

School Year 2017-2018

Term starts Dates:

Years 1-6 Classes
Wednesday 6th September
8.55am

Reception Classes
Wed 13th - Fri 15th
September 9.00am-9.30am
from Monday 18th
September 8.55am



25th July, 2018

'BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, SERVE'

Dear Parent/Carer,

We said farewell to our Y6 pupils today. They 'wowed' us with their production of 'Dragon Days' on 13th July, had their fish 'n chips picnic last Friday, celebrated their last Mass in school on Monday, and finally bowed out in traditional fashion at this afternoon's farewell assembly. They have risen to many challenges over the years and have done themselves, their families and their school proud. They are ready to move on and go with our love and best wishes for the future.

Y6 are not the only ones leaving us today. Mrs Pam Phillips retires after 30 years at Ursuline. She started in the kitchen and moved on to lunchtime supervision duties. She has been a loyal and hardworking servant to the school. We are deeply grateful for all she has done for our children over the years. We wish her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Mr Alex Bruce left yesterday. He has taught across the school, particularly in Years 3 and 6. We appreciate all of his hard work and wish him all the best for the future.

Congratulations to Alice Pritchard, winner of the 2018 Spirit of Ursuline Award and to Lily McFadden, winner of the 2018 Margaret Ferrari Award. They were presented with their trophies amid much excitement in the hall this morning. They were joined by members of their families, which made it all the more special. Congratulations to all the nominees – a great achievement in itself. Thanks to last year's winners Ally Edwards (Spirit of Ursuline) and David Turner (Margaret Ferrari Award), who announced the winners and presented the trophies. Thanks to Y4 for their renditions of 'The Prayer' and 'That's Amore' and to Mr and Mrs Weissensteiner for leading them. The encore of 'That's Amore' rocked the school to its foundations.

Y4 treated us to a spectacular 'Musical Extravaganza' on 16th and 19th July. The first was performed for residents of local nursing homes and was an absolute joy. The second was for their families. They sang and performed songs from the Commonwealth (Jerusalem, Po Kare Kare Ana and Waltzing Matilda). They also sang a beautiful rendition of 'The Prayer' and finished with a rousing rendition of 'That's Amore' (the encore version of which raised the roof). Thanks to Emma and Roy Weissensteiner for generously giving of their time and for teaching them so expertly.

We have had two glorious sports days on 3rd and 4th July. Our overall winners were Team Ennis with a point's total of 291 points over both days. Thanks to Mrs Morris for her organisation and to the staff for all their hard work in getting the field ready on both days. Thanks also to all the spectators for generating such a great atmosphere.

Our World Cup tournament reached its climax on 11th July with the 3rd place play-off and the final. We played all 63 matches. Over 300 children from Reception to Y6 took part during lunchtimes. Every team had a manager, either from the staff or pupils from Y6. Matches were refereed by staff and Y5 and Y6 pupils. Special thanks to Mrs Pritchard for keeping everyone on schedule. During the build-up to the final Mr Roy Weissensteiner sang a spine tingling rendition of 'Nessun Dorma'. We also had lots of topical music (including the national anthems of the final 4 teams) played over the PA by former parent and eternal friend of the school Mr Brian Riley. Thanks to our match referees, Mr George Hudson and Mr Gareth McGrathen.

The results were:

3rd place play-off: Peru 4 - 1 Serbia

Final: Senegal 4 - 3 Russia

They were both thrilling matches, with great performances from all the teams. Congratulations to 3rd placed Peru and to World Champions Senegal. Well done Alice Pritchard – the first player/manager to win our World Cup.

Thanks to everyone who attended their parents' night appointments last week and for keeping to time. This really helps us to get through, making sure everyone is seen. We hope you found them helpful.

From 25th June we have had recurring transition activities to enable the children to prepare for life in their new classes in September.

Children starting in Reception in September had their visits recently. These went very well and they are all raring to go.

The Y4 First Holy Communion school celebration day on 6th July was a great occasion. Father Martin celebrated Mass with us, supported by St Joseph's Sacristan Joan Palmer. A particular highlight was the children singing 'The Prayer', one of the songs taught to them by Emma and Roy Weissensteiner as part of the opera project – absolutely stunning! The children enjoyed a well-deserved party in the afternoon.

Well done to Nicole Pyerzyna, this year's recipient of the Jeff Argent Citizenship Award (in memory of our late Caretaker). A very deserving choice, Nicole received her award from Ann Marie Clegg from Sefton Council. She also presented the school with a certificate confirming our place at the top of the Green Star League for 2017-18. Once again well done to Mrs McIver for all her hard work and leadership.

Congratulations to Molly McQueen and Andrew Dixon, our winners of this term's 100% attendance draw. In total 98 children were entered into the draw.

Could parents of children in Year 3 please enrol at their local parishes for next year's First Holy Communion programme.

Thanks to the PTFA for organising the film night on 10th July.

Log on to www.ursulineprimary.co.uk to find out our most recent award winners:

Bronze & Silver & Gold Awards

Class of the Week

Subject Awards

Improved Presentation Award;

Bucket Fillers of the Week Award.

On behalf of the staff thank you for your support throughout the year and may you have an enjoyable, safe and peaceful summer.



Mark McQueen
Head Teacher