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## Our Mission Statement

*'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.'* St. Catherine of Siena

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for all your responses to our recent **Religious Education Parent Questionnaire** and we will be sharing the outcomes of this with you shortly and any actions we are taking as a result of your feedback. We really value this feedback and that of the children themselves as we evaluate our religious education curriculum and the learning taking place, the richness of prayer and liturgy experiences in place and how we support each child to "Be who God meant you to be" through our Catholic life and mission.

**World Mental Health Day** was celebrated yesterday and the children really brightened up the day by wearing a fantastic selection of yellow clothing. This event aims to raise awareness of mental health issues, promote discussion about feelings and emotions and encourage us to think about how we can support our own and others' mental health. Children in each year group thought about the different ways they could support their own mental health and we all took time for **"A cookie and a chat"**.



Thank you to our PSHE Lead, Miss Brennan, for organising all activities.

A very big thank you also to **Class 3A** for your beautiful assembly on World Mental Health Day this morning. This was the first class assembly the children have led since joining the Junior School and they spoke and sang very confidently and worked very well together as a team. The children explained the importance of mental health and how to protect it, as well as making links to the Catholic Social Teaching principle of human dignity. Well done Class 3A and thank you also to Ms Vlouti and Mrs Marquez for helping the children prepare the assembly and sharing this important message with us.



Helping keep children safe both inside and outside of school is our priority and is included in our curriculum throughout the year. We also invite visitors to speak to the children about ways they can keep themselves safe. We were very pleased to welcome our Community Police Officer to the Junior School this week to deliver important safety workshops with the children. Years 3 and 4 classes thought about **"Stranger Awareness"** while Year 5 focused on **"Online Safety"**. The Year 6 class discussed the importance of staying out of danger as part of their **"Gangs and County Lines"** work. The children responded very positively to these workshops and we will continue to work on these important messages throughout the year.

Thank you to all the Infant parents and children for your very generous support of the **Book Fair** this week. Over £800 of book sales by the end of yesterday meant we have already received a selection of fantastic new books worth £300-£400 for the children to enjoy in their classrooms!

The **PTA** held their Annual General Meeting recently and were delighted to have had such a generous turnout of parents from both schools. This allowed the PTA to vote in some new committee members for the current academic year and they would like to warmly welcome new members and share the new committee as follows:

Chairperson: Mrs Campbell      Vice Chairperson: Mrs Fadden-Grimes

Secretary: Mrs Phelan            Assistant Secretary: Mr Akuk

Treasurer: Mrs Fuluga            Assistant Treasurer: Mrs Moor

Volunteer: Mrs Corr

All committee members have children attending our schools and they look forward to organising some wonderful events for our school families to enjoy in the coming year. The PTA are already hard at work with arrangements for the Christmas Fayre. This will take place at the Junior School site on **Friday 6th December 2024, from 3.30 to 6.30pm.**

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss J. O'Prey



## STAR OF THE WEEK



### Infants

|    |         |
|----|---------|
| N  | Jofiah  |
| Ra | Theo    |
| Rb | Khadija |

|    |         |
|----|---------|
| 1a | Kiarash |
| 1b | Samuel  |
| 2a | Amara   |
| 2b | Michael |



## STAR OF THE WEEK



### Juniors

|    |         |
|----|---------|
| 3A | Samuel  |
| 3B | Welat   |
| 4A | Lindzey |
| 4B | Amelia  |

|        |        |
|--------|--------|
| 5A     | Emalie |
| 5B     | Elissa |
| Year 6 | Elena  |

Writing Laureate: Sadie (4A)

# ATTENDANCE

**Congratulations**  
to  
for having the  
highest  
attendance!



| Class  | %  |
|--------|----|
| R1     | 90 |
| R2     | 90 |
| 1A     | 96 |
| 1B     | 98 |
| 2A     | 95 |
| 2B     | 95 |
| 3A     | 98 |
| 3B     | 95 |
| 4A     | 95 |
| 4B     | 98 |
| 5A     | 98 |
| 5B     | 99 |
| Year 6 | 99 |

## Celebration of The Word

### The Gospel for Sunday 13th October 2024

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about a wealthy young man whose love of money and possessions were stopping him finding true happiness. Jesus challenges him that if he wants to have the true, lasting happiness for which he is asking, then he must give God first place in his life and trust God to bring him happiness. **The Word** we are focusing on this week is **happiness**.

*A man ran up to Jesus, knelt before him and asked, "Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life – to live forever with God?" Jesus answered, "You know the ten commandments." And the man said, "Yes Master, and I have kept all these from my earliest days." Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him and said, "There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." The young man went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God." "In that case," they said, "who can be saved?" Jesus gazed at them. "For people," Jesus said, "it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God."*

Adapted from The Gospel of Mark 10: 17-30

The 28th Sunday of **Ordinary Time**, Year B

## AIS and AJS VALUES

|            |                                       |   |
|------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Tolerance  | 5a                                    | Amara   |
| Respect    | 5b                                    | Eliana O  |
| Justice    | 3a                                    | Dinadi  |
| Commitment | 4b                                    | Cuba  |
| Safety     | 4a                                    | Nathania  |
| Excellence | 3b                                    | Bernard   |
| Truth      | 6a                                    | Gracie  |
| Courage    | 6a                                    | Mateo   |
| Tolerance  | N<br>Ra<br>Rb<br>1a<br>1b<br>2a<br>2b | Tiffany<br>Lukas<br>Jemarisa<br>Daniella<br>Ella<br>Esther<br>Abigail |

## Maths Superstars

|        |                  |
|--------|------------------|
| Year 3 | Keyner & Alex    |
| Year 4 | Aliyah & Cameron |
| Year 5 | Aaryn & Jasmine  |
| Year 6 | Moses            |

## KEY DATES

| Date  | What   | Where/Time           |
|---|--|----------------------|
| 15/10/24  | Reception Parents Phonics Meeting                                | Infant School 8.50am |
| 17/10/24  | Open Morning for September 2025 Nursery & Reception Applications | Infant School 9.30am |
| 18/10/24  | Class 3B Assembly  | Junior School 9.00am |
| 21st & 23rd October   | Years 1 and 2 Parent Consultation Meetings                       | 3.20pm — 5.50pm      |
| 22nd & 24th October   | Years 3 to 6 Parent Consultation Meetings                        | 3.40pm — 5.40pm      |
| <b>Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November — Half Term</b> |  |                      |
| 04/11/24  | Open Evening for September 2025 Nursery & Reception Applications | Infant School 5.30pm |
| 08/11/24  | Class 5B Assembly  | Junior School 9.00am |

## SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Ms. Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr Mc Creadie



Mrs. Stanley

