



St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary
School,
Shawsdale Road,
Castle Bromwich,
Birmingham,
B36 8LY.
0121 675 3319

NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th January 2023

Newsletter No.18

<https://www.stwilfrd.bham.sch.uk/web>



@stwilfridrc

Interim Executive Headteacher : Mrs H Milligan
Interim Head of School : Mrs L Husted



We strive to follow Christ example , to always do our best

Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

We hope you have had a lovely week—as lovely as ours.

Our new phonics scheme—Little Wandle—is well under way now, and we have already seen some progress, of which we are very proud. Well done staff and children.

Mr Conway, one of our fabulous governors came in to visit school this week. As well as helping out in our Nursery garden, and helping the children with their eco friendly bird feeders, he planted some new apple trees, with our Stewards of Creation (more on that later) and had a walk round school to find out about what we have been learning. He was very impressed by the calm environment...even at home time, and learned more about what happens in school.

Thank you to Year 3, for leading our Mass yesterday—you read so well. Mass led by Year 2 next week- all welcome!

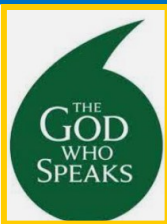




NEWSLETTER

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

The God who Speaks



This week in Gospel Liturgy, we shared a reading from the Corinthians. We reflected upon the value of EVERYBODY and thanked God for the **DIVERSE** family that we are.

¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be?

Our MINI—MISSION this week has been to find out more about our diverse family!

Virtues Award

Infants

Kaiden (2B)

Juniors

Aurora (6G)

Right of the Week



Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practice their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.

Talk to your children about DIVERSITY in religion—what is your religion? What do you believe? Do they have a friend of another religion? What do they believe? Can they find out?



Virtues of the Half Term



Eloquent and Truthful

This half term, we are learning to be more Eloquent and Truthful.

Today, we started to add to our Twitter feed, information about the charities/groups who our classes wish to support during Lent. Our children are planning videos where they eloquently explain the reasons for their choices.

Today we start with Year 6.

Look on Twitter to find out...





NEWSLETTER

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Dates For Your Calendar

Date	Event
Wednesday 4th Jan	Return to school
Friday 6th Jan	Reception eye tests—THESE WERE UNAVOIDABLY CANCELLED TODAY BY THE NURSING TEAM AND WILL BE REARRANGED
Monday 9th Jan	Y3 Stone Age Workshop—PAYMENT ON PARENT PAY AND OPTION TO WEAR COSTUME
Mon 30th Jan—am	Y5 and 6 West Midlands Police Workshop— Knife Crime
Monday 30th Jan—pm	R and Y6 Heights and Weights— POSTPONED by visiting practitioners
Wed 1st March	Nursery World Book Day
Thursday 2nd march	World Book day Rec—Y6
Wednesday 8th Feb	Cafod Assembly
Thursday 9th Feb	Parent Coffee Morning—come and have a catch up!
Thursday 16th Feb	Y5 Maths Challenge
Friday 17th Feb	Break up for half term
Wednesday 22nd Feb	Ash Wednesday (this is during half term)
Spring 2	Lenten Acts of Service - watch this space
Wednesday 1st March	Father Hudson's Assembly
Monday 13th March	Sublime Science Workshop -small charge on Parent Pay
Tuesday 21st March	Class Photos
Friday 31st March	Break up for Easter Holidays

Experiences for the children

With the cost of living crisis weighing heavy upon us, we appreciate that extra costs are difficult to factor in.

For this reason, we have kept money we ask for in school to as little as possible.

Thankyou for when you do send donations.

However, when we do ask for donations, we would ask if you could please contribute as we can not afford to pay for these extras from school budget—which is also very tight, due to rising fuel costs etc.

Having to cover the majority of the cost of experiences is just not possible for us and will mean that the number of experiences are reduced even more.

We continue to try to provide extra experiences in creative ways to keep costs low.

A Reminder of our Teacher Days for the Coming Academic Year

~~Monday 5th September 2022~~

~~Tuesday 6th September 2022~~

~~Monday 17th October 2022~~

~~Tuesday 3rd January 2023~~

Monday 5th June 2023





NEWSLETTER

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Awards

Class	Name/s
Nurs	Molly-Mae
RCT	Aayhan
RNM	Oluwaseunla
1DG	Anabia
1M	Zayn
2B	Abubaker
2G	Abubakr
3M	Ashayla
3P	Reico-J
4B	Aimal
4P	George
5P	Mayla
5W	Lottie
6G	Eliezer
6W	Shaan
Wise Owl	Lacey-Mae, Iga (6W),
Sport	Hussain (2B)
Lunchtime	Logan (1M), Kevin (4P), 1M & 6W

Star Awards—well done everybody!



Each week, we celebrate our children's achievements in our Friday assembly and award them with certificates.

Well done to everyone!

Miss Turner's Walk Once A Week Award



Keep Walking—who will win the award for January for walking the most? Watch this space!



Attendance—period 16th—20th January 2023

Our whole school attendance target is 95%



Class	%
RCT	92.2%
RNM	91.4%
1DG	92.4%
1M	85%
2B	91.5%
2G	88.7%
3M	92.5%
3P	89%
4B	93.6%
4P	90%
5P	91.3%
5W	86.1%
6G	92.4%
6W	95.5%

Last weeks whole school attendance was: 90.9%



NEWSLETTER

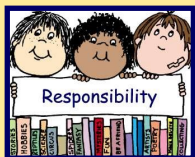
READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Rights and Responsibilities

"Each person is therefore called to contribute with courage and determination...to the respect of the fundamental rights of every person..." - Pope Benedict



This half term, we are putting a focus on RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.



