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Dear parents,

The children of Key Stage Two took part in a Reconciliation Service on Wednesday afternoon which was lovely experience and formed an essential part of our Lenten preparations. Thank you to Father Paul and Father Austin for attending and to our Year Five readers. We have ended the week with Year One's class Mass, celebrated by Father Paul and well attended by parents and grandparents! Thanks to all involved. On Tuesday next week, we will all take part in a whole school Mass for the feast of the Annunciation. Come and join us!



Golden Book

Reception: Deen Ahmed for being a little superstar so far this half term! Deen has been trying new things and developing his communication skills too! He has enjoyed playing with his friends in Reception and is always so loving towards others. We are all so proud of you, Deen, and delighted with your progress!

Year One: Jimmy Gorman deserves celebrating for his 'never give up' attitude! Jimmy has been working really hard in all subjects, trying his best and even if he finds something difficult, he keeps persevering! His reading and

writing have both really improved and he is making sure he presents his work beautifully. Keep it up, Jimmy!

Year Two: We are so proud of Remy Augustus this week for his hard work across all subjects. Remy has completed a fantastic piece of writing this week about forgiveness, he really applied himself with his phonics knowledge and tricky words. Remy has also showed determination in Maths when finding a fraction of a quantity, he has been able to use his sharing circle and count accurately to find the answer. Keep up this positive, hardworking attitude! Well done, Remy!

Year Three: Jasper Fung has worked incredibly hard this term so far and his spring assessment results were a testament to this. He has particularly impressed his teachers this week with his first person narrative of Lucy walking through the wardrobe from 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' in Literacy. He included lots of different sentence types and excellent vocabulary. Keep working hard, Jasper.

Year Four: Andreas Kartsios has shown amazing focus in Maths this week. He has tried to push himself as we explore decimals in this unit and sharing his knowledge and answers in class. He has been working on his presentation as well, showing great improvements in his work. Well done Andreas, keep up this excellent work!

With **St. Ambrose Barlow** as our guide and **Jesus** at our side,
we are all **learning to live, love and work together.**

Year Five: Orlaith Quinn has been chosen this week because not only is she now zipping around independently in school and outside, which is amazing, but she is also showing greater independence in her work too. Her Maths has improved and she is now using her knowledge of her times tables facts to help solve problems in lessons. Her spellings results have also improved and she has worked especially hard to create her own PowerPoint presentation all about animals. Orlaith has been a super chef this week helping Year Five to create their Mexican dips - what a super week. Orlaith, you are such a super star! Keep it up!

Year Six: Ailish Kingston for her brilliant application in her lessons, most especially in her Maths. She is offering answers, asking for help when she needs it, and trying her hardest. She has made really pleasing progress in her arithmetic and we are now building on solid foundations.

St Patrick's Day

The children looked fabulous in their green and their Gaelic tops – we saw many different counties:

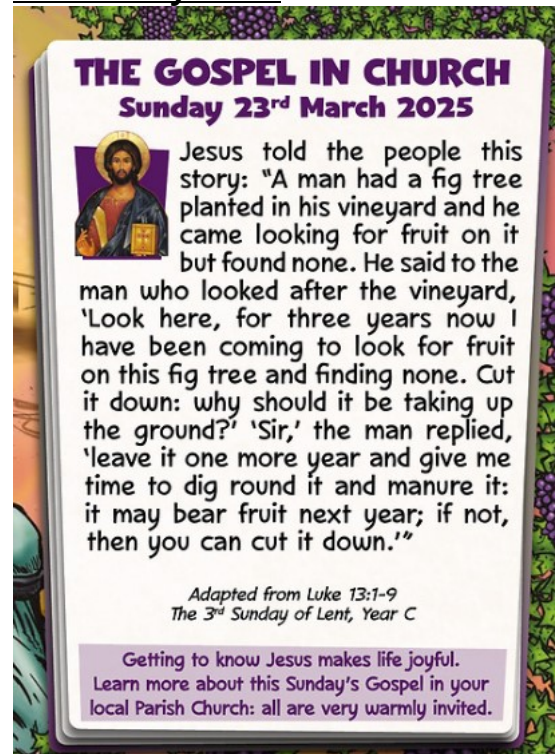
Dún na nGall, Gaillimh, Maigh Eo, Tir Eoghain and of course my beloved *An Mhí*. We also had faces painted, Guinness hats, leprechaun outfits, and the kits from our local clubs – John Mitchells, Sean McDermott's and St Brendan's. Thank you, parents, for your support and your donations towards our Lenten charities.



