



# St. Monica's Primary School

## Newsletter 26th January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week some of our classes have been engaging in educational visits to enhance their curriculum learning - you'll find details and pictures further in the newsletter on their days to Warrington Museum and Jodrell Bank.

Many thanks for the donations for the colour raffle on Monday - the PTA will be making up hamper prizes which will feature in the upcoming family bingo event which is being planned. Watch this space!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs J Pearson

### **Annual Sponsored Walk for Mission Together**

Next Friday we will be holding our annual sponsored walk for Mission Together. Mission Together is the children's branch of the charity Missio. They are the Pope's charity for mission, and St Monica's have been proud supporters and fundraisers for them for many years.

Mission Together's fundraising theme this year is Together in India. Over the next two weeks, the children will be learning more about Mission Together's work out in India, why they are there, who they are helping and, most importantly, why, as Christians, we feel it is important for us to do something to help.

Sponsor forms have been sent to you via School Spider this afternoon for children to collect donation commitments. We ask that donated money be paid into the Just Giving Page link. For those donating cash, please send your sponsor money into the School Office in a sealed envelope with your child's full name, Year Group and donation amount on the front.

As always, we would appreciate some parent volunteers to come along for the afternoon to support the logistics of the walk. Please get in touch with the office if you can spare a couple of hours on Friday 2nd from 1pm.

### **School requests**

We are currently looking at options to continue to improve the school's energy efficiency and maintenance costs. Do we have any parents with professional expertise in boilers and/or LED lighting who would be willing to come in and talk to us about this area and what options we might have?

On behalf of the staff at St Monica's, I would like to thank our parent community for displaying such generosity recently. In my recent plea for sponsorship to help us with the much-needed upgrade of dying appliances in the staffroom, I was hoping that maybe someone had contacts with a kitchen company who could do something on a charitable basis for us. We have been overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness and generosity of those in our community who have sprung to action yourselves. I can only say that it has been a real boost to the staff, and we can't thank you enough!

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### Swimming Gala

Congratulations to our winning Monica's team who competed at our Annual Bridgewater Swimming Gala this afternoon



### E-Safety

Four of our upper junior pupils attended Cardinal Newman Catholic High School this week, working with their IT team on the topic of e-safety. The pupils will be leading an assembly later this term on this topic. With the world of the internet, online games and social media ever changing, we have lots of support and guidance, and links to other helpful websites, on our school website for parents and carers. Please check this out, and do approach us if you have any concerns about internet safety, or would like to talk to someone about how to keep your children safe when they are online at home.

### Clubs

#### Brindley Choir Concert—March 19th

The choir have an exciting opportunity coming up this term, and will be performing with 4 other schools in an evening concert at the Brindley Theatre in Runcorn on Tuesday 19th March. Details of this will be sent out to the choir members so that you can get the date in your diaries and buy tickets from school for the event. We currently have 9 pupils signed up for junior choir this term, and it would be lovely if we had a few more members to join us. We have a lot of pupils in school who love to sing and you would be very welcome. Rehearsals are Thursdays 3.30- 4.30pm. If your child would like to take part but they are unable to stay behind on Thursdays, please get in touch, as we can organise some rehearsals at lunch to support that.

#### New Clubs coming for Spring 2

The children loved our Taekwon-do assembly this week. You will have received a google form sent by Miss Ruth to express interest for your child to attend this club for Spring 2. Thank you to those of you who have completed it already. It looks as though it will be proving to be a popular addition to our extra-curricular clubs next half term.

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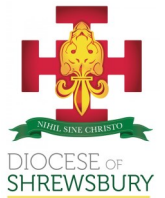


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### Y3 Trip to Warrington Museum

On Tuesday Blackbirds went out to the Warrington Museum for a day packed full of Ancient Egyptian activities. We entered an ancient civilisation learning and drawing artefacts from the past as well as writing our own cryptic message in hieroglyphics!

We then had a tour further around the museum and made our own Shabti creations out of clay!

In the afternoon, we had a music session where we used chime bars and Ipad technology to create our own Egyptian rhythms and compositions.

A wonderful day of pre learning about our upcoming topic!

Further photographs will be posted on Google Classroom and the newsletter next week.



### Y5 Trip to Jodrell Bank

On Thursday, Year 5 went to Jodrell Bank to learn more about Earth and Space. It was a great day filled with awe and wonder.



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### Friends of St Monica

FOSM are pleased to provide the details of the Family Bingo Night on 20th February. There are only 96 seats available, so please make sure that you complete the google form when it is sent out tonight at 7pm to reserve your seats. This form will close on Tuesday 6th February at 4pm. FOSM will then let you know if you have confirmed tickets and they will direct you to the Parentpay to make payment or a £1 per person. **The tickets are the same for children and adults.**

**FAMILY BINGO**

**Tuesday 20th February**  
**doors open at 15:30**

**Pay £1 on parent pay to reserve a seat**  
**(includes a dabber)**

**children MUST be accompanied by an adult**

**snacks & drinks**  
**available to buy**  
**from £1**

**BINGO tickets to be bought on the night 4 games - £4 or £1 per game CASH ONLY**

**ONLY 96 TICKETS AVAILABLE**  
first to pay and fill out google form

**heads and tails game**  
**£1 per game to enter CASH ONLY**

**CASH ONLY Raffle tickets on sale on the night & after school on 29th, 30th 31st January**

**google form available Friday 26th January at 7pm until Tuesday 6th February (or when all seats sold)**

**PRIZES**

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### Library competition



## By the Librarians

Alba, Alyssa, Eve, Annabelle, Maya, George and Daisy

Thank you to everyone for your amazing entries.

You made it very difficult to choose the winners and runners up but here they are below.  
Congratulations to them all!

KS1 Runner Up

Congratulations to

**POL**

Wrens

KS2 Runner Up

Congratulations to

**GRACE**

Kingfishers

KS1 Winner

**FLEUR**

Wrens

KS2 Winners

**QUERALT and SOPHIA**

Kingfishers

Swifts

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