



St Walburga's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very exciting 'visit' in school this week! We were very lucky to be able to secure the loan of samples of rocks from space – including samples from the moon brought back by one of the Apollo missions. This was courtesy of the Science and Technology Facilities Council, working in conjunction with NASA. We had to install extra security measures – as these rocks are so precious – but it was worth it for the opportunity! Our Year 6 Science Ambassadors write: 'We were very lucky this week to get the 'Borrow the Moon kit.' We were looking at meteorites from Mars, and other planets. We were told to identify them by answering questions such as is it magnetic? Or is it dense? Then we identified which meteor it is or which Earth rock it is. There were five stations where we identified it and there was one station where we held a heavy meteorite. My favourite sample was the iron pyrite.' (Yagmur 6KB) 'We had to figure out which type of rocks we were looking at using the questions on a sheet. We got to examine the specimens and we could pick them up, but we had to be careful. My favourite rock is Tektite because of how bubbly, smooth and shiny it looked. There were all sorts of rocks such as Iron pyrite (fool's gold), ammonite (a fossil) and even more. There was a meteorite from Mars and got to know what makes a meteorite a meteorite!'. (Zachary 6KB). Thank you, Mrs Ruffle for organising this fantastic opportunity.



Harvest

You should have received a letter this week from the School Council, telling you about our plans for Harvest next week. On Wednesday, we will be having a collection for our local food bank – if you are able to send in a packet or tin, we would be very grateful. The Chaplaincy Team will also be preparing a Mass for KS2 on that day, and KS1 will have a liturgy in the morning (Unfortunately, no space for parents at these, but please keep us in your prayers). On Friday, we will be thinking about sharing food and resources with others in the wider world community, and we are having a mufti day for CAFOD. In return for a donation (via WisePay) your child can wear his/her own clothes – the brighter the better!

Staffing news

Today we have said 'goodbye' to Mrs Gronowicz who has been working in Reception and is moving to take up a role in in BCP. Mrs Gronowicz has only been with us a short while, but we have loved having her on the team, and wish her all the best in the future. After half term, Mrs Cornhill is going to be working in RP from Tuesday to Thursday. We have reappointed Miss McGuinness, who was working with us last year before she went travelling, to work in RP on a Monday, and in Year 1 for the rest of the week.

Parents' Evenings

We are looking forward to 'seeing' you on Teams for Parents' Evening next week. If you haven't booked your appointment already, you will need to contact the School Office as the booking system on WisePay is now closed.

School Photographer

The School photographer is coming in on **Monday, 30th October** (the first day back after half term). Every child will be photographed individually. Children must wear (winter) uniform on that day, even if it is a usual PE day or club day. If you would like your child to be

photographed with a sibling who does not attend our school, please come to the school hall at 8.00am. If you would like siblings who are all in attendance at school to be photographed together, please complete the form via the link in the letter which was sent yesterday, or via this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/biDB6CA6iC>

School Mass at the Annunciation

Following the success of our 'school' Mass at the Annunciation in July, we would like to invite you and your children to join us for the Parish Mass at 11.00am on Sunday, 26th November. The children should attend in school uniform. We are hoping that, this time, all of the children can sit at the front with school staff. If your KS2 child would like to read or take a ministry role in the Mass, please complete the form here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/CKFia7jFSB>

Events at the Annunciation

We have been asked to advertise two events coming up at the Annunciation. The first event is a Talent Festival on the 5th November at the Annunciation hall immediately after the 11am Mass. This is not a competition but an opportunity to celebrate the talents of our younger parishioners. Please contact Josephine: 07956529113. There is also Christmas concert on the 29th December at 7pm. The Youth Ensemble will take part in this concert. However, we are looking for new members age between 9 to 18 years old. Rehearsals start from Sunday 15th October at the small hall of the Annunciation church at 4pm. We are happy to take children who play an instrument as well. For more information please contact: Montserrat: montsecb04@hotmail.com or Jhasmine: rjhasmine@hotmail.com

Mission Statement hero

The children have been focusing on Catholic Social Teaching in their RE lessons this week, and our Mission Statement hero is St Oscar Romero, who spoke up for the poor and vulnerable in his native El Salvador.

Well done to our Stars of the week!

Super Role Model: RP: Maja; RJ:Kacper; 1JC: Freddie; 1WH: Edie; 2NW: Arya; 2ML: Mattias; 3BM: Markus; 3NL: Elsie; 4CY: Andrew; 4CR: Maya; 5RD: Valentina; 5RH: Sebastian; 6KB: Emilie; 6PM: Elliott..

Learning Champion: RP:Florence; RJ:Gabriella; 1JC: Bethel; 1WH: Daniel; 2NW: Hollie; 2ML: Isaac; 3BM: Harper; 3NL: Elma; 4CY: Noah; 4CR: Zack; 5RD; Julia; 5RH: Tom; 6KB: Sam ; 6PM; Harry. Well done to all of them!

Well done to the children in St Joseph's House who have won the Housepoint Challenge for this term and can wear mufti on Thursday, 19th October (with a bit of yellow!)

Dates for your diary:

Wed 18 th Oct	All day	Harvest celebrations
Wed 18 th Oct	3.30- 7.00pm	Parents' Evening (online)
Thurs 19 th Oct	3.30- 7.00pm	Parents' Evening (online)
Fri 20 th Oct	2.50pm	Children break up for half term
Mon 30 th Oct	8.40am	Children return to school
Mon 30 th Oct	All day	Photographer in school
Thurs 9 th Nov	1.30pm	5RD Class Mass
Thurs 16 th Nov	1.30pm	5RH Class Mass

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family.

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