

Forthcoming Events

Wednesday 22nd March

- PTFA Mothers Day Stall

Thursday 23rd March

- Good Evening Europe Choir Concert 4.00pm

Thursday 30th March

- Year 5 Passion Play

Friday 31st March

- Children break up for end of Spring term 2.00pm



Ursuline
Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

17th March, 2017

'BELIEVE, ACHIEVE, SERVE'

Dear Parent/Carer,

We held three parents' meetings on Relationships and Sex Education from 28th February to 2nd March. They were well attended and informed parents about the addition of 'A Journey in Love' and 'No outsiders in our School' to our resource bank in our new, coherent, approach to this subject (from Reception to Y6). We also took the opportunity to relay some vitally important messages on e-safety, as related to the subject. Thanks to Mrs Davies for her excellent work and to the many parents who attended.

Well done to the children from Years 5 and 6 who took part in the Crosby Area Partnership in Teaching and Learning (CAPITAL) Equality & Diversity concert at the Atkinson on 9th February. They gave a brilliant performance of 'Someone else's cloud', which they reprised at last week's celebration assembly.

We marked Ash Wednesday with the distribution of Ashes to the whole school. Miss Joan Palmer officiated and the children were very reverent throughout.

Well done to Y6 for being such fine ambassadors for the school during this week's residential visit to Robinwood. They threw themselves into all the activities with tremendous enthusiasm. Thanks to the staff who went away with them and looked after them so well.

A group of our children went to Manchester before half-term to watch some of the national Squash championships. They met some of the players and saw two matches. They also got to play Mini-Squash. This very different experience was organised by Mr Jim Foggitt, who comes into school to coach the sport. Thanks to him and to Miss Kelly for looking after the children so well.

On Wednesday 8th March our Y6 Football team took part in Group 1 of the Liverpool FC Foundation Tournament at the Liverpool Academy in Kirkby. They won all of their games, scored fourteen goals, conceded none and finished top of the group. Their behaviour and sportsmanship was every bit as good as their football. Well done Niamh Lysaght, Max Mason, Ewan Cox, Isaac Banks, Leo Martin, Kevin Booth, Finlay Moore and Alex Morley. They now qualify for the next round, which will be against the winners of Group 2 and takes place next Wednesday (22.3.17). They quickly followed this up with a 4-1 victory over Great Crosby in the league. Last night they played two matches against Forefield Lane. They won the first one 2-0 and lost the second 1-0.

Well done to our Netball team who played two games against Great Crosby on Tuesday. They won the first 8-0 and the second 3-1.

Our swimming team came 2nd overall in last Friday's Crosby & Litherland Schools Gala. The girls were the overall winners.

Congratulations to all the children who contributed these fantastic sporting performances and to Miss Kelly for organising our teams so well. Thanks to all the staff and parents who supported the children so enthusiastically.

Last Friday our string musicians had another session with the Crosby Children's Orchestra - a joint venture with schools from CAPITAL. They are preparing for a performance which will take place in the summer. Once again the attitude shown by the children has been first class. We are very proud of them.

We celebrated World Book Day (WBD) by starting the morning with a WBD breakfast, hosted by the PTFA (thanks to them and all who helped). Throughout the day we had a number of 'Drop Everything & Read' sessions, class competitions and 'Get Caught Reading' spottings on the playgrounds. A great highlight of the day was the visit of the White Witch from Narnia, courtesy of Denise Cottrell Boyce (a magnificent performance!). Thanks to her and to Frank Cottrell Boyce for mentioning the school's celebration of WBD in his interview on BBC Breakfast. Thanks to the many parents and grandparents who came into school to read to different classes and sharing our cosy 'Hygge' afternoon. Thanks to Mrs Pritchard for organising the whole day so well.

Classes 1R and 5R presented two Collective Worships in the hall this week on the CAFOD Little Fish to Big Fish Appeal. Both were performed brilliantly and conveyed the important message that we can make a difference to the lives of others through small acts of generosity. 'Big Fishy Day' went very well today and we will publish the amount raised in the next newsletter.

Thanks to everyone for signing and returning the letters we sent home recently on the subject of the government's Fair Funding proposals. We were able to hand hundreds of them personally to Bill Esterson MP, who came into school last Friday. He will ensure those that were addressed to the Prime Minister, Secretary of State for Education and Minister for Schools reach their destination. He will also lobby the government on our behalf, in keeping with your request for him to do so.

We have noticed some of our girls coming into school with very long false nails. We would ask parents to avoid this. Their length and sharpness pose a danger to the safety of other pupils, eg during PE lessons, while playing during morning break and at lunchtimes. Others are wearing Jo Jo Bows. Those who wear them must be able to independently remove them for PE/games/swimming, as they are unsuitable wear for any kind of physical activity. On balance it would be better that they are not worn to school at all.

Finally I would like to remind parents about start and finish times to the school day. Morning lessons start at 8.55am. Children will be marked late if they arrive after the gates are closed and have to enter school via the main entrance. Lessons end at 3.15pm at the end of the day. Classes will begin to leave for the playground at this time and we will do all we can to get them out to you as quickly as possible.

I have received another letter from a local resident complaining about one of our parents parking across her driveway and being abusive when approached about it. I have given her a police telephone number for her to use to report this should it happen again

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Bronze Awards

Class of the Week

Linguist', Geographers', Artist', Scientists' and Historians' Awards

Improved Presentation Award;

Bucket Fillers of the Week Award.

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