



St. Peter's
Catholic Primary School

Term 2, Week 3
Friday 21st November 2014

Newsletter

Parents' Council

This week, we hosted our first Parents' Council meeting. As discussed in last week's newsletter, I invited parents into school to discuss some of the changes that have taken place already and also to talk about ways that we can move St. Peter's forward.

Firstly, I'd like to thank parents for the terrific response to this. I have received many kind comments about the school and lots of emails with things that parents would like to clarify or want to know further information about. It's fantastic that we have such a great team and that we all share a common goal. This morning's meeting has given us an opportunity to make these things clearer and also given me lots of ideas about how to move things forward without damaging the unique character of our family school. We have agreed to make adjustments to the next parents' evening and also to a curriculum evening for parents so that they can get to know our new reading arrangements when they are ready to be unveiled! Parents reported to be happy with our new hot dinner arrangements and suggested some minor adjustments to make it even better.

The main thing that came out of this meeting was the acknowledgement that whilst there is a lot of change at St. Peter's this year, the parents are very supportive and that hopefully by opening up new channels of communication, parents can at least understand these changes and together we can find a way to make them work in the best interests of our children. It is not always possible to accommodate everyone, but we can certainly do our best! In light of this, I have scheduled a second meeting for the morning of Friday 12th December 2014, 9am-10.30am. Please let me know if you wish to attend on behalf of your year group.

I am busy arranging the Christmas fayre which is also on Friday 12th December. Please contact me at school if you are available to help, or if you are interested in running a stall. The raffle prizes are flooding in and it promises to be a great evening for all!

Finally, I'd like to wish you all a fantastic weekend and hope to see many of you at tonight's quiz and Sunday's enrolment mass for Confirmation!

Miss McNamara.



Year 5 boys have been busy taking pictures for our entrance hall. Here is a sneak preview of their work!

Safeguarding

On Monday evening we are holding safeguarding update training for our staff and Governors. If you are directly involved with events in school or with the PTFA, it may be of interest to you to join us. Please email school on Monday if you would like to attend. This meeting is at 4-6pm on Monday in the school hall.

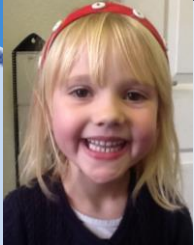
We are still experiencing several parents coming into the school building in the morning and at the end of the day who have not signed in at reception. We are trying really hard to set up procedures to keep your children and our staff safe. Please support us in this. If you need to pop in to school, please sign in or wait to be accompanied by a member of staff.

Prayer for the weekend

O Almighty God, you gave us the commandment to honour our father and mother. In your loving kindness hear my prayer for my parents. Give them long lives and keep them well in body and spirit. Bless their labours; keep them always in your care. Bless them generously for their loving care for me. Grant that, through your grace, I may always be their support and comfort, and that, after our life together on earth, we may experience the joy together praising you forever.

Amen

Stars of the Week!



Charlotte - for working very hard and initiating her own learning



Violette - for learning so many facts about penguins.

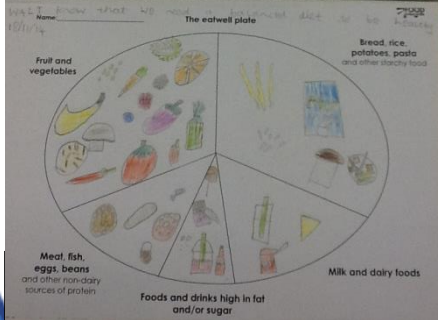
Sashka - for being polite and sensible at all times.



Henry - who has consistently produced good writing and work in numeracy.



Joseph - for fantastic descriptive writing and all round Maths ability



This week Class 4 have worked hard at solving problems involving fractions in Maths, while in Literacy we have been finding and noting information about space using ICT in readiness for producing an information leaflet. We have also mapped the main areas of the world and, in Science, learnt about the phases of the moon. In RE we wrote about Zechariah receiving the news that he and his wife would have a child, despite being nearly as old as Mr Rogers!

Class 1

We have been learning about 'Scott of the Antarctic' this week. In literacy we have been writing diary entries as Scott. Throughout the week we have been working hard designing and putting up our Antarctic expedition display. We have been painting ourselves as explorers, making sledges, horses and dogs and deciding what we were going to take with us on our polar adventure.

Class 2

This week we have designed and made waterproof shelters for our penguin friend. We thought carefully about what we learnt last week about the properties of materials and tried to choose waterproof materials to make our shelter with. We tested them outside and penguin was relieved to see that we all were able to keep him pretty dry! We have also been researching and writing information books about penguins which we have given to class 1.

Class 3

This week for our Healthy Me topic, the children in Class 3 have been learning about which foods make a balanced diet. In Literacy, they have been writing character profiles and alternative endings for the story we have been sharing in class. Our focus for Numeracy has been measuring using units for length, and the children have carried out investigations and worked out equivalent measures. In ICT, they have enjoyed exploring shape and direction using Logo screen turtles, and we will continue to build on this in the coming weeks.



Dates for your diary

- Friday 21st November - Parents' Council (9am at school)
- PTFA quiz night
- Sunday 23rd November - Enrolment mass for children receiving sacrament of confirmation (9am at church)
- Monday 24th November - Safeguarding training available for all staff, Governors, helpers and PTFA in school 4-6pm
- Friday 28th November - Advent mass (9.15am in church)

Gold Award Winners!

Class 2 with 90% of children achieving a gold award this week! WELL DONE!

HOUSE POINT WINNERS:
Yellow house

Just a reminder to parents that school monies are now due for payment. The correct amount of money should be sent into school with your child's name and amount clearly labelled.