



The Federation of St Mary's Catholic Schools

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"

Philippians 4: 13

19th May 2023

Respect

Compassion

Resilience

PTFA Family Fun Night

A wonderful evening was had by all with Adamcadabra and families last Friday night. Thank you to all who bought tickets and a special thanks to the PTFA who organised the event. Money raised will be split between the two schools.

Speaking of fundraising—thank you to everyone who voted for our school in the recent Tesco counters event. We are delighted that we won and are looking forward to a fabulous world map addition to our activity playground.

School Council

School Council met this week to discuss how they felt the behaviour ladder is working. The children were very positive about restorative conversations—they all felt that these really helped to restore relationships and sort the problem in a non-confrontational way. There are a few additions to the ladder that the children felt needed to be included: wearing incorrect uniform (the children felt this was unfair on those that did) and answering back. We will continue to work with all our stakeholders to make sure that this new policy is right for our school.

Thank you!

Thank you for all your donations of books, fabric and newspapers. The books have already made their way to the library and Mrs Risley is good to go with pencil cases for our new Year 3 children. CAFOD club will be getting on with making some outdoor cushions soon.




Pre-loved boutique

We have a lot of pre-loved uniform that we would really like to go to a new home. Our pre-loved boutique will be opening after half-term. If you have any donations of uniform, please drop off at the office.



Award Winners

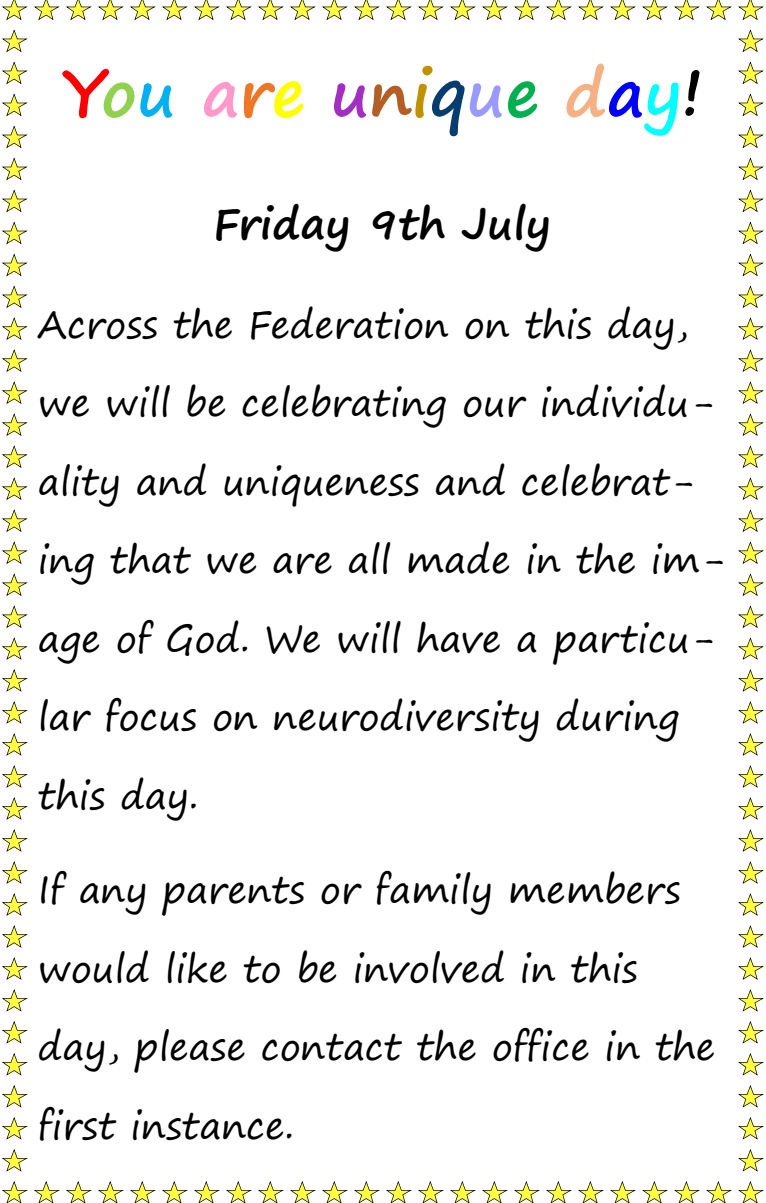
	Star of the Week	Bee Award
3Ri	Zac	Lewis
3Ro	Lexi	Alyssia
4W	Seren	Stefania
4M	Sofia	Kale
5R	Declan	Sophia
5HQ	Joshua	Connor
6W	Rowan	Hollie
6D	Jessica	Mason

