



# St. Monica's Primary School

## Newsletter 20th October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a week full of a range of educational enhancements across school. Our Robin and Wren classes enjoyed their trip to Imagine That in Liverpool so much they didn't want to leave! It was lovely for the children across Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to take part in the experience together, supporting and learning through play across KS1.

At the top end of school, our Skylark class took part in a 'Ministry of Memory' history detective activity at the Imperial War Museum in Salford, enhancing their historical skills, building on their knowledge of World War I and giving them an opportunity to see historical sources up close.

Sadly the weather has had an impact on our participation in two football tournaments over the past seven days, but Blackbird class were lucky with a break in the weather on Wednesday and enjoyed a day at Victoria Park playing in a rugby festival led by Warrington Wolves. You can find photographs of all of these events on page 2.

This weekend, Kingfisher class will be getting their bags packed for their first school residential experience which is next week! The Tattenhall trip is always a highlight of Year 4, with a range of creative, active and outdoor activities for the children to be immersed in. Thank you in advance to all the staff going on the trip.

### **National Recycling Week - 16th - 22nd October**

This week is National Recycling Week, and our school councillors lead an assembly on Monday all about the importance of recycling, and have organised a model competition to encourage reuse of materials. The school councillors have given us food for thought on this topic and we will continue to work on our commitment to recycling in school moving forwards.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Pearson

### **Parent Evenings**

Our Parent Evenings will be held on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th November. An invitation to book your time with the teacher will be sent via School Spider on Wednesday 25th October at 7pm.

### **Club for Autumn 2 Term**

Our clubs for Autumn 2 will be sent to you next Wednesday 25th October, also at 7pm. Please choose your club options on the google form and submit it by 9am on Friday 27th October.

All of the clubs will be running from w/c 13th November with the exception of Lego Club, Junior Choir Club and Cross Country Club will start from w/c 6th November, the day of our return from half term holidays.

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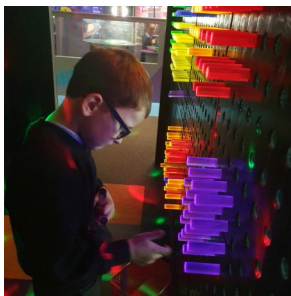
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### KS1 Trip to Imagine That

Robins and Wrens had an amazing time this Wednesday at Imagine That, Liverpool. We explored the Science, Arts and Role Play areas, with special shows and a chance to make our very own magic snow and green slime! Children and adults all had so much fun playing, exploring and learning together.



### Y6 Skylarks Trip to The Imperial War Museum



Skylark Class had an amazing day at the Imperial War Museum on Thursday. They learnt so much about conflict throughout the years. They also enjoyed exploring the exhibits and their session as secret spy agents trying to save the Ministry of Memory!

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### Y3 Blackbirds Rugby Festival



On Wednesday, Blackbirds were outstanding in agility, speed and skill as they took part in the Warrington Rugby Festival at Victoria Park. Their previously taught skills from this half term's PE lessons paid off as they gave everything they had when competing against other schools from and around Warrington. Miss Hackwell would like to say a huge thank you to all parent helpers and a huge well done to the Year 3 Rugby stars!

### Open Day

Our next Open Day is on Wednesday 15th November. Tours are at 9:30, 11:00 and 1:30. Please do spread the word to friends who may be interested in seeing our lovely school. Thank you.

### We Need You! - Sharing in our Mission Statement - *Loving to Learn; Learning to Love Like Jesus*

As part of our conversations in school about the school mission, we talk to the children about learning as a lifelong gift. Do you have a hobby you could talk to the children about? Would you be willing to come into school to talk to the children about your job, giving the children an understanding of the world of work and the different careers there are? Maybe you work in a role which challenges traditional gender stereotypes? Do you have a skill or expert knowledge in an area where you could enhance the curriculum? We have a number of parents/grandparents who have shared their time and expertise with our pupils over recent years - eg. engineering sessions to support pupils' knowledge in DT, a range of different science sessions from parents with expertise which fits into the children's curriculum learning, a session with a magistrate to discuss the history topic of crime and punishment in the context of the justice system today.

We'd love for our extended St Monica's community to join with us in sharing your love of learning. If you think you'd be interested in any of the above, then we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch via our school office - email:

[stmonicas\\_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk](mailto:stmonicas_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk) phone: 01925 267609.

### Diocesan Building Fund

Can I strongly encourage you to consider contributing to this cause? The way Catholic schools are funded means that the Diocese has to pay for a portion of all work on school buildings. The school pays an annual amount for this whether we receive parental contributions or not, so any voluntary contributions you can make would be really appreciated.

Over the last few years St Monica's has benefitted from several building projects paid for via the Diocesan Schools Building Fund.

Gift aiding increases the value of your contribution by 25%. If you would like to Gift Aid your contribution please log onto [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/schools-building-fund](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/schools-building-fund) and follow the link or you can make a contribution through your ParentPay account. Any amount you feel happy to offer will be received with thanks.

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### HALF TERM SPORTING ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE IN WARRINGTON



#### **FREEDOM FOOTBALL HALF TERM CAMPS**

<https://freedomfootball.classforkids.io/camps>

#### **WARRINGTON WOLVES HOLIDAY CAMP**

<https://register.enthuse.com/ps/event/HolidayCampActivity2023>

#### **NETBALL CAMPS**

- **Appleton Netball Club** - [www.nelliesnetball.co.uk/book-online](http://www.nelliesnetball.co.uk/book-online)

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- **Warrington Sport For All Centres**

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=337791721940932&set=a.217681593951946>

#### **WARRINGTON SPORTS ACADEMY**

[Warrington Sports Academy Half Term Camps - Facebook link](#)

#### **THE MINI MAKERY** - Halloween crafts & food art

<https://buytickets.at/theminimakeryltd>

#### **WARRINGTON YOUTH ZONE**

<https://warringtonyouthzone.org/young-people/holiday-club/>

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