



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024

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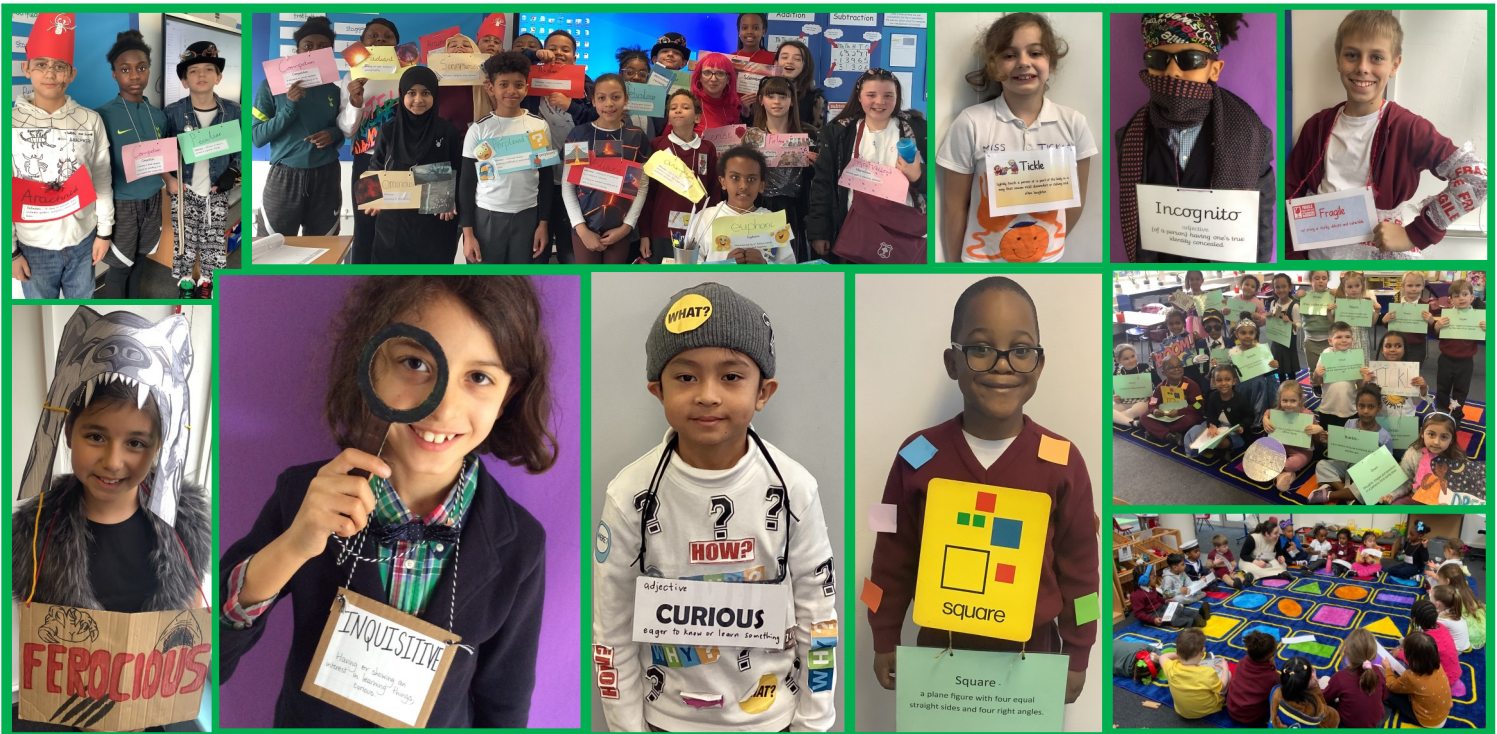
Dear parents and carers,

Thank you so much for the amazing effort you all went to this week in helping your child dress up as a word for **Word Aware Day**. We enjoyed celebrating a wealth of English vocabulary and learning lots of new words. Research tells us that the size of children's vocabulary is the best predictor of success in reading comprehension and future attainment more generally, and that children with a poor vocabulary are four times more likely to struggle with reading in adulthood.



