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St Agnes' Weekly News

*The family of St Agnes loves, learns and grows together as followers
of Jesus.*

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MARCH

10th - Family Mass 10:30am
in church

11th - Phonics Screening
Workshop 9am - in school
hall

12th - Class 3G Assembly
9:05am

14th - Class 2C Assembly
9:05am

14th - Year 4 River Cruise
Trip

15th - Year 3 Kew Garden
Trip

18th -22nd Scholastic Book
Fair

19th - Year 1 Road Safety
Workshop

20th - Class 4AM Assembly
9:05am

20th - Choir out at Wembley
Arena - Voice in a Million

21st - Class photos - FULL
SCHOOL UNIFORM to be
worn

22nd - Parent Forum 9am

25th - Nursery Zoolab
Workshop

28th- Stations of the Cross

28th - Early closing for
Easter Holidays 1:45pm



Dear Parents,

Mother's Day

We were treated to a wonderful assembly led by class 1Z in school on Wednesday on the theme of Mother's Day. Within their beautiful presentation the children told us the origins of Mother's Day dates back to the 16th century custom of 'Mothering Sunday' which traditionally fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent. It was a day in the church which was dedicated to honour and give thanks to the Virgin Mary who is also known as 'Mother Mary'. This day required people to visit their 'Mother Church' within their cathedral area. As people came home to do that it coincided that those who worked away visited their mothers - hence we now celebrate Mother's Day.

For many of us it has become very commercial with shops and restaurants making a fortune - advertising gifts and making us feel as though the day is not complete without a lavish spend on flowers and presents. This is of course untrue and as mothers what makes the day special is very often the simple things such as a handmade card and spending the day with those that we love. I am sure you are like me in that as a mum you hold onto and keep all the little drawings and cards that your children make and create for you over the years.

On Sunday we too are celebrating the day with the ancient tradition of going to our 'Mother Church' to attend mass as Sunday 10th March is our school/parish family mass at 10.30am. We will be proudly leading the mass readings, offertory and singing with pupils from our school. After mass refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall. I would ask that all pupils attending wear their uniform in church. What better way to celebrate our mothers and all the important women in our lives than by giving thanks for them at mass?

Wishing all of the women in our community a very happy International Women's Day!

I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

Regards for a good weekend,

Susan O'Reilly



Please see the information below where you can celebrate the weekly gospel at home with your family.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/self-giving?pid=MTA101634&v=121.5>



After Key Stage 2 taking part in a team selection quiz last half term, our team was whittled down to a true awesome foursome:

Year 3: Juliana
Year 4: Finnley
Year 5: George
Year 6: Kaylem



We gathered together to take part in our first area heat (online) on Friday 1st March – one of 65 schools taking part in this particular heat. After a whopping 30 questions, we finally finished 16/65, meaning we have qualified to take part in the next online area heat next week – wish us luck!

Juliana: 'It was great, I loved that we stayed in the top 20!'

Kaylem: 'It was hard to believe that we've come in the top 20 considering the amount of teams that were competing!'

Well done!
Miss Cloran ☺

Phonics Screening Workshop

A reminder for all parents in Year 1 that on Monday 11th March 9.00am Mrs Breslin will be hosting a workshop to explain the forthcoming phonics screening check that pupils will undertake in June.

It is important to attend this to know more about the process and how best to support your child.

Year 5 Trip to the British Museum

On Monday 4th March, Year 5 experienced a journey to the British Museum as part of our topic Groundbreaking Greeks. We watched the Greek myths presentation and learnt how to spot the difference between Herakles, Athena and Hermes and how the Greeks told a story using pictures. In the afternoon we looked around the galleries exploring a range of Greek sculptures, artefacts and architectural features.

'The best part of the trip was looking at the enormous statues that looked like they could come back to life!' Fehi

'My highlight of trip was the presentation looking for clues on the Greek amphoras. I was able to answer a question and show off my mythology skills!!!' Raphael

Kacper 'The museum ignited a spark and an urge in me to further learn about the ancient Greeks'.

Emma ' I would personally recommend the workshop because I personally really liked learning about Herakles (Hercules in Roman Myth) Athena and Hermes'.

Thank you to all the parent helpers who came to support us.

Ms Phillips & Mr Masterson



Being read to regularly can help the under-fives in acquiring literacy; teaches them the value of books and stories; and sparks their imagination and curiosity. Reading to babies, meanwhile, provides the building blocks of language development and the beginnings of social and emotional skills. Here are our top tips for helping children discover the wonder of stories.

- Most children have certain stories that they love hearing again and again. This repetition lets them become familiar with language patterns and more engaged by feeling able to join in. Choosing other books by your child's preferred author can help them to discover new favourites.

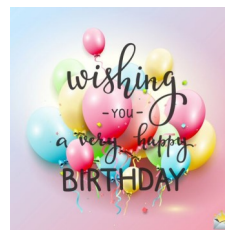
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Class	Star of the Week
RB	On Class Trip
RS	On Class Trip
1B	Emma
1Z	Fkri
2C	Biel
2M	Andreea-Eve
3C	Avner
3G	Averie
4AM	Ava
4D	Nol
5M	Lina
5P	THE WHOLE CLASS
6M	Mati
6S	Alriz
TT Rockstars	Zain 3G
AFS	KS1 Melissa 2M
	KS2 Jasmine 4D

Autumn Term Attendance		
Class	Attendance %	Number of Lates
RB	90	5
RS	95	3
1B	96	3
1Z	92	2
2C	96	2
2M	97	1
3C	98	2
3G	97	0
4AM	96	0
4D	98	1
5M	96	0
5P	97	1
6M	95	4
6S	98	2
School Target 97.5%		

Birthdays up to 10th March 2024

- 4th Alessandro Nursery
- 6th Rien 1Z & Chloe 3C
- 7th Mason 6S & Kamil 1B
- 8th Emily 2C & Noa-Rose 3G
- 9th Melchior RS



Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person (parent or staff) have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school safeguarding team (Mrs O'Reilly, Mrs Hourihan, Mrs Gale, Mrs Breslin or our Chair of Governors Gill Abbott). In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a duty to discuss the issue with Social Services to seek further advice. This is the statutory obligation of all schools.

Thought of the Week

'Mothers are like glue. Even when you cannot see them, they are still holding the family together'

Susan Gale

