will be for **10 minutes only**, please appreciate that there are other parents for members of staff to speak to and you can raise any concerns/queries at any point with your child's class teacher.

School Term Dates

Autumn Term 2021

Friday 22nd October is a staff INSET day so school is closed to all pupils
Half term: Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October 2021
Term ends: Friday 17th December 2021

Spring Term 2022

School opens: Tuesday 4th January 2022

