



# St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

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Go shine  
in the world



**Dear parents and carers,**

Next Friday, the children will be taking part in Movie Night - please see the attached flyer for timings and more information. If the children would like to bring a pillow, blanket or teddy bear they can bring it with them to school on the day of Movie Night - please make sure it is in a bag with your child's name and class on it.

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

## Visiting Author and Poet - Valerie Bloom

On Tuesday, the author and poet Valerie Bloom visited all the children at St Patrick's. Valerie Bloom MBE is the author of several volumes of poetry for adults and children, picture books, pre-teen and teenage novels and stories for children. She has also edited a number of collections of children's poetry. Valerie is the winner of the **Voice Community Award for Literature**, has been awarded an **Honorary master's degree** from the University of Kent, and she was appointed **Member of the Order of the British Empire** (MBE) in the 2008 New Year Honours.

During her visit, the children from EYFS to Year 6 took part in poetry performances. In the performances the children helped Valerie to bring her poems to life with actions as well as learning some history of the Jamaican language. In the afternoon workshop, Year 3 were able to write their own poem alongside Valerie and even got their copies of her poetry anthology 'Hot Like Fire' autographed.



## Parents Working Alongside Children in class

This term, we would like to invite you to join us for a 'Parents Working Alongside Children in Class' session - the focus of these sessions will be maths and our pedagogical approach (how we teach it).

### What will it involve?

Parents often wonder how exactly their children are taught in school nowadays. We would like to offer you the opportunity to join in a class lesson alongside your child for 45 minutes and then have coffee and a discussion with the class teacher and a senior leader about what you have seen and how it may be similar or different to your own experience of schooling.

These sessions will help to strengthen the partnership between home and school and should impact positively on pupils' learning.

### How do I apply?

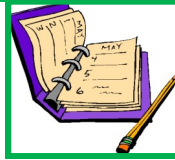
We will have spaces for up to 8 parents to join us on the day. If you would like to come along, please save the date in your diary - check the 'important dates for your diary' section on the next page of the newsletter. **We will send a letter about this before each class session, so that you can let us know you would like to join a session.**

I have received and read the St Patrick's Primary School newsletter of 19.01.2024

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 24th January** - Parent Coffee Morning at Our Lady's Primary School, Pratt St

**Thursday 25th January @ 9.45** - Y3 leave for mass at Our Lady Help of Christians - parents welcome

**Friday 26th January @ 1.30** - EYFS and KS1 Movie Afternoon

**Friday 26th January @ 3.30** - KS2 Movie Night

**Wednesday 31st January** - Parent Coffee Morning at Our Lady's Primary School, Pratt St

**Thursday 1st February @ 9.00** - Y5 leave for mass at Our Lady Help of Christians - parents welcome

**Friday 2nd February @ 9.05** - Parents Working Alongside Children in Y6

**Tuesday 6th February** - Safer Internet Day

**Friday 9th February @ 9.05** - Parents Working Alongside Children in Y5

**Friday 9th February @ 3.30** - children break up for half term.

**Monday 19th February** - children return to school

## Our Prayer

Jesus,  
Help us to follow you each day,  
so that in our own small way  
we can help to make our world a better place.  
**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 - **98.15%**

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

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

The winner of the Friday newsletter slip prize

this week is **Anhelina** in **Year 6**.  
**Anhelina** has won a £5 gift voucher to spend at Amazon.



## 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 studying 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes.

The children wrote a retell of this narrative poem from the perspective of Tim the Ostler.

**Jessica's** work has been chosen because she used similes, 2A (2 sets of 2 adjectives), 3-ed (Frightened, terrifieded, exhausteded) and Emotion, comma (**Desperate, she screamed for help**) sentences to draw the reader in. **Jessica** also reflected the repetition in the original poem in her writing to build suspense and tension.

**Well done, Jessica!**



## Person of the Week!

EYFS - Rhene  
Year 1 - Sidon  
Year 2 - Jules  
Year 3 - Sharon  
Year 4 - Emmanuel  
Year 5 - Ruby  
Year 6 - Elrohi



## 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.**



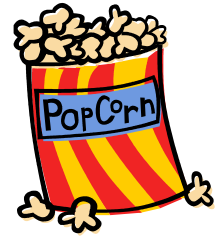
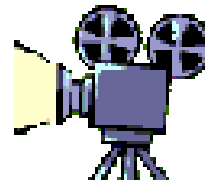
**EYFS and KS1 Movie Afternoon...**

**Friday 26th January at 1.30PM**

**KS2 Movie Night...**

**Friday 26th January at 3.30 - 5.15PM**

A great movie along with a hot dog,  
popcorn and a drink!



**Children can bring in a cushion or a blanket (on the day)  
from home to make themselves more comfortable.**

**Please make a donation of £2 on the day.**

(All funds raised go to The St Vincent de Paul Society Project  
for Homeless Teenagers)