Year 2: Alan & Anthony

Staff member: Mrs Larkin

Year I: Mia & Victor

Reception: Roary & J'Raiyah

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Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

Mallard Close, Acocks Green, Birmingham B27 6BN

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Autumn Term 2022

Friday 14th October 2022 Newsletter 5

Dear Parents, carers and children,

Our week started with a wonderful experience as we joined schools across the Diocese in celebrating the life of Saint Bernadette. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed opportunity to pray together and experience this opportunity was wonderful.

This week to launch our Reading Campaign we had a visit from author Cat Weatherill. The children thoroughly enjoyed her visit and were very inspired.

I was delighted to receive this email from Cat.

"The children were a delight. Several welcomed me by name before the day even started. This is rare and wonderful. The children had learned the rhyme perfectly and had notably sharp recall. The children are exceptional listeners and this makes such a difference. The questions were intelligent.

I felt I was in an outstanding school: warm, vibrant and creatively engaged.

Thank you to Mrs Wade for organising this and well done children we are very proud of you

God bless and happy weekend!



To bring good news, to shine for you.

Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church - PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN ON THE WEBSITE

Gifts from God Celebration Assembly

RTA	D.J & Maya	3W	Igor & Callum
RTR	Carrera & Olly	4PW	Aoife & Riley
IG	Roman & Nevaeh	4B	Mannie & Ava Leigh
lKJ	Charlie & Millie	5F	Aidan & Holly
awm	Paddy & Luca	5SM	Isabella & Saibah
ак	Neveah & Bartosz	6F	Joseph & Tigan
3M	Gabriel & Talulah	6M	Felicity & Daniel

Leaders for Learning don't forget to collect your pencil from Mrs Girling!

HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception

- Samuel

KSI

- Kailen

KS2 - Anton & Christian

RTA 3W Ava Ariana RTR 4PW Archie Anjola IG Marnie 4B Edward 5F IKJ Eunice Max Emelia 5SM Amelie awm aк Ruby-Mae Veronica 6F 3M Elsie 6M Bianca

Thank you for hearing your child read and completing your child's Reading Record every evening.

Attendance Matters



OVERALL ATTENDANCE - 91%

CLASS	%	CLASS	%
RTA	87%	3W	90%
RTR	95%	4B	92%
IG	88%	4PW	96%
IKJ	78%	5F	93%
ак	94%	5SM	87%
awm	91%	6F	93%
3M	93%	6M	94%

This week's winners are 4PW enjoy your extra PE time with Coach Dylan

During the Parent Briefing and in the slides sent out you will have heard and can see just how important ATTENDANCE each and every day is. Meetings will be held during the week beginning 31.10.22 with families who have been identified as needing support.

As we said last week,

Days missed = missed learning and missed opportunities

Learning opportunities and learning sequences.

If a child is off for more than one day, it becomes harder and harder for them to catch up, which can lead to them not maintaining academic achievements or not knowing subject knowledge, as class learning may progress beyond that which was covered during a child's last attendance.

This week in school ...

- This week we welcomed the author, Cat Weatherill. She read us some of her stories and we learned a rhyme. Cat also told us how she became an author and about the exciting adventures she has had in her life which has helped her with her writing.
- Thank you to everyone who has supported our annual book fair. It has been very busy every day this week! Every book you have bought has transferred

into reward money for us to spend on books for the school. We will let your know soon how much we have raised. There will be another book fair in the Spring term.

- We held our final Parent Briefings for Reception and Year I.
- We enjoyed early morning and after school football and netball clubs.
- Singers could be heard raising the roof after school on Tuesday!
- Mrs G enjoyed Hot Chocolate and biscuits with our Young Disciples.

PARENT BRIEFING

THANK YOU - for your time and support It was great to see you all! A privilage to welcome our grown ups back into school and a celebration of all that we do together. We found it very useful and your feedback shared how you did too! Thank you to our staff for preparing their presentations and I think we would all agree that they already know your child and their class very well!



BOOK FAIR

The book fair was a great success and we thank you for your generosity. We hope you enjoy reading your books! We will be using the funds we receive to replenish our non fiction books.



Thank you Cat - we had a great time and loved meeting you and look forward to reading your books.



SETTLING IN UPDATE - next week!

Our Autumn Term settling in update will take place by telephone on Wednedsay 19th and Thursday 20th October 2022. This is a settling in report for your child and will be an annual event.

Children in 2WM and IG will have their appointments after half term on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd November.



Please remember that the HIGHWAY CODE applies on Mallard Close. Parking on the bend or zig-zags is a hazard. Please keep our children and community safe by using the free car parks - outside Church and the Social Club. Thank you.

SEE IT HEAR IT

We are constantly talking to our pupils about how we look after each other in school. Ask them to talk to you about the things we do to keep each other safe. They should be able to tell you:

In school every child has a Trusted Adult who they have chosen to be there for them if they wish to share anything.

We use See it, Hear it, Say it, Stop it - where all pupils and adults have a responsibility to speak up and speak out.

We also use THINK... as a reflection following an incident or upset which allows the children time to tell the Truth, and think if their actions were Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and Kind. This is part of a restorative approach with forgiveness and reconciliation at the heart of the matter. We talk about the actions we take and the consequences that they have and how we all have a responsibility to respect one another and take care of each other.

Contact numbers and details

As shared at the briefings it is essential that we have two contact phone numbers for your child. This is in case of an emergency. If you have not supplied two numbers please do so as soon as possible. Please update the office if you move house, change phone numbers or there are changes to the contact details we have on file. Thank you

The relics of Saint Bernadette



We loved seeing Canon Jonathan on screen and praying with him and Archbishop Longley.

Mrs Girling, Mr Crehan (Head of Holy Trinity) Mr Oulton-Doris (Head of Pastoral Care Holy Trinity) Mrs Norris (Head of The Rosary) and Mrs Parker (Head of St Chad's) were privileged to act as stewards at St Chad's Cathedral during the visit of the relics. We thoroughly enjoyed this opportunity and remembered you all and our parish and MAC family in our prayers.

Please see the pictures below.



A gift from Lourdes



Last week Miss S Wood parents went on a pilgrimage to Lourdes. They prayed for us all and we thank them for our beautiful gifts. We look forward to using them our Prayer Garden.