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Dear Parents,

What a tremendous day! Today, we have welcomed RISE theatre to our school who have spent the morning working with children, teaching them about God's planet, and then we spent the afternoon performing what we have learnt to others. A fun-filled day, with plenty of singing and dancing. Everyone loved it and, obviously, it informs our curriculum with our focus on Catholic Social teaching.

As St Francis of Assisi says in his Canticle of Creation: "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs".

We also remember the words of Pope Francis in Laudato Si':

"Father, we praise you with all your creatures.

They came forth from your all-powerful hand;

They are yours,

Filled with your presence and your tender love.

Praise be to you!"

Golden Book

Reception: Romy Rodrigues-Thornton for showing so much enthusiasm when learning the songs for our nativity. Romy has also worked very hard this week in phonics, identifying the sounds in words and forming her letters correctly. She shows a great attitude towards her learning and is a great role model to her peers. Keep up the hard work, Romy!

Year One: Eliza O'Neill has really impressed all the adults in KS1 this week by her brilliant singing when rehearsing for the Nativity. She is always showcasing her gifts and talents, especially when she is working in the classroom. This week in Literacy, she has written a brilliant prediction as to what Zog and the flying doctors will do next, trying to include adjectives and conjunctions to up-level her sentences. Super work, Eliza - keep it up!

Year Two: Ella Kirby has such a positive attitude about her learning. She isn't shy during work she finds tricky and is always brave enough to ask for help. It has been so pleasing to see Ella's confidence grow in the last few weeks in lessons and hear her contributing a lot more. Ella listens well to all feedback given which is fantastic - we are delighted with the progress she is making and look forward to what the rest of the year has in store for Ella - well done!

Year Three: Amelie Robinson for her fantastic work this week. She produced an amazing dual narrative in Literacy about 'Stig of the Dump' and has shown great multiplication skills in Maths. She always follows instructions, listens well and joins in with all class discussions. Well done, Amelie!

Year Four: Edward Newman for his enthusiasm and dedication to learning this week. His plan alone for his newspaper article about the volcano in Iceland was enough to wow, with excellent use of noun phrases and consideration of his audience. This meant he was very prepared to write and was able to produce an excellent piece of work. Keep up this work, Edward!

Year Five: Sam Tighe for making progress in leaps and bounds with his writing. He is writing at length, thinking really carefully

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about how to make his writing high-quality, using a variety sentence types and ambitious vocabulary. His handwriting has improved significantly since the start of the year making his writing a joy to read. He also pushes himself in our maths lessons; he always gets onto challenge himself with the journal activities.

Year Six: Kieran Hayes for always contributing really thoughtful and insightful ideas to class discussions. His thoughtful attitude is also translated into his work: his writing is always in depth, thorough and has a lot of detail. He is making super progress so far in Year Six as he always strives to be the very best that he can be.

And a special mention to... Isla Byrne who is responsible for not *one* piece but *two* pieces of work on my cupboard door this week! Keep this effort up, Isla!

Open Morning and Afternoon

We are hosting an Open Afternoon on Tuesday 21st at 2pm for any parents who are thinking of sending their child or children to St Ambrose Barlow next September. All are welcome!

For those who can't make the Open Afternoon, the same information will be shared at our Opening Morning on Thursday 23rd, starting at 9:15.

Please feel free to come to either: you will be most welcome to listen to our vision of education, hear what we can offer your child, and share an opportunity to see the children in action.

Parent Questionnaire

Thanks to all who have completed this – the results are very favourable and your comments have been taken on board. Honestly, your feedback is so useful in our efforts to further improve our school provision.

Library visits

These are always organised weeks in advance and posted in the diary dates to give parents (and children) as much notice as possible. If you are ever free to walk with us and join us for your child's trip at the library, just email the office or let a member of staff know. Any help is greatly appreciated!

Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Tommy in Year Two who was seven on Wednesday! Happy birthday to Sonny in Year Three who is eight today! Alex in Year Six also has her birthday today and is celebrating turning eleven! Sebastian in Year One is six tomorrow, and Ethan U in Year Two turns seven on Sunday. Happy birthday to each and every one of you.



November dates for your diary

Tues 21st Nov: Open Afternoon for prospective Reception parents 2pm

Thurs 23rd Nov: Open Morning for prospective Reception parents 9:15am

Thurs 23rd Nov: Year Six at Hall Green library 2pm

Fri 24th Nov: Year Five Assembly 9:00am

Sat 25th: Year Six children at Parish hall 10am – 12pm

Sun 26th Nov: Year Six Mass 10am

Mon 27th Nov: SPARKS Year Four Fire Service visit

Tues 28th Nov: Year Six at St Chad's

Tues 28th Nov: Rec and KS1 PTA disco

Thurs 30th Nov: Year Two at Hall Green library 2pm

Thurs 30th Nov: KS2 PTA Disco

December dates for your diary

Fri 1st Dec: Year Six (Group One) at Dementia cafe

Mon 4th Dec: KS2 Reconciliation Service 2pm

Thurs 7th Dec: Year Three First Confession 6pm at Church

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Fri 8th Dec: Feast of the Immaculate Conception School Mass Year 1-6 at Church

Fri 8th Dec: Year Six (Group Two) at Dementia café

Fri 8th Dec: Reception Nativity 2pm

Mon 11th Dec: KS1 Nativity for Year One parents 2pm

Tues 12th Dec: KS1 Nativity for Year Two parents 2pm

Fri 15th Dec: 'Starchitects' KS1 at Mac

Fri 15th Dec: Choir / keyboard concert 2pm

Sat 16th Dec: Parish Christmas bazaar 2-4pm*

***(Own clothes day in exchange for 'Bring a Bottle' to be announced)**

Tues 19th Dec: KS2 Carol Service 7pm

Wed 20th Dec: KS2 Old Rep for 'Peter Pan'

Thurs 21st Dec: Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas dinner

Fri 22nd Dec: Whole School Mass (including Reception) 9:30

Fri 22nd Dec: School closes for Christmas at 2pm

A short newsletter, which may reflect how busy we are in school at the minute. Nativity practices have started, our Carol Service singing is just beginning, and time is flying by!

Please, keep the staff and the children in your prayers, just as we keep you in ours.

Have a good weekend and we will see you on Monday. God bless,



Mr Clinton