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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,

It has been another busy week across the Federation, filled with both fun and learning. Walking around the classes in both the Infant and Junior schools, it has been wonderful to see how engaged the children are and how well our pupils are doing in their lessons. I would also like to say a sincere thank you for all the warm wishes for my upcoming surgery, it has really meant a lot—thank you!

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to all of our families who have been so generous in their donations towards our Christmas Shoebox Appeal. We have been truly overwhelmed by the number of boxes brought in across both schools. Your kindness and generosity will undoubtedly give others a Christmas to remember. Seeing this level of care and compassion for others in need is yet another wonderful sign that it is you—our parents and carers—who are the very first teachers of our Catholic values.

Cinema Trip

Today, the lucky and very well-deserved winners of Ms. Brennan's Half Term Challenge went on their prize trip to the cinema! We hope the children had a wonderful day out and thoroughly enjoyed the film (I must admit, I was a bit jealous not to be going along myself!). We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the pupils who participated in the challenge, to all the grown-ups at home who supported them, and of course to Ms. Brennan for all the hard work that went into the planning and organising of both the challenge and the trip. Looking at the fantastic entries, I think the hardest part of the whole process was choosing the winners (and I was certainly not jealous of having to do that!).

6B STEM Trip

Also today, pupils in Class 6B visited the RAF Museum for a special STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Maths) workshop. This incredibly important subject area was brought to life through a series of wonderful, hands-on workshops and activities. The pupils had a fantastic day, and we hope the experience has sparked a new and lasting interest in STEM for many of them. A big thank you goes to Ms. Horgan for organising this enriching visit, and to Ms. Barry and the Year 6 team for facilitating the trip and looking after the children so well. Infant School Poetry Assembly

Class 6A Assembly

Thank you to Class 6A for delivering a wonderful assembly this morning on a very important topic: Anti-Bullying. The children managed to make this serious subject both understandable and engaging for pupils right across the school, reminding us all of the importance of kindness, respect, and speaking out. We thank all the pupils in 6A for doing such a brilliant job, and we extend a special thank you to Ms. Rioux and Ms. Marshall for all their hard work in preparing the class for this performance.

Christmas Fayre

The flyers and information for our upcoming Christmas Fayre on Friday 4th December are now up around both schools! I am so excited for this special community event, and following my surgery tomorrow, I will be doing my very best to be back in school to join in the festivities with you all. Full information regarding tickets and the various donations we will be asking for over the coming weeks can be found on the posters displayed at each site. Please also keep your eyes peeled on ClassDojo and our Instagram page (@annunciation_schools) for further updates from the PTA.

Attendance

Finally, as ever, I want to remind families of the ongoing importance of regular school attendance. Every day in class is vital for your child's learning and routine, and just the odd day missed here and there quickly adds up over the course of the term. As winter coughs and colds continue to circulate, please do think carefully about whether minor sniffles require your child to stay at home, or if they are well enough to come in and learn. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Have a great weekend—I look forward to seeing you all in person upon my return,

Mr. D. McCreadie

Headteacher

KS1 'Star Writer' and KS2 'Writer of The Week' Awards

Year 1	**Molly & Piruthvik**	**Year 4**	**Ronan & Kensleey**
Year 2	**Khadija & Theo B**	**Year 5**	**Adam & Isabella**
Year 3	**Hennessy & Sofia**	**Year 6**	**Jaouad & Nathania**

STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants

N	Hannan
RA	Leonardo
RB	Lazaro

1A	Ryan
1B	Mohammadreza
2A	Dominic
2B	Abiba

STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors

3A	Ermea
3B	Leona
4A	Denver
4B	Paula

5A	Zion
5B	Harry
6A	6A
6B	Feynman

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations

to

4B

for having the highest attendance!



Class	%
RA	91
RB	98
1A	92
1B	94
2A	95
2B	96
3A	99
3B	97
4A	96
4B	99
5A	97
5B	95
6A	97
6B	98

AIS and AJS VALUES

Respect	3B	Elsie
Commitment	6B	Prince 0
Truth	4B	Henry
Tolerance	4A	Caleb
Safety	6A	Tonye
Courage	3A	Hennessy
Justice	5A	Neve
Excellence	5B	Chloe
	N	Annie
	RA	Brian
	RB	Emilia M
	1A	Yoosan
	1B	Dalia
	2A	George
	2B	Hazel

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Jaida & Daniella
Year 4	Cerys & Thomas
Year 5	Eduard & Justin
Year 6	Vida & Oliwia

Celebration of The Word

Jesus said to his disciples, "There was once a man who set out on a journey. Before he left, he summoned his servants and handed over his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to a third he gave one talent – giving to each according to their ability. Then he left on his journey. After a long time the master came back and settled his accounts with them. The servant who had received the five talents brought his master an extra five talents. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents; look, I've made you another five talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have proved yourself faithful over little things, so I will put you in charge of much more. Come and share your master's joy.' The servant who had been given two talents made two more and his master said the same thing to him. But the servant who had been given one talent had just buried it in the ground and then dug it up and returned it to his master. The master was angry and had that lazy servant thrown out."

Adapted from Matthew 25:14-30 The 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time,

God does not expect us all to have the exact same talents, but He does ask us to be brave, work hard, and use whatever gifts we have been given to the very best of our ability. Rather than hiding our talents away or being afraid to make mistakes, we are called to nurture them and share them generously to brighten the lives of others and build up our community. When we use our gifts with kindness, enthusiasm, and faith, we truly live out our school mission to "Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

KEY DATES

Monday 16th November	**Road Safety Week**	
Tuesday 17th November		Year 3 & Year 6 Christmas Carol Rehearsal @ Church - 10:30am
Wednesday 18th November	Maths Learning Walk - DMC & JO @ 9am AB & AT LittleWandle	Burnt Oak Library Visit - Year 3A
Thursday 19th November		Maths Learning Walk - AB & MB @ 9am
Friday 20th November	**Individual Photos**	
		4A Assembly Burnt Oak Library Visit - Year 3B
Monday 23rd November	**UK Parliament Week** **CAFOD World Gifts Fundraising Week**	
	KS1 Assessment Week	**KS2 Assessment Week**
Tuesday 24th November		Year 3 & Year 6 Christmas Carol Rehearsal @ Church - 10:30am
Wednesday 25th November	Drama4All Workshops	TT Rockstar Day Burnt Oak Library Visit - Year 5A
Thursday 26th November	Vaccinations	Vaccinations
Friday 27th November	**Advent Service KS1 & KS2 @ Church - 10:30am - Parents Welcome**	
	Local MP Visit @ 1:30pm	Burnt Oak Library Visit - Year 5B Year 6 GAV Workshop

The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi



Mrs Stanley



Mr McCreadie



Miss Brennan



Miss Horgan



Miss Gimmi