The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met.

This half term, we are encouraging the children to consider their responsibility in helping the rights of others to be met.

One of the ways in which we, as a school, support the rights of our families is through the work of our Pastoral Team and our Friends of St Wifrid's Group. See the leaflet attached about our next planned **COFFEE MORNING** on **THURSDAY 9th FEBRUARY at 9am ONWARDS**

This is an opportunity to meet up and recharge with a drink and a biscuit!



Our children live our school Mission every single day—"We follow Christ's example to always do our best".

This half term, we will be preparing to **TAKE ACTION** after half term with our **Lenten Acts of Service**. This half term, children will be delving into research about groups/charities/members of society who they feel it is their responsibility to support.

Please talk to your children about this. So far we have had two charities suggested to us. Please take some time to look at them.

<https://www.alisoncope.com/>

<https://www.theteddyrosefoundation.org/>





NEWSLETTER

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Student Ambassadors

What AMAZING leaders—walking examples of Gospel teachings—"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." Philippians 2:3-4



Stewards of Creation

Congratulations to our newly appointed 'green team'—our Stewards of Creation! Miss Donald, and her wonderful band of recycling ambassadors, regularly empty our recycling bags to ensure that our paper waste is going to the correct place. They will shortly be asking for donations to buy new bags to replace our old damaged ones.

Meanwhile, Hadia, Hiba and Lucy planted our new apple trees with Mr Conway, our wonderful Governor! These trees were kindly donated by National Trust and we can't wait for them to grow and start providing us with apples!

House Captains

NEW HOUSE CAPTAIN

COMPETITION!

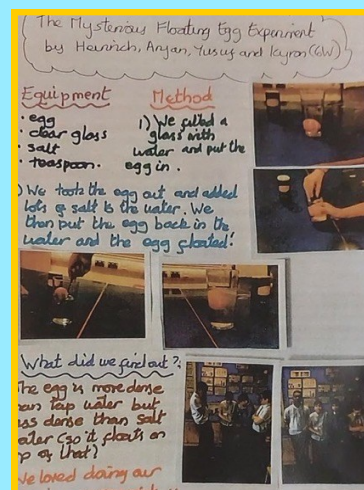
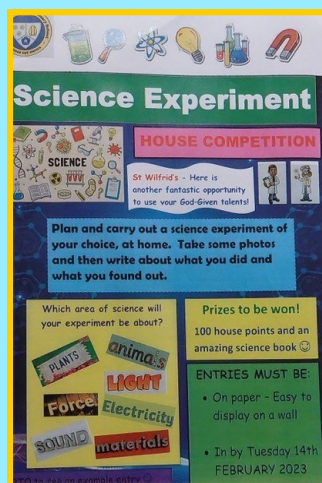
CARRY OUT A SCIENCE EXPERIMENT AT HOME and BRING IN PICTURES AND AN EXPLANATION.

Explore God's wonderful world through the world of science!

Will you experiment with plants, light, electricity, force, materials?

YOU MUST ASK AN ADULT TO HELP YOU...DO NOT DO THIS ALONE!

Winners get 100 house points and a fun science book!



Faith Leaders

Thank you to William, Lacey and Angel for updating our God who Speaks quotes this week, linked to our Catholic Social Teaching for this half term. As you know, we are planning our Lenten Acts of Service—our community has a responsibility to help others and, as the wonderful Mother Teresa once said:

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."





NEWSLETTER

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Community News

St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School
Pastoral Team x FOSW invites you for

COFFEE



CONVERSATION

The Firs hub & other professionals will
be attending

Thursday February 9, 2023
From 9am
School Hall
#TimeToTalkDay





NEWSLETTER

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Reading

WORLD BOOK DAY!

ADVANCED NOTICE

We are very excited to be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday March 2nd 2023 . This will be on Wednesday 1st March for Nursery.

One of our aims this year, is to develop enjoyment for reading and we certainly intend to do this!

In celebration of this special day, we will be

- inviting the children to dress up as their favourite book character... and hold a parade to share these costumes with you!
- bring in their favourite book to share
- share stories across the age ranges
- the grand opening of our 'book nook'
- many more fun activities organised by the School Council!



We have been busy behind the scenes organising our new library. Next week, we have a special visitor in school organising our books into abilities... this is a very exciting next step and will help your children to enjoy a book that they can access.





NEWSLETTER

READY RESPECTFUL SAFE

Extra Messages

PE KITS

Thank you to all the children making a massive effort to wear their correct PE KIT.

According to our school Behaviour Policy, many children, however, are not READY for their lesson as they have not brought a kit, or wear kits which don't comply with school guidelines.

The kit is:

- 1) Pale blue polo shirt—branded from myclothing.com or non branded—available at Asda for £2.50 for two, Sainsbury's for £3 for two or Tesco from £4 for 3
 - 2) Black shorts—Asda £4 for two or Tesco £3 for two (to be worn with socks, not tights)
 - 3) Black pumps—Asda from £2.50
- (All prices correct at time of checking!)

PE is, at present, indoors, and therefore, shorts are suitable. Tracksuits bottoms and trainers are not needed.

If you are struggling with the purchase of the kit, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs Whittingham, who may be able to help.

Teachers' Strike

As you are aware from previous correspondence, there is a planned strike of teachers on February 1st. We will send out further correspondence in due course.



Have a lovely weekend — stay safe!

Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and Staff

