



**St. Peter's**  
Catholic Primary School

# NEWSLETTER

**D**ear St. Peter's Families,

This week has been 'Challenge Week'. Every child in the school has had a one to one meeting with their class teacher to discuss how well they are doing and what they need to do to improve their learning. Teachers have really seen a big impact on children's learning since this was introduced last term and children enjoy an opportunity to catch up with their teachers.

I have also been meeting with our children this week. I haven't met everyone yet but I am working through all of the classes, giving children an opportunity to tell me what they like about school and what could be even better. I look forward to sharing the results with you all soon.

I'd like to draw your attention to 2 special masses we have coming up. The first is next Sunday (22nd) at St. Peter's at 9am, where our Year 3 First communion children will be enrolled. The second is Confirmation mass on February 5th at 11.30am.

Finally, I had a rather surprising text message this week that I would like to share with you. Mr Traynar (Mrs Traynar's husband) has taken 3 weeks off work to travel to Africa to work in an orphanage. During his daily tasks at the orphanage, Mr Traynar stumbled across the room where they keep the clothes for the children and in there, he found many St. Peter's Catholic primary school uniforms. When we changed our uniform in September, we donated all of our left over 'old' uniform to an African charity who must have passed our uniform to the orphanage. We are so delighted that our donation is making an impact overseas. What a small world it is!

Have a great weekend!

Miss McNamara.

## ★ ★ ★ Stars of the Week! ★ ★ ★



Class 1

Boldizsar - gaining in confidence and maturity.



Class 2

Thomas, for being very helpful in the classroom.



Class 3

Wiki, for consistent effort and brilliance in her homework.



Class 4

Orla, for her helpfulness and general sunniness!



# This week we have been learning...



**Class 1** In Class 1 we started the week off exploring ice with children creating beautiful pictures of ice landscapes using coloured ice cubes. A 'fair test' was taken in science with the children finding out where ice would melt the quickest. We continue to study penguins in our writing and have found out many facts about them. Our Maths this week has been based on time and ordering the days of the week and months in the year. In RE we have been learning more about the Annunciation story and created artwork for our display. Reception also went on an expedition to explore the empty school on Monday when everyone was out. We made a little mischief and particularly enjoyed seeing where Mr Rooney 'lives'.

**Class 2** and most of the school had an exciting start to the week with a surprise visit to the cinema on Monday! However, we have also been very hard working poets this week! We have been reading and listening to poems and poets and planning, writing and performing our own poems. In Maths we have focused on fractions, in Science we have been

looking at animals and their adaptations to their environment. In our topic lessons we are starting our research on famous explorers, using IT skills. Not to mention showing some amazing team work and gymnastic skills in PE lessons.

**Class 3** had an exciting start to the week, practicing their fire drill procedures at Vue Cinemas. As always, they behaved impeccably and were a true credit to the school. They've also designed their own wands to reflect their personality, which hopefully we will make over the next couple of weeks. They are continuing to refine the rules of Quidditch, adapting the game to suit our class. Mr Rooney was very impressed with their scientific knowledge this week when he began to teach them about electricity. Well done Class 3!

**Class 4** This week in Class 4, since our cinema surprise, we have produced some stunning writing: both writing in character and writing stories! In maths, we have moved onto measurement (starting with metric conversions). Meanwhile, we have continued with Confirmation preparations and have been preparing for our class mass. We are excited about kicking back into Computing next week...



## Dates for the Diary

- 13/01 - Class 3 challenge day  
- Class 4 class mass
- 16/01 - Taking Care Project begins and lasts for 4 weeks.
- 18/01 - Year 1 and Year 5 Fire safety visit
- 20/01 - Whole school prayer hour
- 22/01 - Enrolment mass for 1st Holy communion (St. Peter's church at 9am mass)**
- 23/01 - Class 3 class mass
- 03/02 - Class 1 Trip to Sea Life Centre
- 05/02 - Confirmation Mass St. Peter's Church 11.30am**
- 17/02 - Valentine's Cake Sale
- 17/02 - Break up for half term

### Prayer for the weekend

Dear lord,

Bless us in our school today,

Help us grow in love and kindness,

more like Jesus every day.

Amen