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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Easter and we were delighted to welcome the children back to school this week. We hope all our families had a very enjoyable and safe Easter break and enjoyed spending time together with family and friends. We are looking forward to lots of exciting learning opportunities taking place over the summer term as children begin new topics in many areas of the curriculum. The children have come back ready and eager to learn. It was wonderful to see the fantastic writing completed by Year 2 pupils this week after a dragon visited their playground and parts of the school. The children created warning posters to tell everyone about the dragon on the loose in our local area! Year 5 had a fantastic visit to the RAF Museum to take part in the special workshop being run by the Science Museum and had the opportunity to learn more about coding and algorithms, the engineering of planes and states of matter at the Big Science Show.



We began the new term with a very special Mass in the Church yesterday to celebrate our school Feast Day. The Feast of the Annunciation takes place on 25th March but Fr. Chinedu arranged for us to gather and celebrate together as a school community after Easter. Classes from Years 1 to 6 attended the Mass and the Year 6 pupils led the readings and prayers. The children spoke very confidently and reverently and we were so proud of how tall the children took part in the Mass.

The singing was led by Mrs Stanley, our music teacher, and all classes joined in very well with the hymns, including the additional hymns Fr. Chinedu introduced during the homily and in the final prayers. Fr. Chindeu shared the beautiful pictures of the Annunciation in the church with the children as he spoke about Mary and why she was chosen by God to be the mother of His son, Jesus. He reminded the children that Mary gladly accepted what God asked of her and that God is always with us and we should not be afraid to follow His plan for each of our lives.



Thank you to all the children for making this such a special and joyful occasion and also to the Junior classes for walking over in such a safe and sensible manner to the Church. It was lovely to see children offering to help their partner and make sure everyone travelled safely. The children also received treats at school to continue celebrating our Feast Day. Thank you to Fr. Chinedu for his continued support of the schools and the opportunities he offers the children to visit the Church regularly and take part in a wide variety of prayer and worship experiences. A very special thank you also to our Religious Education Lead, Miss O'Hare, for all her work with Fr. Chinedu, colleagues and the children to help organise this Mass. Miss O'Hare also leads the vital work to support RE learning and the Catholic life and Mission of our schools.

We want to share the wonderful news that Mrs Griffin, our Year 3B teacher, had a beautiful baby boy earlier this week. Mum and baby are both doing well and we all send huge congratulations to Mrs Griffin and her entire family on this happy news.

Finally, just a reminder that children have the choice of wearing their summer uniform now and that all children must be in summer uniform following the half term break. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss O'Prey



## STAR OF THE WEEK



### Infants

N	Roman
Ra	Marie-Kate
Rb	Zainab

1a	Chloe
1b	Zane
2a	Eva
2b	Josiah



## STAR OF THE WEEK



### Juniors

3A	Niamh	4B	Raisa
3B	Alicja	5B	Moses
4A	Muhammad	6A	Theo
		6B	Ryan

# ATTENDANCE

Congratulations  
to **3b**  
for having the  
highest  
attendance!



Class	%
R1	80
R2	96
1a	90
1b	83
2a	90
2b	96
3a	87
3b	98
4a	96
4h	91
5b	94
6a	97
6b	95

## AIS & AJS VALUES

Tolerance	4a	Caragh
Respect	4b	Megan
Commitment	3b	Daniel
Safety	3a	Oliwia
Excellence	6a	Adrian
Excellence	6b	Krystian
Courage	5b	Miguel
Excellence	N Ra Rb 1a 1b 2a 2b	Enzo Angela Akim Ronan Sarah Cedric Chloe

## KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/Time
20-24 May	Walk to School Week	
22/05/24	Class 1A Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
03/06/24	Staff training - schools closed for pupils	
12/06/24	Class 1B Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
19/06/24	Class 2A Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
26/06/24	Class 2B Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
05/07/24	Reception and Years 1 and 2 Sports Morning	Junior School 10am-12pm
10/07/24	Year 2 Leavers' Mass	Church 9.00am

## Maths Superstars

Year 3	Zara & Harper
Year 4	Liyanna & Divine
Year 5	Manuela
Year 6	Gloria & Krystian

This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. Jesus is the 'Good Shepherd' who can be trusted to guide our lives in the right direction.

*Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and, as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father."*

Gospel of John 10:11-18 The 4th Sunday of Easter, Year B

## Safeguarding Team

Ms. Bourke



Mrs Attwell



Miss O'Prey



Mr Mc Creadie



Mrs. Stanley





