



## Newsletter

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

### **Sports Report**

It has been a busy week of sport at St Paul's with a range of activities taking place. Thank you to the Parents for your continued support of the sporting events.

Congratulations to the **Swimming Team** who participated in the Tameside Catholic Schools Sports Association Swimming Gala last Friday evening. The children were fantastic and swam incredibly well. The team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall and the boys team won the Large Schools trophy as they finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place too. Thank you to the children who represented school and to Mr Allen and Mrs McGivern who accompanied the children to



the event on Friday evening.

On Tuesday afternoon, the **Cheerleading Squad** took part in the Tameside Catholic Schools Sports Association Cheerleading Competition. Throughout the term, the cheerleading squad have been working hard on their routine. The children performed really well and were unlucky to miss out on a top three finish. Thank you to Lianne for her weekly coaching and to Mr Allen, Miss Cocking and Mrs Clegg who accompanied the children to All Saints Catholic College.

Next Thursday and Friday mornings, Parents are invited to school to enjoy a short performance of the routines the children have worked on throughout this term. If you would like to join us you should drop your child at the usual start time for Before School Dance Club and then you will be invited into the hall at 8.10am.

Please note that the **last sessions** for the before and after school clubs are as



follows:-

- KS1 Before School Dance – **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**
- Y4 After School Multi-Sports – **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**
- KS2 Before School Dance – **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

### **Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation**

On Tuesday evening all of the children enrolled on the Sacrament Programme celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Thank you to Fr Isidore and to the children who participated so well in leading the readings and singing with actions. Thank you to the families for their continued support of the programme. We ask that you keep the Year 3 children in your prayers as they continue on their journey of faith. The next family workshop will take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm in the school hall.

### **Science Week** - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Last Friday afternoon, Science week was launched with a whole school assembly led by Faye from R4GM (Recycling for Greater Manchester). They went through the different recycling bins offered by Tameside and which waste goes where. The children played a game of *Who wants to be a binnionaire?* which they loved and the Year 6 volunteers were fantastic. We then met the recycling superhero. The assembly was a wonderful, fun and informative start to our science week. This year the theme of St Paul's Science week was Time. Mrs McGowan planned a whole school event based around Recycling and how time is of the essence to make the changes we need. Each phase of school had a different focus:



- **EYFS** Littering – Thank you to those parents who accompanied the children on a litter pick. The children really enjoyed taking care of our local environment.

## Reception Litter Pick



- **Year 1 & 2** - Where does it come from? Paper!
- **Year 3 & 4** - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Plastic!
- **Year 5 & 6** - Circular Economies- differences between a linear and a circular economy

The children shared an aspect of their work with the rest of the school during our celebration assembly. It was a very enjoyable week.

### Pupil Voice on Science Week

Science Week is really good because you get to know more than you would just in one lesson a week. Science is such a useful subject.

Heidi (Year 3)

I love science anyway-especially with the new electricity equipment, but I have extra loved science week. I knew that carbon neutral cars were the answer to being sustainable, but I had no idea that one t-shirt was such a big polluter, and that after oil, fashion is the biggest polluter. I've made a bag from my old t-shirt and I have loved creating it."

### Year 4 Reusing and Recycling to make vehicles



We have been looking at being responsible. We can not waste things and we should always put the lids on things. We also learnt how paper was made out of wood. We made our own paper using scrap paper from around school. It was great!

Leon (Year 6)

Isabella (Year 1)

### FOSP – Spring Sing

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, the FOSP are hosting a Spring Sing. **We are asking for donations of chocolates for the Chocolate Tombola.** These can be brought into school any time next week. On the day of the Spring Sing we would like any donations of cakes. On the afternoon of the Spring Sing, in addition to a performance by the school choir, there will be refreshments to buy, a chocolate tombola and other Easter themed stalls available. All are welcome to this event and the proceeds raised from the Spring Term Events will go towards funding a new screen for one of the classrooms and will also be used to enhance learning in the outdoors in the Early Years.

### The Lenten Smarties Challenge

The Smarties Challenge continues with 'Good Deeds throughout Lent' to raise funds for equipment and resources required for the school. Thank you to those families who have already returned their tubes. All filled tubes need to be returned by **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024** in order to be entered into the prize draw.

### Nursery Provision

For September 2024, we can offer 30 funded hours for 3/4-year olds in a teacher led nursery. If you are not eligible for 30 funded hours we can provide afternoon sessions at a cost. For an application form or further information please speak to the school office staff.

### Attendance & Punctuality

Congratulations Nursery with the highest attendance and punctuality once again. We hope to see an improvement in punctuality, particularly in Year 1 and Year 6.

<b>Attendance &amp; Punctuality for week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>									
	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Attendance	98%	95.52%	96.8%	93.33%	96%	97.5%	92.67%	96.13%	<b>95.74%</b>
No of Lates	0	4	10	1	1	7	5	10	

<b>Dates for your 2024 Diary</b>	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photographs
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	KS1 Dance Performance for Parents at 8.10am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	KS2 Dance Performance for Parents at 8.10am
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Start of Holy Week
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Return Date for filled Smarties Tubes
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	FOSP – Spring Sing at 3.30pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3/4 present The Stations of the Cross – Parents welcome
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Break up for Easter Holidays
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of the Summer Term
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Class Mass at 9am – Parents & Parishioners welcome
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	ASCC Staff Visit to Year 5
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Class Visit to Hyde Library Academy Consultation Meeting for Parents at 5pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Swimming Starts
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 Class Assembly
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3 Family Workshop – Sacramental Programme at 6pm
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	First Holy Communion – 9.30am at St Paul’s Church
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Start of Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Year 1 Phonics Screening Checks Start of Year 4 Multiplication Checks

### **Academy Consultation**

*Today we have sent out an important email regarding the proposed academy conversion to join the Corpus Christi Catholic Academy Trust.*

*We ask that you take the time to read this email and complete the consultation response form. The consultation will close on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024.*