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Dear Parents and Carers

This week we enjoyed assemblies led by Classes 1B and Year 5 and the children in both classes spoke with great confidence and clarity, acted and sang very well.



Class 1B thought about our **Lenten journey** over the last five weeks and **the events of Holy Week**. They began with Jesus' joyful entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, betrayal and arrest in the garden on Holy Thursday and finally the crucifixion on Good Friday. The assembly was very meaningful for everyone present as we move closer to the start of Holy Week and remember the great sacrifice that Jesus made for us. Thank you to Class 1B for working together so well as a team to share these very important events with us and helping us to prepare for Holy Week. Thank you also to Miss Gibson and Mrs Shan for all their work preparing the children.



Year 5 told us about **St. Patrick**, a very special person in our Church who followed Jesus and tried to spread the word of God. St. Patrick is the **Patron Saint of Ireland and Nigeria** and his feast day was celebrated on 17th March. The children shared the story of his life in Ireland around 1500 years ago and how he felt called by God to teach people his message and how to become Christians. The pupils performed wonderfully. It was both a fantastic celebration of St. Patrick and as we prepare for Palm Sunday a reminder of the arrival of a special person to spread the message of God, even when it is dangerous to do so. Thank you to Miss Cronin, Miss Kristjana and Miss Leslie for their hard work in preparing this.



We celebrate our school feast day, the **Feast of the Annunciation, on the 25th of March** each year. However, this year the feast date falls in Holy Week and Fr. Chinedu has advised us the date has been moved and will be celebrated during the Easter holidays. We plan to have a whole-school celebration of our special feast day when we return to school and arrange a Mass with Fr. Chinedu for all pupils in the Church. This will give an opportunity for Infant and Junior classes to join together to pray and celebrate the Word of God, and reflect on the selflessness of Our Lady's words and actions. **Lenterprise fundraising events** are also continuing and thank you for your continued support of the chosen charities.

Pupils in the Infant school showed off their musical talents in our **Rock Steady Concert** this week and performed brilliantly. We look forward to the Junior concert next week.



Earlier this week, we welcomed parents from Years 1 to 6 into school for **parent consultation meetings**. The meetings were an opportunity to look at your children's school work and meet with their class teachers to discuss progress and next steps in learning. The meetings were very well attended and it was lovely to see so many parents leaving with smiles on their faces and pride in their children. Thank you to everyone who attended and also to everyone who completed the parent survey. We are currently reviewing all responses and will share the results and actions with you in the Summer. We would also like to thank all the staff in both schools for the continued hard work with the children.

Have a very happy and peaceful weekend.

Miss O'Prey



STAR OF THE WEEK



Infants

N	Hannah
Ra	Mary Kate
Rb	Sofia

1a	Caleb
1b	Ethan
2a	Alex
2b	Arafat



STAR OF THE WEEK



Juniors

3A	Zara
3B	Anays
4A	Thomas

4B	Angelo
5B	Daren
6A	Theo
6B	Jessica

ATTENDANCE

Class	%
R1	93
R2	87
1a	97
1b	96
2a	86
2b	95
3a	97
3b	96
4a	95
4h	94
5b	98
6a	97
6b	98

Congratulations
to **5a & 6b**
for having the
highest
attendance!



AIS & AJS VALUES

Tolerance	3a	Emilia
Truth	4b	Megan
Commitment	6b	Ryan
Safety	6a	Aya
Excellence	3b	April
Justice	5b	Gracie
Courage	4a	Muhammad
Safety	N Ra Rb 1a 1b 2a 2b	Noah Eliana Maya Paula Kayden Dinadi

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Tianna & Kobi
Year 4	Maria & Annamary
Year 5	Manuela & Gabriel
Year 6	Kelsey & Godwin

KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/Time
28/03/24	Rocksteady Concert	Juniors 9.30am
28/03/24	School Closes for Easter Holidays—reopens for all children 15th April	Infants 1.15pm Juniors 1.30pm

Summer Term Dates

Monday 15 April --Friday 19 July

06/05/24	May Day (Bank Holiday)	School Closed
27/05/24-21/05/24	Half Term	School Closed
03/06/24	Staff Training Day	School Closed

This Sunday is known as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. It is the start of Holy Week and palms will be handed out in Church to remember the welcome and great praise that people gave to Jesus when he entered Jerusalem.

When Jesus and his disciples were on their way to Jerusalem, they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples into the nearby village to collect a donkey. He said to them, "If anyone stops you, tell them that it is for the Lord, and that the donkey will be returned." So the disciples set off and found the donkey. When they untied it from its post, some people said to them, "What are you doing?" The disciples answered just as Jesus had told them, and the people let the disciples take the donkey to Jesus. Then Jesus rode into Jerusalem. People were spreading their cloaks and palm branches on the road in front of him. They praised God, shouting: "Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!"

Gospel of Mark 11:1-10 Passion/Palm Sunday



Safeguarding Team

Ms. Bourke



Mrs Attwell



Miss O'Prey



Mr Mc Creadie



Mrs. Stanley



