



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 22nd February 2024  
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Go shine  
in the world



Dear parents and carers,

We are looking forward to seeing you at **Academic Review day tomorrow**. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss your child's progress so far this year. You will also receive your child's first written report of the year. After the meeting we will ask you to complete a **parent questionnaire** about your views of St Patrick's school, your ideas are very helpful to us. There will also be a **book fair** in the school hall with a wide range of books for your children to choose. **If you would like to buy your child a book, please remember to bring some cash with you.** The more books you buy, the more free books we get for your children in school.

With best wishes, Mrs. O'Reilly and Ms. Richardson

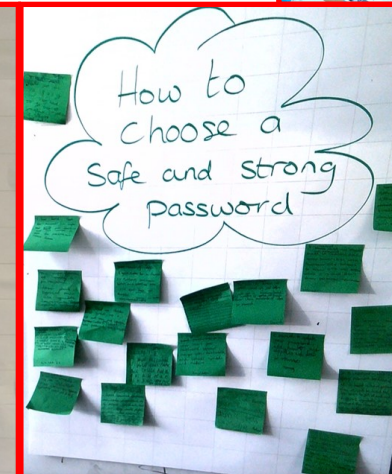
**Keeping Safe Studies** - At St Patrick's, we want our children to make good choices in order to live healthy lives. We want our children to: **stay safe, develop self-esteem and confidence, make a positive contribution, respect one another and make and maintain positive relationships.** We are preparing pupils at school for opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life. This week, all children have learnt about: **Online Safety, Road Safety, First Aid and 'Keeping Myself Safe'.** Please talk to your children about what they have learnt this week.



Hello, emergency service operator. Which service do you require? Fire, Police or Ambulance?



First Aid: What should I do?  
A person is unresponsive:  
1. Check your surroundings - is it safe for you to approach?  
2. Call out - ask her name.  
3. Check if breathing - place your ear/check to their nose/mouth.  
4. Call 999  
5. Put them in the recovery position (on their side with their head tilted back) and find an adult  
6. Wait calmly until emergency services arrive.



I have received and read the St Patrick's Primary School newsletter of 22.02.2024

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

## Important dates for your diary...



**Wednesday 28th February** - Parent Coffee Morning at Our Lady's Primary School, Pratt St  
**Friday 1st March @ 9.05** - Parents Working Alongside Children in Y4  
**Friday 1st March - Non-uniform Day**  
**Wednesday 6th March** - Parent Coffee Morning at Our Lady's Primary School, Pratt St  
**Friday 8th March @ 9.05** - Parents Working Alongside Children in Y3  
**Wednesday 13th March** - Parent Coffee Morning at Our Lady's Primary School, Pratt St  
**Friday 15th March @ 9.05** - Parents Working Alongside Children in Y2  
**Wednesday 20th March** - Parent Coffee Morning at Our Lady's Primary School, Pratt St  
**Thursday 21st March @ 2.00** - Stations of the Cross for KS2 children at Our Lady Help of Christians Church - parents welcome  
**Friday 22nd March @ 9.05** - Parents Working Alongside Children in Y1

The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize this week is **Natty** in **Year 5**.

**Natty** has won a £5 gift voucher to spend at Amazon.



### Person of the Week!

EYFS - San  
Year 1 - Solome  
Year 2 - Niall  
Year 3 - Aajay  
Year 4 - Aaliyah  
Year 5 - Basille  
Year 6 - Kaydon



## Our Prayer

Lord,

give us the faith and courage of Abraham, to do whatever you might ask of us.

Make our trust and love for you grow stronger each day.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**



## Attendance...

For children to learn well and make good progress, it is vital that they attend school every day.

Congratulations to **Year 4** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week - **97.62%**

**Please make sure your child is in school every single day this term.**

**Thank you for your help with this :)**

## Work of the week...

Every week a great piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office).



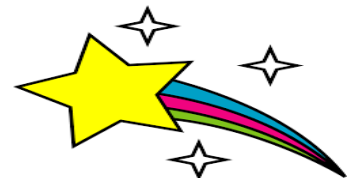
This week **Year 1** have been learning to write instructions.

As part of their learning the children looked at what imperative (bossy) verbs are and their importance when writing instructions.

To begin, the children made their own spider decorations out of paper and then wrote the instructions for how they made their decorations.

**Liang's** work has been chosen because she used all the features of instructional writing.

**Well done, Liang!**



## Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Ms Fearon or Mrs O'Reilly.

**We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.**



## Lent

Last Wednesday saw the start of the Lenten season. Lent is the period of six weeks (40 days not including Sundays) leading up to Easter, the most important date in the Catholic Liturgical Calendar. Lent starts on **Ash Wednesday** and finishes at **Easter**. The last week of Lent is called **Holy Week**.

### What is the meaning of Lent?

Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray for 40 days before beginning his work for God. Jesus was tempted several times, but was able to resist. Lent allows Christians to remember Jesus' fasting in the desert. It is a time of giving things up and a test of self-discipline.

There are many foods that some Christians do not eat in Lent, such as meat and fish, fats, eggs, and milky foods. Some Christians just give up something they really enjoy; such as cakes or chocolate. We also remember those less fortunate and we give alms to those in need.

### How is Lent celebrated?

**Shrove Tuesday** - In western Christian churches, the day before Lent starts is Shrove Tuesday. This is also known as **Pancake Day**. This day was traditionally the last chance to use up the foods Christians would not be eating during Lent.

### Ash Wednesday



On Ash Wednesday many Christian churches hold services during which Christians are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes.

This is a sign of saying sorry to God for any wrong-doing. Ash Wednesday marks the start of our preparation for Easter.

### Almsgiving



During Lent many Christians make an extra effort to give to those less fortunate than themselves.

### Prayer



Dear God, at this time of reflection, teach us to be thankful for the goodness you have given us.

Let us remember to treat others as we would like to be treated.

At this time of fasting and giving up our favourite things, teach us to be thankful for the food that we eat. Let us remember that everybody is not so fortunate.

At this time of forgiveness, teach us to be thankful for the gift of your mercy. Let us remember the sacrifice of your son, Jesus Christ.

At this time of prayer, teach us to listen to your word. Let us remember the lessons of our saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**



# The Camden Reading Road Map



## Short Story Competition

- Write your own original short story for a chance to win!
- Your story can contain characters from a book you have read before, or characters from your imagination.
- We will judge the stories on— Creativity, originality, use of language and imagination

Winners of the short story competition will have their story printed in a book.

That book will appear on next year's Camden Reading Road Map!



- Submit your story to [els@islington.gov.uk](mailto:els@islington.gov.uk) OR your teacher can have them sent to us at the Education Library Service.
- No more than 500 words.
- Competition ends 29th of March. Winners announced in June.
- Open to Years 3,4,5 and 6.
- You can include drawings but they won't count towards the judging of the story.