	School Values Award	Stefania
	Millionaire Reader	Isobel N
	Rock Hero	Amelia C Andrew R

Dates for your diary

Summer 1	
St Mary's Catholic Junior School	
Every Friday	Biscuits for school funds. 50p
Monday 22 nd May	PTFA coffee and cake afternoon at the Juniors. Everyone welcome.
Wednesday 24 th May – Friday 26 th May	Y6 Residential
Tuesday 20th June	Sports Day (weather permitting) Y3&4 in the morning; Y5&6 in the afternoon

PE days	
Y3	Thursday
Y4	Wednesday
Y5	Tuesday
Y6	Monday



You are unique day!

Friday 9th July

Across the Federation on this day, we will be celebrating our individuality and uniqueness and celebrating that we are all made in the image of God. We will have a particular focus on neurodiversity during this day.

If any parents or family members would like to be involved in this day, please contact the office in the first instance.



@MarysPTFA

The Federation of St Mary's PTFA

6 REASONS TO JOIN THE PTFA

FOR THE CHILDREN

BECOME A ROLE MODEL TO SHOW YOUR CHILD YOU VALUE THEIR EDUCATION.

THE EVENTS WE PLAN WILL IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL EXPERIENCE.



FOR YOU

VOLUNTEERING IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE

WE PLAN TO HOST MANY SOCIAL EVENTS TO RAISE MONEY AND ALSO TO ENJOY EACH OTHERS COMPANY.



FOR THE SCHOOL

HELP THE SCHOOL TO RAISE FUNDS.

HAVE A VOICE IN THE PURCHASES THAT ARE MADE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.



BE CONNECTED

THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF KNOWING WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL.

MEET OTHERS THAT SHARE THE SAME COMMON GOALS TO HELP IMPROVE THE SCHOOL.



IT IS FUN!

WE AIM TO ENJOY OURSELVES IN ALL OUR ROLES.

FROM PLANNING EVENTS TO RUNNING A STALL IS EXCITING!



KEEP THE PTFA GOING!

AS PARENTS LEAVE SCHOOL WE NEED TO KEEP THE COMMITTEE GOING.

COME JOIN OUR FRIENDLY TEAM AS MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



"I work full time and help when I am able"

"I really enjoy seeing my grown up help out at events"

"I didn't realise how rewarding it would be"

"I've made life long friends"

Ever thought about becoming a teaching assistant?

Do you enjoy helping and supporting your child with their work?



Do you know what qualifications you will need?

Give us a call to find out more information about the Level 2 Certificate Supporting Teaching and Learning Course

New course starting in September 2023

Contact Teresa on 01744 67726 or Email: teresalee@sthelens.gov.uk

Contact us to find out more: Call: 01744 676671 / 01744 677228 or text 07702 959614

THINK FOOD BANK

NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ARE STILL A FOOD BANK DONATION POINT EVEN WHILST THE CENTRE IS CLOSED FOR SUMMER PLAYScheme

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO, PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION OF NON PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO HELP FAMILIES IN YOUR COMMUNITY THIS SUMMER

POP IT IN THE TROLLEY
OUTSIDE NEWTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
PARK ROAD SOUTH, NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS, WA12 8EX

foodbank



Hope Academy Transition – Polite reminder

You will have recently received important documents from Hope Academy – please ensure they are completed and returned in the reply-paid envelope provided by Friday 26th May. If you did not receive the documents, please email lesley.white@hopeacademy.org.uk

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....



FACT: The more time your child spends in school, the better your child's attainment.

