



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher** **4th March 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have many highlights this week!

To start the week, our Y3 children visited the Chiltern Open Air Museum and took part in a day where they experienced life in the Iron Age.

In assembly on Tuesday, we shared with the children how Shrove Tuesday is celebrated around the world, and after lunch we re-created an ancient British tradition ... a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race! Pupils and staff in our School Houses – St Josephine Bakhita, St John Henry Newman, St Maximilian Kolbe and Mother Teresa – took part in an inter-house pancake race. The whole school watched and cheered while the teachers lead their teams in flipping pancakes whilst running up and down the astro-turf! It was so much fun and fantastic to bring the whole school together in this way. Congratulations to our winning team: Mr Askin and the children from St Maximilian Kolbe House!

We had a beautiful Ash Wednesday Service in school and it was lovely to have so many parents join us in marking the beginning of Lent. Thank you to Fr Peter Andrews and to our Y4 children for leading this for us.

On Tuesday, our Y6 Junior Travel Ambassadors, Giselle, Bruce, Aoife and Raphael, represented our school at the Junior Travel Ambassador Seminar at Hampton School.

On Thursday, our own school staff took part in a 'Spelling Bee'. There were some impressive performances by all staff but our spelling champions were Mrs Briggs and Mrs Knowles who just couldn't be beaten. Thank you to our Pupil Chaplains who organised both the pupil sponsored spell and the staff Spelling Bee to raise money to help the people of Afghanistan. Thank you to parents for their kindness and generosity and together we have raised just over £2,000 for this cause.

Next week and upcoming dates ...

'Book & Arts Week' Monday 7th – Friday 11th March

We are looking forward to celebrating 'Book & Arts Week' and it promises to be a wonderful week filled with activities promoting a love of reading and art. We have an artist in residence, Lucy Evetts, in school all week. She will be working with all classes creating artwork based on traditional folk tales from around the world.

On **Tuesday 8th March**, it is 'Book Character Day' and children can come to school dressed as a book character. They can wear their costumes all day unless they have PE and therefore they will need to bring their PE kits to change into. There are plenty of websites which can help with ideas for the creation of homemade costumes. Please do contact school if you need any assistance with this.

On **Wednesday 9th March**, we are delighted that we will be visited by author Chitra Soundar, who will be running workshops for all classes. Her books are available to order and will also be sold on the day. If you would like to order one of her books, please see the attached pre-order form.

We would appreciate to receive the £5 voluntary contribution that enables this week to take place - thank you for sending this in to school.

Parents' Meetings

Parents' Meetings will take place this term on **Tuesday 22nd March and Thursday 24th March**. These parent-teacher meetings will be in person in school, and details about booking an appointment with your child's class teacher will be sent out shortly. With restrictions during the pandemic, we are very pleased to be able to invite parents back into school to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss your child's progress in person.

Class Concerts

Mrs FitzGerald is organising class concerts for our KS1 classes to share what the children have been learning in Music lessons. The children enjoy performing in these concerts so we hope that parents will be able to join us for these. There will be a recording of the concert posted on Google Classroom. Before each concert there will be tea/coffee for parents in the school hall.

Reception Class Concert - Thursday 17th March from 9am to 10am

Y1 Class Concert – Friday 18th March from 9am to 10am

Y2 Class Concert – Friday 25th March from 9am to 10am

Values Awards

This week, congratulations to our children who have received a 'Values Award'.

Well done to Georgy in Reception, Szymon in Y1, Maximus J in Y2, Layla in Y3, Soren in Y4, Eliza in Y5BC, Samuel in Y5D, Vincy in Y6A and Eabha in Y6T for receiving a Values Award this week.

Million Word Readers

Many congratulations to Thomas in Y6A for becoming a 1 Million Word Reader. Well done!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines