

St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School

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



School News 24th November

Happy Friday!!

This week was the first week of our History block so please do ask your children what they've been learning. All information about the history units can be found on the website so have a look, I know lots of children have enjoyed completing extra research at home. Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King where we glory in the majesty of Christ as a man and bestow upon him the honour of royalty. It's the final Sunday in the liturgical year and next Sunday, we're in to the season of Advent. As we celebrate the Solemnity, I'm reminded of something I put in a previous newsletter that seems ever more relevant when we see what's happening in the world at the moment.

In the current environment, we all need to take care of our own mental health and the mental health of those we come into contact with.

Be thoughtful, be kind and be understanding.

Have a lovely weekend



Collective Worship

Thank you to Y1/2CA who led us so wonderfully in Mass this week on the Feast of St Cecilia, and to those who joined us in Church. Fr John reminded us to put our God-given talents to good use, as Jesus taught in the Parable of the Talents – Wednesday's gospel. Next Wednesday, Y1JH will lead us in Mass and you are all welcome to join us.

Inspire Workshops

This week, we have had lots of parents joining their child's learning at our Inspire Workshops! Parents from Reception, Year 1, Year 5 and Year 6 could see first-hand the learning that takes place in school, and how they can support them at home. Thank you to all those who were able to spend time helping their children learn. There will be other opportunities throughout the year if you were unable to attend.



These will continue next week:

Tuesday 28th: Year 2 – Maths & Reading

Thursday 30th: Year 4 – Maths

Friday 1st: Year 3 – Reading, Handwriting and Maths



Dignity of the Human Person



Our theme this term is 'Dignity of the Human Person,' and all children's learning is focused around this, reminding them that every person is made in God's image and likeness. Pope Francis reminds us that "Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the old, the poor, the unborn are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image deserving of the utmost reverence and respect". Therefore it was wonderful to see our youngest children in school, Reception, learning to be proud of their culture, faith, beliefs and themselves.

A great example to us all from our youngest pupils!!

Last week we raised £250 for Children in Need which really fits in with the theme – thank you for your kindness!

Advent Christmas Charities – Thank you in advance for your kindness

If your child is in KS2 we are asking for them to bring in toys (new and still in their packaging) to support the Birmingham Irish Toy appeal. Bishop Challoner and their feeder schools have all committed to support this great cause in ensuring that NO child in our city doesn't have a gift to unwrap this Christmas. **Toys will be accepted from next week up until the 14th December** and we will deliver them to Bishop Challoner.

If your child is in Nursery up to KS2 we are asking them to support the shoebox appeal. This is also aimed at ensuring the city's most vulnerable children and young adults have something to smile about on Christmas morning. The list of items is below and will be accepted from **Monday 4th – Friday 8th December**.

If anyone in the school has an empty shoe box they wish to donate, please bring it in anytime. We'll be wrapping them up so don't worry what's on them!!

Both appeals fit in with the spirit of Advent and the theme of Dignity for the human person so again, thank you in advance for supporting us this Advent.



Mini-Vinnie News

Some of our Mini-Vinnie's Group were invited by Bishop Challenor to visit The Entertainer in Touchwood and choose toys for the Toy Appeal. They represented the school wonderfully and came back to school full of Christmas spirit!



Key Dates for November and December:

- 28/11/23: Year 2 Inspire Workshop
- 29/11/23: Year 1JH Mass
- 30/11/23: Year 4 Inspire Workshop
- 30/11/23: Little Angels Pre-School Group (9.15am)
- 1/12/23: Year 3 Inspire Workshop
- 1/12/23: Final day payment for Y3/4 Selly Manor Trip
- 6/12/23: Year 6ZG Mass
- 8/12/23: Year 5 and 6 Ancient Greek Workshop
- 12/12/23: PTA Reception and Key Stage 1 Christmas Disco
- 13/12/23: Year 6LD Mass
- 14/12/23: Year 3 and 4 Trip to Selly Manor
- 14/12/23: PTA KS2 Christmas Disco
- 18/12/23: EYFS Nativity
- 19/12/23: KS1 Nativity
- 20/12/23: Year 5CP Mass
- 20/12/23: Christmas Dinner
- 20/12/23: KS2 Christmas Concert
- 21/12/23: PTA Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale
- 21/12/23: Aladdin Theatre Production – KS1/KS2
- 22/12/23: Break Up for Christmas Break at 1.30pm

Stars of the Week



Maths & Writing Champions



Livesimply



	Writing Champion	Maths Whizz Kid
RecVB	Jaxon	Lola
RecEA	Isla	Rayan
1JH	Jaelynn	Esther
1/2CA	Cecilia	Sofo
2VC	Isaac	Christopher
3EK	Nia	Daniel
3/4AK	Aarin	Chikamsø
4LT	Rosie	Ivy
5SH	Tiana	Elizabeth
5CP	Zac	Selena
6LD	Erin	Tristan
6ZG	Maizie	Theo