



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd September 2023
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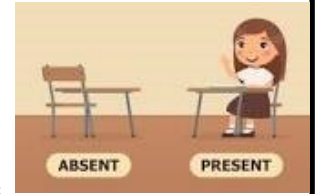
Dear parents and carers,

New study shows all absences affects achievement at school

Researchers in the UK have found that **all reasons** for a child's absence at school lead to lower achievement **for all ages** at primary and secondary school. The study found that **any reason for absence** - sickness absence, family emergencies or holidays in term time - all led to lower academic achievement. They found that just 1% of school days more absent than other children led to lower academic achievement. This study shows that missing school reduces learning, leading to damaging consequences for educational achievement.

We know that very occasionally children are too unwell to come to school but **most children in the school are only absent for two or three days all year**. Please give your child the best chance to achieve by bringing them to school every day. Thank you for your help with this :)

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



Science - Y2 visit Hampstead Heath

As part of Year 2's Science topic on **living things and their habitats**, the children visited Hampstead Heath to take part in a 'Heath Beasts' workshop. Whilst on the Heath, they were taken to a 'Secret Garden' set deep in the woodlands where they explored and discovered plants and mini beasts that live deep in the ground, as well creatures that live in a pond.



This week's '**Christian Values**' assemblies for **KS1 and KS2** were led by Ms Charles-Merrifield and Ms Lowe with a focus on '**Respect.**' The children discussed ways in which they can show respect for their parents, carers and grandparents who love us and look after them, their teachers, God's creation, animals and the work of others in their class.

They then listened to Matthew's Gospel, Chapter 7, which teaches us to 'Do to others whatever we would like them to do to us.'

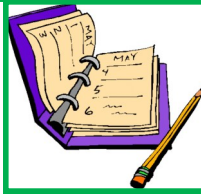


I have received and read the St Patrick's Primary School newsletter of 22.09.2023

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...



Monday 25th September - Healthy Heart Day

Friday 29th September - Non-uniform Day

Friday 13th October - St Patrick's Family Fancy Dress Disco (more information to follow)

Friday 20th October - School Photo Day

Friday 20th October - last day of half term

Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October - Half Term holiday

Week beginning 30th October - Equality Studies Project week

Week beginning 13th November - Anti-bullying week

Friday 24th November - Non-uniform Day

Please also find attached this years' and next years' term dates.

The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize this week is **Maryam** in **Year**

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Maryam has won a £5 gift



Every week, one person from each class is chosen to be 'Person of the week.' They are chosen due to their excellent attitude and learning behaviour, and for the fantastic work they are producing in class.

Person of the Week!

Year 1 - Mercy

Year 2 - Sammie-Lee

Year 3 - Mary-Kate

Year 4 - Dawit

Year 5 - Milo

Year 6 - Maryam



Our Prayer

Jesus taught us a prayer that mentions how we must forgive others when we ask for forgiveness ourselves.

Our Father,

Who art in Heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil

Amen.

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 5** have been learning about how to use Powers of 10 to multiply by 10, 100 and 1000. The children used place value charts to help them visualise each Power of 10 going up or down.

Bama worked incredibly hard to demonstrate her understanding of this and created high-quality work with impeccable presentation.

Bama's work was chosen because she took her time to ensure her work was accurate and then challenged herself with a reasoning question.

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| 0.01 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.04 | 0.05 |
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Well done, Bama!



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.



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn term 2023



4th & 5th September 2023

INSET DAYS pupils not in school

6th September 2023

Pupils back at school

15th September 2023

Academic Review Day

Half term

23rd October – 27th October 2023

End of term

21st December 2023

Pupil attendance

(71 days)

Spring Term 2024

8th January 2024

Pupils back at school

Half term

12th February – 16th February 2024

23rd February 2024

Academic Review Day

End of Term

28th March 2024

(53 days)

Summer Term 2024

15th April 2024

Pupils back at school

6th May 2024

May Day-school closed

Half Term

27th May – 31st May 2024

5th July 2024

Academic Review Day

End of Term

24th July 2024

(66 days)

(Total 190 days pupil attendance) □

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Term dates 2024/25

Autumn term 2024

2nd & 3rd September 2024
4th September 2024
13th September 2024

INSET DAYS pupils not in school
Pupils back at school
Academic Review Day

Half term

28th October – 1st November 2024

End of term

20th December 2024

Pupil attendance
(72 days)

Spring Term 2025

6th January 2025

Pupils back at school

Half term

17th February – 21st February 2025

28th February 2025

Academic Review Day

End of Term

4th April 2025

(59 days)

Summer Term 2025

22nd April 2025

Pupils back at school

5th May 2025

May Day-school closed

Half Term

26th May – 30th May 2025

4th July 2025

Academic Review Day

End of Term

22nd July 2025

(59 days)

**(Total 190 days
attendance)**