Our teachers introduce new vocabulary to your child every day and all of our classes have a vocabulary wall in their classroom. We know that children who read regularly learn much more vocabulary than children who don't - so please keep talking to and reading with your children! We hope you enjoy the pictures of the children. :)

With best wishes, Mrs. O'Reilly (Head of School) and Ms. Richardson (Executive Headteacher)



Moments Matter, Attendance Counts

Attendance at school affects your child's attainment and progress.

The Department for Education has recently published some data analysing this link:

- ◆ In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent children (those with below 90% attendance) achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.
(Below 90% attendance equates to one day off every fortnight.)
- 36% of persistently absent children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, compared with 84% of regular attenders.

Attendance is important for more than just attainment. Good school attendance (96% or above) helps with positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing. Please help your child to make good progress and attain well by sending them to school every day. Thank-you for your help with this:)



I have received and read the St Patrick's Primary School newsletter of 08.03.2024

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 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

Thursday 28th March @ 3.30 - Children finish school for the Easter holidays

Monday 15th April - Children return to school after the Easter holidays

Our Prayer

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jesus,

You are the light of the world.

You promised that if we stay close to you,

We will never be lost in the darkness.

Help us to stay with you always.

Amen



Attendance...

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

Congratulations to **EYFS** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week - **98.44%**

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 show-cased in the school lobby (next to the office).



This week **Year 6** have been learning to find the perimeter and area of shapes.

David produced fantastic maths learning this week, when finding the area of triangles.

David then extended his mathematical understanding by completing problem solving and reasoning questions that required a deep level of thinking and understanding.

David demonstrated this by showing his working out which helped his mathematical critical thinking and communication skills.

Well done, David!



The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize

this week is **Arsema** in **Year 1**.

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



Person of the Week!

EYFS - Louie

Year 1 - Essie

Year 2 - Lucas

Year 3 - Keith

Year 4 - Sean

Year 5 - Milo

Year 6 - Tommy



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.





Easter holiday cycle training for children

Free cycle training sessions for children during the Easter break. The training is free of charge and is delivered over two days; however, booking is required to secure a place.

Aimed at children and young people aged 6 or over who can ride unassisted and want to improve their safe cycling skills. We also offer courses for children who are still learning to start, stop and balance.

Tuesday and Wednesday – 2/3 April
Child Building Cycle Confidence @ 10:00 until 11:00
(for children who can already ride)

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Child beginner courses @ 11:30 and 12:45

Thursday and Friday – 4/5 April
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VENUE: Haverstock School, 24 Haverstock Hill. Chalk Farm. NW3 2BQ

For more information, or to book onto a course,

<https://www.camden.gov.uk/cycleskills>

We also offer training for adults at weekends.

**Please ensure you bring your own roadworthy bike.
There are some bikes available to borrow.**

Would you like to be a part of the Alma Street Fair?

The Fair is run by the Inkerman Area Residents Association - IARA

The IARA is the local residents association for everyone living in the area bounded by Kentish Town Road – the High Street – to the East; Prince of Wales Road to the South and the railway lines to the West and North. They consist of about ten streets, including Raglan Street, Holmes Road and Inkerman Road. All residents are members and it is free to join. Most of the IARA really love this area and the strong community here. Some of the St. Patrick's families are already active members.

The Alma Street Fair is a summer event which is now pretty well known in London - with all the usual village fête features plus live groups playing – some very local beginners – some world famous names.... In 2019 we had more local involvement than ever – help setting up and running the fair, and local people having stalls selling cakes and other food, books, bric-a-brac, etc. We had to cancel in 2020 and 2021 but it was back in 2022 and again was a great success. We had a much smaller street party last year, which was great fun and plans are going ahead for 2024 – and we have a date! **Sunday 23 June, from noon to 7 pm.**

We would love for St. Patricks to be involved, with a focus on activities for children. In past years some of the children have performed on one of the stages, and some parents have organised stalls.

Parents could also help us in other ways – setting up in the morning and clearing up at the end, doing an hour or two as a steward (you get to wear a hi-vis vest!).

We are very open to other suggestions, and all offers of help and support will be much appreciated.

IARA is keen to build on our existing relationship with St. Patrick's, maybe in many other ways and the Fair is a great chance to work together – and also of course a lot of fun!

Please check us out online <https://www.inkermanresidents.org.uk/>

Best wishes

Debby Hyams, Chair.

David Jockelson, Secretary.

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