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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 and Carers,

Lots of exciting events have taken place in our schools this week as we get ready for the half-term break. Firstly, thank you to everyone who has made a special effort to walk to school as many days as possible as we supported **Walk to School Week**. This has great health benefits, as well as looking after our environment by reducing the traffic pollution.

On Monday the Junior classes took part in **'Move It Monday'** events to promote the importance of looking after our physical and mental health and understand how both are connected. The children had the opportunity to take part in a Gymnastics Workshop, Daily Mile and Skipping Challenges, Yoga and Zumba online sessions and other physical movement activities. The children created a "Healthy Mind, Healthy Body Recipe Book" and a poster to encourage others to be more active at the start of each week. Thank you children and staff for promoting the benefits of exercise to all of us and to Miss Brennan for her work to organise these events.



The **Reception classes** enjoyed a fantastic trip to **London Zoo** on Tuesday and the rain stayed away! The children have been learning about **'Animals Around the World'** this term and the zoo trip was a lovely opportunity to find out more about different animals and why they are best suited to live in certain parts of the world and climates. The children had a wonderful time and thank you to all the parents who joined our staff team to help with the trip. This is the first major trip for Reception classes outside the local area and they were absolutely fantastic at looking after each other.



Class 2B led a beautiful assembly on Wednesday on the theme of **Pentecost**. This important feast takes place on Sunday and the children used songs and drama to show how God sent his Holy Spirit to help Jesus' friends go out and tell everyone about him. They explained how the wind and fire of the Holy Spirit gave the Disciples the courage and energy to begin God's Church and speak in different languages. The children also spoke about how they use the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit to live as Jesus showed us and that God is always there to help us. Well done Class 2B for working together so well as a team, helping and encouraging each other, and making your final assembly at the Infant School so special. Thank you to Miss Toal, Mrs Brett and Miss Ginty for their work with the class this year and helping them prepare for the assembly. Thanks also to all the parents and family members who joined us.

Year 6 enjoyed a visit to **The Tower of London** yesterday to support the History topic they will be working on next half-term, **“Crime and Punishment”**. The visit helped them understand more about this topic and we were very proud of how they represented the school on the trip and how well they dealt with the travel changes on the way home! It will be an exciting final half-term for Year 6 with their School Journey and lots of other events taking place.



Annunciation Schools Celebrate Cultural Diversity Day

Thank you children and parents for helping us to celebrate **Cultural Diversity Day** today. Different events took place throughout the day in each school to celebrate and learn from all the amazing cultures which are part of our school family. The children dressed in clothing to celebrate their country of heritage and brought in food to share and flags from their home countries. They also took part in a parade to share the different clothing and flags and it was lovely to see how proud the children were to share this and learn more about other countries and cultures around the world.



Have a very happy and safe half-term break together and just a reminder that **both schools reopen to all children on Tuesday 2nd June**, after the staff training day on Monday 1st June.

Miss J. O’Prey
Headteacher

KS1 ‘Star Writer’ and KS2 ‘Writer of The Week’ Awards

Year 1	Anthony & Diana	Year 4	Clementine & Zion
Year 2	Millicent & Dawid	Year 5	Bella & Nathan
Year 3	Cerys & Sarah	Year 6	Elliott & Caragh

STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants

N	Excel	1A	Enoh
RA	The Whole Class	1B	Sam
RB	The Whole Class	2A	Malaika
		2B	Jessica

STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors

3A	Atharv	5A	Ayan
3B	Aliyanna	5B	Alicja
4A	Jaden O	6A	Maks
4B	Yannis	6B	Tamara

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to **1A & 2B**
for having the
highest



attendance!

Class	%
R1	94
R2	92
1A	99
1B	92
2A	95
2B	99
3A	98
3B	97
4A	97
4B	93
5A	90
5B	87
6A	91
6B	95

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	6b	Bonita
Respect	3a	Denver
Commitment	6a	Joshua
Truth	4a	Truth
Excellence	5a	Anastasia
Safety	5b	Ella
Courage	3b	Zane
Justice	4b	Eduard
Justice	N	Munachimso
	RA	Mohammadreza
	RB	Amelie
	1A	Hazel
	1B	Jenarisa
	2A	Jozef
	2B	Daniella

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Bezalel & Zina
Year 4	Saoirse & Vlad
Year 5	Salome & Solanga

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 24th May 2026

This Sunday the Church celebrates Pentecost, the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church. This is a gift we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation and at Mass. 'Pentecost' means 'fiftieth day' and took place fifty days after Easter. Pentecost Sunday is also known as the birthday of the Church. This was the day when Jesus' disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and the mission of the Church really began. The Holy Spirit helps us to grow in the qualities or gifts of Courage, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness or Self-Control. **The Word** we are celebrating this week is **Pentecost**.

In the evening, the disciples were gathered in a room. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the people who had crucified Jesus. Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said to them. He showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord. "Peace be with you," Jesus said to them again. "As the Father has sent me, so I now send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them. "Receive the Holy Spirit," he said to them. "If you forgive the sins of anyone, then they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Adapted from The Gospel of John 20:19-23

Pentecost Sunday, Year A

KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/When
25-29 May and 01-06-26	Half-term break - School closed to children on Monday 1st June due to Staff Training Day. All children return to school on Tuesday 2nd June	
22-06-26	Class Photos—both schools	
23-06-26	Parent Meeting for New Year 3 September	Junior School 9.15am
24-06-26	Class 1A Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
26-06-26	'Dream Big' Celebration Day at both schools	
30-06-26	Parent Meetings for New: Reception September Nursery September	Infant School 9.00am 2.30pm
01-07-26	Class 1B Assembly	Infant School 9.00am
01-07-26	Years 3 to 6 Sports Morning	Junior School Field 10.00am
03-07-26	Rec, Years 1&2 Sports Morning	Junior School Field 10.00am

The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi Miss Martin Mrs Stanley Ms Bourke Miss O'Prey Mr McCreadie Miss Brennan Mrs Griffin

