



St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2025
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Go shine
in the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited about our annual **Movie Afternoon** and **Movie Night** coming up on Friday 31st January. There is a very important reason we have this special event - inspired by Christ's message to love our neighbour as ourselves, we are raising money to support homeless teenagers. We are asking that all children bring in a donation of £1.50 on the day. Children will get a meat/vegetarian hot dog, some pop corn and a drink.

Please see a lovely letter the school received from Peter Sweeney, Director of the Diocese of Westminster Education Service, congratulating St. Patrick's on an excellent OFSTED report.

With best wishes, Miss Toop (Head of School) and Ms. Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

Movie Afternoon and Movie Night

Friday 31st January

EYFS, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Movie Afternoon

From 1.30pm to 3.15pm

Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Movie Night

From 3.15pm to 4.45pm

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

Bring in a cushion, blanket or teddy from home!

Please make a donation of £1.50 on the day

All funds raised go to The St Vincent de Paul Society Project (helping homeless teenagers)



What does learning look like at St Patrick's?



Here at St Patrick's we value learning and our vision and values are at the core of everything we do. In EYFS, the children have been exploring diving into the wonders of underwater environments! In KS1, felt and examined a range of different objects. The children used adjectives such as: bendy, stiff, tall, small, rough, smooth, cold and warm to describe each object. Then, Year 2 worked out different ways we could sort these objects using three hoops from the playground.

I have received and read the St Patrick's Primary School newsletter of 17.01.2025

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...

Friday 31st January—Non-Uniform Day

Friday 31st January—EYFS and KS1
Movie Afternoon and KS2 Movie Night

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February—Half
term. School is closed

Thursday 27th February—Non-Uniform Day (note—not
Friday because of Academic Review Day tomorrow)

Friday 28th February—Academic Review Day. Inset Day
for pupils

Thursday 6th March—Word Aware Day.
We will send you more information about
this day soon

Friday 28th March—Non-Uniform Day

Friday 4th April—Last day of term for Easter holidays

Tuesday 22nd April—Children back at school after
Easter Holidays



A Prayer for Love

Dear God,
Almighty God, We thank you
for the children and young
people in our area. Thank you
that you love them and that
you have given each of them unique gifts and
talents. We pray that they would have
opportunities to flourish and to know true joy
and love.

Amen



Work of the week...

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

In Year 3 Gaibriél has been
awarded Work of the Week for
his amazing writing
achievements! Inspired by the
book *'Mufaro's Beautiful
Daughters'* by John Stepto.
Gaibriél wrote an exceptional
character description for the
daughter of a wealthy King by
using adjectives to write super
sentences such as similes. Gaibriél has worked
hard to up-level his vocabulary by learning to use a
thesaurus to enhance his use of emotive language.
Gaibriél has also worked hard to improve his writing
by neatly joining his letters and by including finger
spaces when publishing his work.

Well done Gaibriél!



Reading lessons start at 9am...

It's been wonderful to see children reading with fluency
by learning to decode unfamiliar words using their
phonetical knowledge. Phonics and Destination
Reader takes place every morning at St Patrick's
allowing children to develop and further their reading
skills. **Did you know that?** Researchers in the
United States who had looked at the impact of parents
reading with their children quoted the following figures
in a news release about their findings: Here's how
many words kids would have heard by the time they
were 5 years old: Never read to, 4,662 words; 1–2
times per week, 63,570 words; 3–5 times per week,
169,520 words; daily, 296,660 words; and five books a
day, 1,483,300 words. (National Curriculum 2023)
There have been many reasons to celebrate our love
for reading at St Patrick including our wonderful school
'Book Project' which takes place three times a year at
St Patricks. Children are given three free books, of
their choice, each year to take home every academic
year. We aspire to achieve a love for reading where
children can be enchanted by different stories and get
lost in books they love most! We also encourage
children to continue to take part in programs such as
'The Reading Road Map' and competitions such as
'The Young Writers' Competitions to have their own
stories published!

Attendance...

I am pleased to announce that Year 5
has the best attendance this week with
98%. As a reward, you will receive some
extra play time next week.

Please make sure your child is in school every
single day unless they are too unwell to come
to school. Every day counts and children who
miss school do fall behind in their learning.



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,
Miss Toop or Ms Fearon.

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





Diocese of Westminster

EDUCATION SERVICE

9th January 2025

Dear Miss Toop and Ms Richardson,

I am writing to congratulate you on the excellent outcome of your recent Ofsted inspection. The report highlights the many strengths of St Patrick's Catholic Primary School and is a testament to the dedication, skill, and care of your staff and leadership team.

It is clear that your school provides a nurturing and inclusive environment where pupils feel safe, happy, and valued. The strong sense of community, rooted in your ethos of kindness and respect, is truly inspiring. The welcoming and inclusive approach, which ensures that all pupils thrive regardless of their background, reflects the values that underpin your school's success.

The report's description of the calm and purposeful atmosphere in your school, where pupils work hard, are curious, and show enthusiasm for their learning, is a credit to your high expectations and commitment to excellence. It is wonderful to read about how your pupils rise to challenges, celebrate their successes, and persevere with determination, supported by an ambitious and carefully designed curriculum.

Your commitment to fostering a love of learning is evident in the way teachers skilfully deliver lessons and encourage pupils to think deeply. The emphasis on building strong foundations and providing tailored support for pupils with SEND demonstrates your school's dedication to ensuring that every child achieves their full potential.

The personal development opportunities provided to pupils, such as leadership roles and cultural experiences, are truly commendable. These initiatives instil values of compassion, integrity, and respect, equipping pupils with the skills and knowledge to make meaningful contributions to their community and beyond.

Finally, it is evident that the staff at St Patrick's take great pride in their work, supported by leaders and governors who are deeply committed to maintaining the highest standards. This collaborative and professional culture is undoubtedly a key driver of your school's success.

Congratulations once again on such a positive Ofsted report. The achievements outlined reflect the great work being done at St Patrick's Catholic Primary School.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Sweeney | Director

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