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Dear Parents and Carers

National Science Week took place at both schools and the children have enjoyed a range of different science activities, including live lessons and a range of science investigations. Thank you to Miss Horgan, Ms Bourke and Mrs Attwell for organising this event for both schools.



Class 1A led a beautiful assembly on Wednesday and helped us all to think about how we can live as Jesus showed us and the 'Common Good'. The children started by singing the hymn 'Light of The World', showing how Jesus was a light to each one of us and how we can follow his example in the way we care for others, especially those most in need. In recent lessons, the children have been learning about the Gospel story 'The Widow's Mite' and acted the story to show how the widow was only able to give a small coin to help others. Her offering or gift was even more meaningful as it was all she had to give and she gave it willingly. During Lent we have been fundraising for different charities to help others and the children showed us that no matter how big or small our donation, it makes a difference and is even more special when it is given with love. Through our actions, we are the hands, the voice and the eyes of Jesus. Thank you Class1A for your wonderful singing, confident speaking and acting. Thanks also to Miss Yalcin and Miss Segal for helping the children to prepare so well for their first assembly of the year.

Year 4 pupils visited **Paradise Wildlife Park** this week as part of their work in science and animal groups. They enjoyed a wonderful day exploring and collecting information on different animals and classifying them. The children used this knowledge to create their own booklets and will continue to build on this work back in school.



Reception classes said goodbye to the chicks today after watching them hatch and then caring for them over the last two weeks. The chicks will be safely rehomed and we are very proud of how the children took such special care of them while they were here in school and took on this responsibility so sensibly.

Next week there will be **Parents' Consultation Meetings** in each school. You will get to look through your child's books and talk to their teachers about their next steps. We ask that ALL parents attend. Individual parents evening timeslots were sent home last week. Please contact the office if you need further information about this.



We are very fortunate to have such a committed PTA here at The Annunciation Catholic Schools . Their mission is to make our schools better places for children to learn by bringing together parents, teachers and children to raise funds and strengthen the school community. They are seeking other parents to support them in this work, especially anyone who can volunteer to help at events such as the Summer Fayre next term approach. I would encourage as many parents as possible to consider joining the PTA as they make such a fantastic contribution to our children's education at both schools but they need additional committed members. A representative from the PTA will be at each school during Parent Consultation evenings next week to answer any questions and try to encourage other parents to help. Please speak to them or any member of the PTA if you are feel you are able to help in any way, thank you.



Have a lovely weekend and happy St. Patrick's day on Sunday. As we will not be in school on this Feast Day, children may wear something to reflect St. Patrick's day when they return to school on Monday. For example, a special hair decoration, rosette or a green jumper.



Miss O'Prey



STAR OF THE WEEK



Infants

N	Ayan
Ra	Kristina
Rb	Jason

1a	Precious
1b	Adon
2a	Vlad
2b	Clementine



STAR OF THE WEEK



Juniors

3A	Edward
3B	Alicja
4A	Asan

4B	Jasmine
5B	Jasper
6A	Lillie -Mae
6B	Jessica

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to **6b**
for having the
highest
attendance!



Class	%
R1	87
R2	88
1a	99
1b	98
2a	92
2b	94
3a	90
3b	95
4a	98
4h	94
5b	99
6a	93
6b	100

AIS & AJS VALUES

Tolerance	6b	Philomena
Respect	3a	Anastasia
Commitment	6a	Parsa
Safety	4a	Charles
Excellence	5b	Piotr
Justice	4b	Aoife
Courage	3b	Autumn
Truth	N Ra Rb 1a 1b 2a 2b	Kiara Steve Leona Esther Thomas Chukwundindu Sarah

KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/Time
18th and 20th March	Parent Consultation Meetings	Infant School 3.30-6.30pm
20/03/24	Class 1B Assembly	Infant School
19th and 21st March	Parent Consultation Meetings	Junior School 3.30-6.30pm
21/03/24	Rocksteady Concert	Infants 2.15pm
22/03/24	Year 5 Assembly	Junior School 9.00am
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)	

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Prince & Aiden
Year 4	Tamara & David P
Year 5	Manuela
Year 6	Pearl & Jacob

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of the grain of wheat, which dies to produce a rich crop, to show us that his death was necessary if we are to receive eternal life. Through this Gospel Jesus is also encouraging his disciples to follow him – to give him first place in their lives. This message is for each one of us too. Jesus wants us to make following him our most important priority.

Jesus said to his friends, the disciples, "If you do not bury a grain of wheat, it stays just one grain. But if you bury it in the ground, it dies, and then produces a rich harvest. In the same way, those who are willing to give up their lives to help others will be given everlasting life. Whoever serves me must follow me. When I am lifted up from the earth, I will bring all people to myself." By these words Jesus made it known how he would die.

Gospel of John 12: 20-33 The 5th Sunday of Lent, Year B

Safeguarding Team

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