

Forthcoming Events

Mon 10th October:

- Start of 'Judaism' Week

Tues 18th October:

- Harvest Celebration (Y2)
9.15am
- Parents' Night (late)

Wed 19th October:

- 'Diwali' kitchen theme day
- First Spirit of Ursuline nominations of school year
- Parents' Night (early)

Thurs 20th October:

- Children break for for half term

Fri 21st October:

- INSET Day (school closed for the children)

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30th September, 2016

'BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, SERVE'

Dear Parent/Carer,

Once again we have hosted the 'Anne Frank – a History for Today' exhibition in school this week. Children for Years 5 and 6 have taken part in workshops based on the story of Anne Frank and all the issues that it touches on (e.g. tolerance, social justice and equality) and the consequences when these things are not in place. Thirty Y6 pupils were trained as Peer Guides and put their new skills to the test last night when they showed parents around the exhibition (what an amazing turnout!). They reprised this again this morning when they showed visitors to the Macmillan Coffee morning around. Everyone complimented them on how well they explained their part of the exhibition, how well informed they were about the subject matter and on their empathy for Anne. Thanks to Marian McQueen who brought the exhibition in and carried out the workshops and the training. She could not speak highly enough of all the children she has worked with during the week. Experiences such as this are so important in their social, moral and cultural development.

This has been the week of 'The Great Ursuline Bake-Off', organised by the PTFA. Somehow **'great'** doesn't seem to do it justice! 'Magnificent' and 'amazing' may be nearer the mark. Congratulations to everyone who entered – we have seen some amazing creations. Thanks to Mrs Buckley and Mrs Rowley, who had the unenviable task of judging. The cakes were sold last night after school, today at the MacMillan Coffee morning (once again a bumper turnout!) and again after school. Congratulations to all the prize winners. The real winners, though, were the MacMillan Charity (one which is close to my heart from personal experience, as it is, I am sure, for many of you too). So far the amount raised is £400 and counting. Well done PTFA

We had the first of our lunch time theme days on Monday – 'European Day of Languages'. Mrs Buckley and her colleagues in the kitchen served up some splendid European fare (including Italian Lasagne, Spanish style Chicken Casserole and French Jarte aux Pomme!). Our next theme day (Diwali) is on 19th October. These are important occasions in our children's cultural development. Thanks to Miss Jones for organising things for us.

Congratulations to our ECO Club for achieving third place in the Crosby & Waterloo in Bloom Award (schools section). They were presented with the award at a ceremony at St Luke's CE Church on Wednesday night. Well done to Mrs McIver and the Eco

Warriors for all their hard work in obtaining this recognition for the school.


We were very glad last week to welcome into school Mr Walker (Head Teacher of Sacred Heart), several of his colleagues and a group of their students. They presented an assembly to Years 5 and 6 about life at Sacred Heart and many of them attended the open night on Monday as a result.

REMINDERS

- Parents and carers have no entitlement to take holidays during term time. I can only approve these in exceptional circumstances. Being taken out of school at any time is an obstacle to children making progress and should be avoided.
- Dogs must be either carried or on a lead if brought to the school gates (owners please be aware that some children are unnerved by dogs)
- Please do not park on or stop at the yellow zig-zags during the times stated on the road side sign. It is both dangerous and irresponsible.

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Thank you, as ever, for your continued support.



Mark McQueen
Head Teacher