Looking After Your **WELLBEING ONLINE**

We all know that taking care of our minds and bodies is essential to keep us feeling happy and healthy. The thing is, we spend so much of our time online these days that it's also important that we remember to look after ourselves in the digital world, too. Our poster has got some simple but useful tips for supporting your wellbeing while you're gaming, on social media or just using the internet.





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DO YOU HAVE A

**PASSION
FOR
FASHION?**

DO YOU HAVE INDIVIDUAL STYLE?

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**BBC
CBBC + iPLAYER**

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OUT OF SCHOOL CLUBS



DYNAMOS CRICKET

This is our game.

dynamoscricquet.co.uk

Join us at:
Newton - le - Willows Cricket Club, WA12 9XE

Session dates:
Friday evenings, 19th May - 7th July 2023, for all children aged 8-11

Session timings:
6:00 - 7:00 pm

Contact:
ianwalky112@gmail.com

DYNAMOS CRICKET

This is our game.

Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport!

Sessions are all about playing together and developing new skills, teamwork and friendship.

Every child that registers will receive their very own Dynamos Cricket New Balance t-shirt, personalised with their name and number on the back and have access to a brand new digital app, packed with exclusive cricket content, unlockable skills challenges, quizzes and activities.

Sign up today to your nearest Dynamos Cricket centre.

dynamoscricquet.co.uk

Wigan Football Development

St Edmund Arrowsmith High School (AstroTurf Pitch), Rookery Avenue, Wigan, WN4 9FF
Starting on Friday 19th May 2023

In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception and Year 1	6:00pm - 6:45pm
School years - Year 2 and Year 3	6:45pm - 7:30pm
School years - Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6	7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,
Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Friday at St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School, starting 19th May, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football', building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a ball per player for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching when children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held on the fantastic AstroTurf pitch so trainers or AstroTurf boots should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just over £5 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £5 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

****NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT****
Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals and trophies awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY & A MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including: Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Possessing Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone the number below as soon as possible as a high response is expected.

TO BOOK PLEASE TELEPHONE Kaden
0161 302 2510 or 07514 316 534

We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks.
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked.

JOIN THE STORM!

Newton Storm, your local community Rugby League club, are currently on the look out for new players and volunteers.

With age groups from Reception to Open Age, and continued success both on and off the field, it's a great time to get involved.

If you'd like to know more find us on Facebook or Twitter.

@NewtonStormARL
NewtonStormARLFC
www.newtonstorm.co.uk

U8S COME ALONG & JOIN THE STORM!

Calling Y3 boys & girls to join our U8s team.

Training:
Mon 6-7pm
Wed 6-7pm
Newton Sports Club

For more details, contact:
Matt 07827 921707
Jacob 07780 435526

Big Moments of summer fun!

Sign up today at allstarscricket.co.uk or at the centre

Join us at: Earlestown Cricket Club, Earle Street, Earlestown WA12 9NU

Session dates: Monday evenings, starting 8 May 2023 for all children aged 5-8

Session timings: 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Contact: earlestowncc@hotmail.co.uk



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Sharing the Gospel

Gone but not forgotten

In this week's bible reading, Acts 1:6-14, we hear that on the mount called Olivet, Jesus assured the apostles that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit and then disappears from their sight – he is ascended. The apostles return to Jerusalem, choose Matthias to replace Judas, and – together with the women – spend much time praying.



Lord Jesus, you pray for us because we are yours. Be with us now as we learn about you and have fun together. Amen.



Please may you keep Father Vincent Fedigan, our Parish Priest for a number of years, in your prayers. He is currently poorly and all prayers would be very welcomed.



BRITISH VALUES

This week's British Value we have been looking at is:



Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Seagulls are known for stealing food and can be a nuisance! Not everyone will feel this way. We can show respect to people who have different beliefs and opinions.

The story it links to in the news is:

Blackpool Zoo is looking to hire a team of people in an attempt to scare away nuisance seagulls - by dressing them in bird costumes. Blackpool Zoo says the birds have been persistently stealing food from visitors and animal enclosures. The role, which would be housed within the Zoo's Visitor Services team, will involve someone dressing up as an eagle and keeping seagulls away from the main visitor dining areas.



Should all animals be treated equally?