

St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School

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



School News 8th March 2024

A great end to the week with two teams taking part in football matches. Our Year 3/4 footballers were in a festival at Christ Church organised by Bishop Challoner. It was the first time they'd played and they put in some great performances and we're very proud of their three victories and the manner in which they took defeat – some cracking goals too. Every school played in the right manner and a big thank you to the pupils who refereed the games.

Our Y5/6 team came third in their tournament at Birmingham City's training ground. They competed against other Catholic schools in our Tolkien Cluster. Thank you to Mr Wallace for driving the team over and Miss Darby for coaching them.

If your daughter does want to get involved in football, we sent out information last week so do look at joining a club!



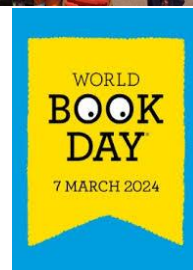
World Book Day celebrations!!



I think it's fair to say that the children and staff had great fun yesterday as we celebrated our love of reading. We went with the theme of 'Heroes & Villains' so obviously the staff were the villains! There were some amazing costumes so a big thank you to parents who supported us by getting their children looking great. A big thank you to the staff who also threw themselves in to the spirit of the day.

The whole point of it is to encourage more reading so please do make sure you go and spend your book token and let us know what you've chosen to buy. It's only by trying different kinds of books that we find out what we like.

Thank you all!!



Parent workshops



Thank you to those parents and family members who have attended their child's Parent workshop this week – we have more to come next week so if you haven't been yet, check the dates!

We love inviting you in so you can see what we do in class. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive so it's obvious that you enjoy the opportunity to come and work with us to support your child's learning. There will be further opportunity in the summer term and the dates will go out after Easter.

Prayer & Liturgy

Thank you to Mrs Campbell's class who led the school Mass this week. The readers were very confident and it was a beautiful service. Next week it will be Miss Anderson's class that will be leading the school. Please do join us if you are able – 9.30am in church.

Mrs Campbell's class are also leading their phase in prayer and liturgy on Thursday for their class assemble. Parents are welcome to join us in the school hall at 9.15am.

Parish visits

Fr John and Fr Toby have been in this week. On Monday Fr John came over to talk to our Y3 children who are preparing for the sacraments and on Wednesday the Catholic children of years 4 and 5 received the sacrament of reconciliation as we had confessions in school. Our thanks to both of our priests for supporting our school and families in our faith journey



Parent & teacher meetings – 15th March

Our booking system for the parent/teacher meetings is open now so please do choose a time that suits you. This is the first time we are trying this new system where the times will be some during the day and some later to suit parents who are in work. Mrs Healy will be available for those parents with a child with SEND. There will be staff here to look after the children if you need to bring them with you to school and of course there will be the opportunity to look at your child's work.

Update on the MUGA

It seems like ages since we were able to use our MUGA but at last, the end is in sight! The foundations have been re-laid and the tarmac is close to being finished so we should be in a position to re-lay the artificial grass next week and then get playing again! It hasn't been easy to manage with so much of our playground out of action but the children have been brilliant. A special thank you to Mr Wallace who has been on hand at all hours to ensure the site was open for the workers and safe for us all whilst the work was taking place.

Y3 Parent Meeting – 11th MaRCH @ 3.45

A reminder that there is a meeting for all parents in Year 3 who wish their child to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion at 3.45pm on Monday 11th March. The meeting will take place in the school hall, so once you've collected your child make your way round to the main reception where you will be welcomed by staff. The next Mass and preparation session is on Saturday 16th March at 5.30pm.

Y6 Parent Meeting – 8th May @ 3.45

Advanced notice: There will be a short meeting for Parents in Y6 on the 8th May to discuss how SATs week will run and the details for the trip to Alton Castle. There will of course be an opportunity for you to ask questions that you may have.

Please collect your child and make your way to the main entrance where one of the Y6 staff will welcome you

Attendance and Punctuality:

St Dunstan's Attendance League Spring Term 2 – League Table

Position	Class	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	Points
1	6LD	2	2	0	0	6
1	3EK	2	2	0	0	6
1	1/2CA	2	2	0	0	6
2	5CP	2	1	1	0	4
2	2VC	2	1	1	0	4
3	RVB	2	1	0	1	3
3	REA	2	1	0	1	3
3	4LT	2	1	0	1	3
4	1JH	2	0	0	2	0
4	3/4AK	2	0	0	2	0
4	5SH	2	0	0	2	0
4	6ZG	2	0	0	2	0

You will receive a letter informing you of your child's Attendance Stage and how many days off they have had off from school this year. These are sent whether or not your child has moved up a stage or remained on the same stage. During Monday's Prayer and Liturgy, we announced the match winners for our Attendance Premier League and with two weeks to go, this is how the league table stands:

Punctuality:

It is important that your child is on time for every day that they are in school, so that they do not miss out on any learning opportunities. Children who are in on time are entered into a weekly random draw and these were Monday's lucky winners!



Whole school Lates:

Week commencing:	Total:
19/2/24	30
26/2/24	19
4/3/24	24

Key Dates for the Spring Term:

March
Monday 11th - 9.15am - Year 4 Parent Inspire Workshop - One parent/grandparent per child, School Hall
Monday 11th - 3.45pm - Meeting for Y3 parents and children making their Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, School Hall
Wednesday 13th - 9.15am - Year 5 Parent Inspire Workshop - One parent/grandparent per child, School Hall
Thursday 14th - 9.15am Y2VC Class Assembly, Mrs Campbell's Class. Parents welcome
Friday 15th - School Closed for children. Parents' Consultations 12pm-5.30pm
Saturday 16th - 5.30pm Y3 Reconciliation Preparation Mass and Session
Thursday 21st - 9.00am- 10.15am - Little Angel's Pre-school Group, Nursery
Friday 22nd - Y5/6 Boys Football
Friday 22nd - 1.30pm Stations of the Cross, St Dunstan's Church. All welcome
Friday 22nd - School closes for Easter holidays at 3.30pm

Stars of the Week!



Writers and Mathematicians of the week!

	Writing Champion	Maths Champion
RecVB	Zak	Dunsimi
RecEA	Willow	Aisling
1JH	Jaelynn	James
1/2CA	Felix	Eva
2VC	Aurora	Dania
3EK	Penelope	TillyW
3/4AK	Marley	Ali
4LT	Breyden	Aoife
5SH	Davina	Harry
5CP	Elijah	Jayden
6LD	Pak Long	Aaminah
6ZG	Aadam	Eimear