

## **March Newsletter**

### **Eisteddfod**

Congratulations to all the pupils who took part in the local Eisteddfod. We were very proud of all competitors. Thank you to Miss Richards, Miss Phillips and Mrs. McLoughlin who have worked so hard to help prepare the pupils for their competitions.

Results:

Group recitation-1st

Year 3 & 4 individual recitation

1st-Florence

3rd-Josie

Year 5 & 6 individual recitation

2nd-Maggi

Creative Dance

2nd

Prose year 4 and under for learners

1st Isabella Owen

### **Outdoor Environment**

Thank you to the parents who helped us move our outdoor new furniture to the rear of the school earlier this month.

A huge thank you to Mr. Pearson, Mr. Maybanks and Mr. James who worked incredibly hard to install our new benches behind the hall. Class Two have been working with artist, Robert Jakes to design and create bespoke benches – they are truly amazing and we know the children will benefit from using this outdoor area. They have also worked with Diana Ford to develop oral story telling skills.

As you may have noticed we now have a “Imagination Station” on the playground in front of school. This is a place where children are provided with a range of objects and encouraged to take part in imaginative play.

Mrs. Canton, Sports Development Officer has been working with some of our older pupils this term. They will be helping to develop sports skills with younger pupils at playtime.

### **Grant Funding**

We are delighted to have been awarded grant funding from The Port Authority and The Ernest Cook Trust. The money from The Port Authority will be used to purchase IT equipment. The grant from The Ernest Cook Trust will be used to fund outdoor learning opportunities in Foundation Phase.

### **Ash Wednesday/St Patrick's Day Mass**

On Ash Wednesday Father Richard came to school for distribution of the ashes as we marked the beginning of Lent.

On March 18<sup>th</sup> we celebrated St Patrick's Day by joining parishioners and parents for Mass.

Our next school Mass will be prepared by Class 5 – you are welcome to join us in church at 10am on Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Open Evening.**

Earlier this month we held an open evening – we were delighted to welcome many new visitors to our school. If you know of anyone who is considering sending their child/ren to Holy Name School please let them know that we are always happy to show prospective parents around the school. Applications for school places can be made online.

### **World Book Day**

On World Book Day pupils enjoyed taking part in a range of Harry Potter themed activities.

### **Comic Relief**

Red Nose – we sold over 150 red noses to support Comic Relief this year.

### **School Day**

An increasing number of children are being collected early from school.

Whilst we understand that sometimes this is necessary and unavoidable, could we please ask that whenever possible children are dropped off and collected at normal times.

The office is not staffed every afternoon – this means that when pupils are being collected early teaching or support staff have to leave the classroom to open the rear gate and sign the pupils out of school.

Similarly, phone calls to school during the afternoon asking us to pass on messages to pupils often have to be answered by staff who are working with pupils causing disruption to teaching and learning.

We would appreciate your support in ensuring that disruption is kept to a minimum.

### **Forthcoming Dates**

April 9th - Parents' Evenings

April 10th - Parents' Evenings

April 10th – School Mass

April 11<sup>th</sup> - Classes 2 and 3 trip to Scolton Manor

April 15th– April 26<sup>th</sup> Easter Holidays

April 30<sup>th</sup> - Class Five trip – National Library of Wales

May 7<sup>th</sup> - May 14<sup>th</sup> - Wales National Tests (Y2 – 6)

May 20<sup>th</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup> Wellbeing Week

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Outdoor Classroom Day

May 23<sup>rd</sup> Sports Day

May 27<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup> Half Term

June 12<sup>th</sup> Y6 Humanities Transition Day

June 20<sup>th</sup> Y4, 5,& 6 Music Transition Day

June 30<sup>th</sup> - First Communion

July 5<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Variety Day YBG

July 11<sup>th</sup> Y6 Year 6 Transition Day (Digital Learning)