

Newsletter

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School
Ysgol Catholig Santes Fair

This weekend we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Lent.

Dear Parent/Carer,

This afternoon we celebrated our Eisteddfod. We enjoyed music, dance, poetry and song and congratulated many children on their super artistic talents, beautiful handwriting and story writing in Year 6. Longyfarchiadau to our Bard this year, we were all thoroughly impressed with your writing.



We welcomed Fr Tim and Fr Silvio to school on Wednesday for our Lenten Reconciliation service. Many thanks to our readers during assembly, you shared the Word of God beautifully. We heard from the Prophet Isaiah who told us to 'not be afraid' and we listened to the Gospel story about Zacchaeus who changed his ways and was forgiven. As we approach Easter, we regularly invite our children to reflect on their Lenten promises and to think about the things that they have done to help others and to pray as we deepen our relationship with God during Lent. Many thanks to Fr Tim and Fr Silvio who gave children the opportunity to go to Reconciliation.

We have started our Lenten effort; to walk 200km as part of CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. Every child will walk laps of the school yard and we will total up the laps to ensure we have walked far enough. We need to walk 2000 laps in total. This will be a team effort! Every classroom has a charity box for CAFOD and we would be grateful for donations of any size for us to send to CAFOD to help those in need this Lent. Many thanks, in advance, for your generosity.



As you are aware, our next School Mass is on Sunday (10th March) at 11am in St Mary's Catholic Church. Please do make every effort to join us on Mothering Sunday. This provides an ideal opportunity to thank God for all mothers on Laetare Sunday. We look forward to seeing you there.

On Thursday, Year 6 pupils will join for a Passover meal. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen children's understanding of the Last Supper which Jesus shared with his disciples, whilst joining together to say prayers and share food and drink.



We have a meeting for parents of children who are joining our Nursery in September on Tuesday (12th) at 6pm. We look forward to welcoming parents then and sharing the wonderful work of the Atelier with you. We will also inform you of the process between now and your child beginning school with us.

Our Open Afternoon will take place on Tuesday 12th March. Parents are welcome to join us at any time between 1.30pm and 5.30pm to have the opportunity to sit with your child and celebrate and share their learning and achievements. This is an excellent opportunity to find out more about your child's learning to date. Please note that Open Afternoons are not designed, in essence, to be times for one to one discussions with teachers, rather, the theme is very much you having the chance to speak and share your child's learning with them.



Message from the Friends: This year we invite Years 1 - 6 to create Easter themed bakes which will be entered into 1 of our 2 categories: Mini Baker 2024 (Yrs 1 & 2) Junior Baker 2024 (Yrs 3-6). Entries to be brought in before 12pm on 20th March. We also invite our Atelier pupils to create at home Easter Bonnets to show in the school hall in a parade for the parents to see. Easter bonnets to be sent into school by 19th March. There will be a pre loved school uniform table, Raffle and tea/coffee and cake available to purchase. If you have any Raffle Prizes that you wish to donate, please bring them into school by the end of next week. Thank you.

We hope you can join us for the afternoon on Wednesday 20th March 1:30-3pm.

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 94.13%.

Please do help us to hit our target of 95%+ each week. Your co-operation with this very important target is much appreciated.



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