St. Anne's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER

4th October 2024

A Message from Miss Gillin...

Another busy week in our school has come to a close, filled with a number of enriching experiences and activities. It was particularly heartening to witness so many of our families joining the Change Makers after-school club, where the focus was on the Eat Well Plate. This engagement not only fostered a sense of community but also reinforced the importance of healthy eating habits among our children.

I also had the pleasure of attending several lovely prayer and liturgies led by the children this week. It was truly inspiring to see their enthusiasm and commitment as they shared these special moments with their peers, highlighting the importance of faith and reflection in our school environment.

As we transition into the autumn season, the weather has certainly begun to reflect this change, with a delightful mix of all seasons making an appearance. I kindly remind all parents that children should now be wearing their winter uniforms and are encouraged to bring coats to school to ensure they remain warm and comfortable throughout the day.

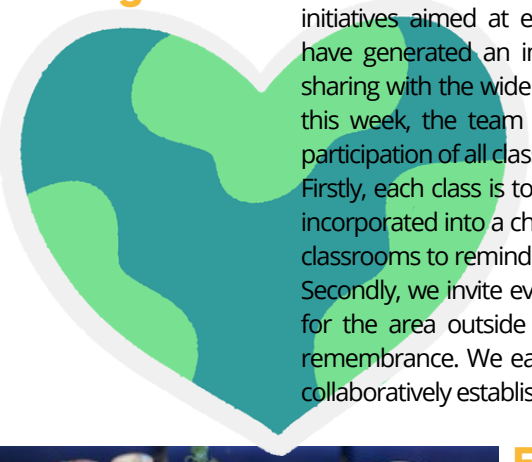
Wishing you all a pleasant weekend. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Miss Gillin

Head of School

Highlights of the Week...

Eco Agents



This week, the Eco Team met with Mrs Loveday to brainstorm initiatives aimed at enhancing our school's eco-friendliness. They have generated an impressive array of ideas, which they will be sharing with the wider school community in the coming weeks. For this week, the team has outlined two key tasks that involve the participation of all classes.

Firstly, each class is to create its own class Eco Prayer, which will be incorporated into a child-led collective worship and used regularly in classrooms to remind us of our duty as guardians of God's creation.

Secondly, we invite every child to design a prayer/memorial garden for the area outside our school, which will serve as a space for remembrance. We eagerly anticipate reviewing all the designs and collaboratively establishing this meaningful area.

LIVING THE MISSION

Blessing of Prayer Area

Father George visited us on Thursday to bless the newly established prayer area, a project initiated by our dedicated Liturgy Team. This serene space is designed to foster reflection and prayer, providing a tranquil environment for both children and staff. Father George's presence and blessings have imbued the area with a sense of spirituality and community, further enhancing our commitment to nurturing the faith and well-being of our school community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the liturgy team, Mrs Palfreman and Mrs White for their thoughtful planning and execution of this meaningful initiative.

Prayer

Lord, Open the windows and doors of this house that the light and love of your Holy Spirit may shine within, a light in the world for warmth and welcome. Amen

KEY DATES

8th October:
Music Day

10th October :
World Mental Health Day - children are invited to wear yellow

10th October :
STM Open Evening - Year 6 - 6pm

11th October:
Celebration Assembly led by Year 5 - All welcome.

23rd & 24th October:
Parents Evening

25th October:
Power Week Catwalk - More information to follow.

Family Fast Day

Today, the staff at St Anne's participated in a meaningful communal event by enjoying a simple lunch of soup. This initiative not only fostered a spirit of togetherness but also aligned with our commitment to 'live simply and kindly'. As part of our engagement with this ethos, the staff generously donated their usual lunch money to CAFOD's Family Fast Day. This contribution reflects our ongoing dedication to supporting those in need, promoting social responsibility, and enhancing our understanding of global issues. We commend our staff for their compassion and willingness to make a positive impact in our community and beyond.

Looking forward to the week ahead...

Music Makers Day

We are excited to announce that Tuesday, 8th October, will be designated as Music Makers Day at our school. Each class will be assigned a specific musical genre, engaging students in a variety of enriching activities that explore the roots and characteristics of their respective genres. Children will learn about the origins of their assigned genre, discover famous artists associated with it, and reflect on how the music resonates with them personally. They will also investigate the typical instruments used and the historical context from which the music emerged.

Throughout the day, students will collaborate with Mrs Tarry to create an inspiring music showcase, which will be presented to other classes at the conclusion of the day. In celebration of this musical exploration, we invite all students to attend in non-uniform attire that reflects their assigned genre or its associated colours.

The musical genres and corresponding attire suggestions are as follows:

- Reception – Disney: Wear Black/Red or Pink
- Year 1 – Country: Wear Checks/Denim or Brown
- Year 2 – Pop: Wear Bright Colours/Double Denim
- Year 3 – Disco: Wear Bright/Neon
- Year 4 – Reggae: Wear Red/Green
- Year 5 – Blues: Wear Blue
- Year 6 – Rock: Wear Black

We look forward to a day filled with creativity, learning, and fun!

World Mental Health Day:

All children are invited to wear **yellow** on World Mental Health Day. This initiative aims to raise awareness and promote discussions surrounding mental health issues and letting our young people know that they are not alone. Please speak to your children about this next week.

Upcoming Events...

At the end of this term we have a Power Week, where the children will have the opportunity to learn through enriching and creative activities linked to their topic. On Friday 25th October, we will end with a fabulous fancy dress parade, with each class dressed in accordance with their topic theme. This year's fancy dress parade is a few weeks away; we want to give you plenty of time to get your creative hats on, so here is a list of each year's topics. If you are wishing to come along we ask for no more than 2 people per family due to limited space in the hall.

Nursery: – (Their favourite character/dressing up costume) The nursery children will have their 'catwalk' in nursery.

Reception Monster Phonics characters/ the colours of the characters

Year 1- Victorians

Year 2 - The Great Fire of London

Year 3 - The Stone Age

Year 4 -Romans

Year 5 -Anglo Saxons

Year 6- Ancient Greeks

ATTENDANCE

Overall 93%	
Nursery	93.7%
Reception	93.1%
Year 1	93.9%
Year 2	95.2%
Year 3	91.5%
Year 4	94.4%
Year 5	95.9%
Year 6	89.6%

PARENTS EVENING

We are pleased to announce that Parents' Evenings will be held at the end of this term, specifically on the 23rd and 24th of October. This year, appointment slots are available through ParentMail. Meetings commencing at 3:30 pm. We look forward to engaging with you during these evenings to celebrate the remarkable start your child has made this academic year, as well as discussing their achievements and the next steps in their educational journey. Thank you for your continued support.

HOW STUDENTS, PARENTS/CARERS CAN REPORT A SAFEGUARDING ISSUE, EITHER IN SCHOOL OR OUT OF HOURS:

Text the mobile number: **07767 269958** or email: **reportanissuestannes@welearn365.com**

Nuneaton Children's Team:
01926 414910

NSPCC Helpline:
help@nspcc.org.uk
Tel: 0808 800 5000

Samaritans:
Jo@samaritans.org
Tel: 116 123

Childline:
0800 1111

Police:
Emergency - 999
Non-emergency 101