



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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in the world

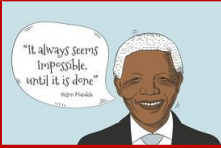


Dear parents and carers,

This week the children focused on **Equality Studies** at St. Patrick's. The children had a fantastic time learning about many of the important issues surrounding **Racial and Gender Equality, Social Justice (including votes for women and the Suffragette movement) and British Values**. Equality Studies is about getting the children to think and talk about these issues and about inspirational people who 'live, love and learn through Jesus', including Rosa Parks, Malala Yousafzal, Martin Luther King, Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Nelson Mandela.

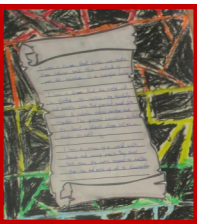


With best wishes, Mrs. O'Reilly and Ms. Richardson



Year 6 have been learning about Nelson Mandela and Mahatma Gandhi, talking about the main events of their lives, how they were inspirational in working for equality and unity and reflected on their key qualities. They also learnt to explain tolerance, determination, peace and forgiveness in relation to Nelson Mandela and Jesus Christ.

Year 5 have been learning about Emmeline Pankhurst. They developed an understanding of how voting works and that sometimes you might not get your way. They also learnt about protests and that you may have to fight to get what is right. Year 5 found out that Emmeline Pankhurst demanded equality for women, by persuading the government to allow women to vote. They also produced some outstanding biographies about Emmeline's life.



Year 4 have been learning about the social activist Martin Luther King, who tirelessly fought and campaigned for equal rights. They used his example as one where they too can, 'Shine in the World', linking his determination, bravery and courage to Jesus' Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes. The children looked at themselves, and society, reflecting on how God created us all in His image and loves everyone equally. The children wrote their own, 'I have a dream' speech, based on the inspirational example presented in 1963 by Martin Luther King.

Year 3 have been learning about gender equality. They focused on the life and contributions of Malala Yousafzay. They discussed gender inequality in her life and how she was treated unfairly because she was a girl. Children discussed how they are all different, but all equally valuable in the world, no matter if they are a boy or girl. They discovered the similarities and differences between our school and a school in Islamabad.



They also made links between Malala's values for forgiveness and those of Jesus.

Year 2 have been learning about the life of Rosa Parks. Rosa fought for the rights of black people in America, refusing to give up her seat on the bus to a white man and arguing for equality. Her actions, as well as the actions of many others, led to changed laws and more equal treatment of black people in America.

Year 1 were given mirrors to study their facial features. They discussed with their partner their different eye colours, hair colours and skin colours in class. They spoke about how unique they are and that everyone looks different. Using this information, they created self-portraits of themselves. Afterwards they celebrated their differences by talking about the unique features each child has.

Reception and Nursery children learned about gender equality. The children sorted a box of toys, using two labels, 'toys for boys' and 'toys for girls'. As they were sorting, they found they played with the same toys. They decided that toys can be for everyone because they have the choice to play with whatever they want. The class also explored photos of different jobs and were asked to sort them into 'jobs for girls' and 'jobs for boys'. The girls did not think it was fair because they wanted to be fire fighters and police officers too. The children chose to re-sort the photos because boys and girls are equal.



I have received and read the St Patrick's Primary School newsletter of 03.11.2023

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...



Thursday 9th November at 10am - Y6 attend Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians (parents welcome)

Friday 10th November - St Patrick's Family
Fancy Dress Disco

Week beginning 13th November - Anti-bullying week

Thursday 16th November at 10am - Y5 attend Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians (parents welcome)

Thursday 23rd November at 10am - Y4 attend Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians (parents welcome)

Friday 24th November - Non-uniform Day

Thursday 30th November at 10am - Y3 attend Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians (parents welcome)

Are you interested in being a parent governor?

If you are, or would like to find out more, email us at

admin@stpatricks.camden.sch.uk,
or telephone the school office on **020 7267 1200**,
and we will invite you to attend some training on the role and responsibilities to help you decide if it is something you would like to do.



The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize this week is **Jack** in **Year 4**.



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



Person of the Week!

EYFS - Melanie
Year 1 - Tommy
Year 2 - Gabriel
Year 3 - Casey
Year 4 - Aaliyah
Year 5 - Milan
Year 6 - Charlie



Our Prayer

Jesus,
Help us to make our actions
speak louder than our words,
so that others will see
that we belong to Christ
and may believe in you.

Amen



Attendance...

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

Congratulations to **Year 6** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week – **98.99%**

Most **Year 6** pupils came to school every day; **Year 6** really showed the Christian value of **Community** by helping their class to have the best attendance this week.

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 **Reception and Nursery** have been learning about Gender Equality.

Grace was able to explain that girls and boys can play with any toys they choose, as all toys are for everyone. She also created a fantastic poster to show this.

Grace has also used her 'Fred fingers' to write. She is beginning to know sounds to read and can make and write CVC words, like dog and cat.

Well done, Grace!



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.

