

# St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School

'As we grow with God, we learn from each other.'



## School News 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

What a wonderful first half term we have had! Some highlights have included the reintroduction of class assemblies, seeing the children's wonderful work displayed in the hall for this half term's focus and as a school community being so generous with the donations given at the 'Harvest Mass' for St Chad's Sanctuary.

School reopens for the new half term on November 6<sup>th</sup> – Orchard club will be open for before school provision as normal.

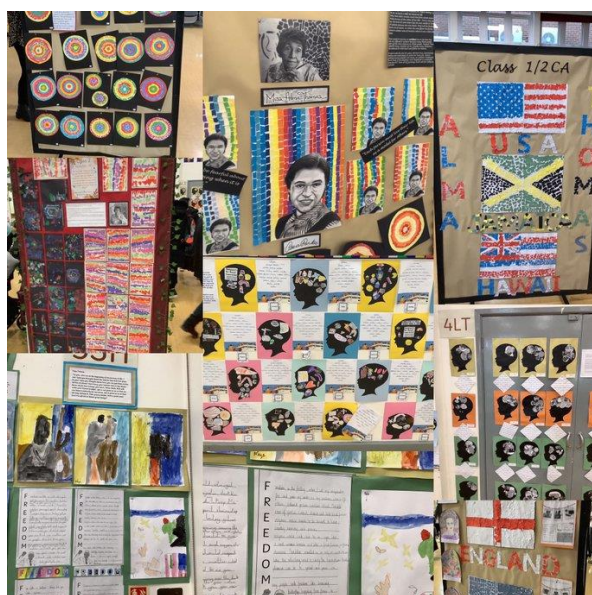
Have a lovely half term break!

### Harvest Collection

Thank you for giving so generously to help those in need at St Chad's Sanctuary. Children have helped organise the donations and Mr Wallace will be delivering this.



### Exhibition of Children's Work – Dignity of the Human Person



Last Friday, it was lovely to see so many parents, grandparents and family members join us to view the children's exhibition of work. As part of Black History Month, children had been learning about influential black men and women who have made an impact across the world. The figures chosen by teaching staff were people who encompassed our theme in school this term: Dignity of the Human Person. The artwork and writing were of an excellent standard!



### Collective Worship

Thank you to Mr King's class who led the Harvest Mass this week, where we offered the donations from our families to those in need. After half term, Miss Krukun's class will lead Mass on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Masses for next half term are on our school website.

Yesterday, Miss Henrick's class led parents and UKS2 in collective worship for their class assembly. They reminded us that we must always follow Jesus' example of 'loving our neighbour,' and treating everyone with respect as we are all made in God's image and likeness.



On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November, we invite the parents of Mr Pell's class to join us for collective worship as they lead us in a Phase Assembly. Assembly will begin at 9.15am. Do join us if you can.

### KS1 and the Animal Man



As part of their Science Unit, 'Animals and Living Things,' Key Stage 1 had a visit from the Animal Man and his animals! They asked some great questions and learnt lots about how to care for God's creatures.



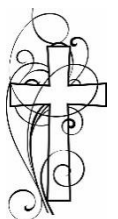
### Mini Vinnie News

The Mini- Vinnies held a cake sale after school! The children worked really hard to organise, bake (with some help from home!) and set up this, in order to raise money for charity. Thank you for showing your commitment to the Mini-Vinnie's and for those of you who supported their cake sale. Money raised will be announced next half term.



### November: the Month of the Holy Souls

During November, we pray and remember all saints who have gone to heaven and for all the faithfully departed. If you would like us to pray for a loved one who has died, please add their name to our book of Remembrance, which will be in the school foyer.



### School Diary

Our school diary has now synchronised with our school website, so if you need to check future events such as assemblies or educational visits, please check on here. We will continue to also inform you of upcoming events in the newsletter and by emailing dates out.

Things do get added as the term goes on as we get offered different opportunities to give our children a rich variety of experiences.

### Reminder for Year 6 Parents:

**Message from Birmingham City Council for Parents of Year 6 children:**

Parent/carers of children live in Birmingham, and are born between 01/09/2012 - 31/08/2013 **must** submit an online application for their child to transfer by the national closing date of **31 October 2023**: [Before you apply: researching schools](#) | [Apply for a secondary school \(year 7\) place](#) | [Birmingham City Council](#)

Pupils that do not live in Birmingham need to make an application via the Local Authority that they pay their Council Tax to.

### Nursery and Reception Open Morning:

Do you have a child or know someone who is due to begin Nursery or Reception in September 2024? Join us for an opening morning on either Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10am or Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 10am.



Register your attendance at:

[St. Dunstan's Catholic Primary School - Open Events 2023 \(stdunstans.bham.sch.uk\)](http://stdunstans.bham.sch.uk)

### Key Dates for November:

- 6/11/23 – 17/11/23: Y4LT Swimming
- 8/11/23: Y3EK Mass
- 9/11/23: Y5CP Class Assembly
- 9/11/23: Nursery and Reception (EYFS) Open Morning
- 11/11/23: Y6 Confirmation Mass and Preparation session (5.30pm – Church)
- 15/11/23: Y2VC Mass
- 16/11/23: Little Lambs Pre-School Group
- 18/11/23: Nursery and Reception (EYFS) Open Morning
- 20/11/23: EYFS Inspire Workshop
- 21/11/23: Year 1 Inspire Workshop
- 22/11/23: Year 1/2 Mass
- 23/11/23: Year 5 Inspire Workshop
- 24/11/23: Year 6 Inspire Workshop
- 28/11/23: Year 2 Inspire Workshop
- 29/11/23: Year 1JH Mass
- 30/11/23: Year 4 Inspire Workshop
- 30/11/23: Little Lambs Pre-School Group
- 1/12/23: Year 3 Inspire Workshop





## Maths & Writing Champions

	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Maths</b>
<b>RecVB</b>	Cherrie	Lola
<b>RecEA</b>	Abigail	Shay
<b>1JH</b>	Monty	Yara
<b>1/2CA</b>	Kaeden	Roda
<b>2VC</b>	Qavi	Jaxson
<b>3EK</b>	Yethuli	Mekdelawit
<b>3/4AK</b>	Arnold	Troy
<b>4LT</b>	Lailah	Thomas
<b>5SH</b>	Joseph	Maya
<b>5CP</b>	Jeffrey	Hughie
<b>6LD</b>	Katherine	Zac