Parent Consultations

Thanks to all who attended and supported their child's academic and personal progress this week. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to share and celebrated the children's amazing work! Thanks to all the staff for their hard work. They were two long days but so worth it!

Wednesday Word



Key Stage Two SATs

These will take place for Year Six on the week beginning 12th May. Please see below for the proposed timetable.

- Monday May 12: English grammar, punctuation, (40 minutes) and spelling papers
- Tuesday May 13: English reading (1 hour)
- Wednesday May 14: Mathematics papers 1 (30 minutes) and 2 (40 minutes)
- Thursday May 15: Mathematics paper 3 (40 minutes)

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Summer Fete

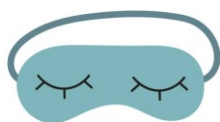
Thank you for your kind and generous bottle donations last week. Consider this advance notice that the famous St Ambrose Barlow PTA Summer Fete will take place on Saturday 28th June at 12pm until 3pm

INSET

Monday 2nd June has been arranged as a teacher training day / INSET day. School will therefore be closed on this day for all children. Monday 2nd June is the first Monday after the children's half-term so children will therefore return to school on Tuesday following their half-term break.

Sponsored school sleepover

It's that time again – our biennial sponsored school sleepover will take place on Friday 11th April from 7pm until 8am the next day. This is a great opportunity, led by our Mini-Vinnies, to raise money for the homeless. It is also perfect preparation for those children in Year Five and Six who will soon be going on their residential in June. Please give generously.



Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Oscar in Year Three who was eight on Monday. Happy birthday to Aibhlinn in Year Three who was eight yesterday and happy birthday to Theo in Year Two who is seven on Sunday!



March dates for your diary

Mon 24th March: Shakespeare Week starts in school

Tues 25th March: Whole School Mass for the Annunciation 9:30am

Wed 26th March: Year Six on Stratford Theatre Tour; INSPIRE workshop for Year Three children and parents

Thurs 27th March: Year Five to visit Hall Green Library

Fri 28th March: Year Two Class Assembly 9am

April dates for your diary

Wed 2nd April: Year Three at Compton Verney

Thurs 3rd April: Year Two to visit Selly Manor Museum; Year Three to visit Hall Green Library

Mon 7th April: Other Faiths Week

Tues 8th April: Year One at Olton Friary Catholic Church; Year Two at Church of the Ascension; Year Four at Singers Hill Synagogue

Wed 9th April: Reception at St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Church

Thurs 10th April: Year Three at Hindu BAPS Shri Mandir; Keyboard concert at 2:15pm

Fri 11th April: Year Five at Guru Nanak Sikh Gurdwara; Year Five and Six sponsored school sleepover

Sat 12th April: Year Three at parish hall for First Communion workshop 10am

Sun 13th April: Year Three children to lead 'Palm Sunday' procession at church at 10am

Mon 14th April: Year Three to lead 'Palm Sunday' Holy Week assembly

Tues 15th April: Year Four to lead 'Last Supper' Holy Week assembly

Wed 16th April: Year Five to lead 'Gethsemane' Holy Week assembly

Thurs 17th April: Year Six to lead 'Stations of the Cross' Holy Week assembly; schools closes for end of term at 2pm – no Kidzone club.

May dates for your diary

Tues 6th May: Children return to school

Sat 10th May: Year Three FHC Masses
10am and 11:30

Monday 12th May: KS2 SATS start

Fri 16th May: Year One Class assembly
9am; Marian Procession 2pm

Fri 23rd May: Children break up for
half-term at 3:30

June dates for your diary

Mon 2nd June: School closed for INSET

Tues 3rd June: School re-opens for
Summer Two

Mon 9th June: Year Five and Six
residential to Paris

Mon 16th June: Year five and Six
residential to Whitemoor Lakes

Fri 20th June: Reception Class Mass
2:30pm

Sun 22nd June: Corpus Christi
Procession 10am

Fri 27th June: Whole School Mass for
Sacred Heart of Jesus 9:30am

Sat 29th June: Summer Fete 12-3pm

Have a good weekend!

God bless,



Mr Clinton