

St John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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The children made such a great start to the year. They have settled extremely well and are working very hard. The Autumn Term has been very busy and a lot of activities and events have taken place. The children have been enjoying a lot of curriculum enrichment and many positive and fun activities, as well as quality learning. As always, I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued co operation and support. May I also say a huge thank you to all of our parents who donated food for the Harvest Festival and the unimaginable donations received for Zoe's Place. Your generosity is incredible and is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you and the children after half term for the run up to Christmas which promises to be very busy. I have enclosed the calendar of events taking place after half term.

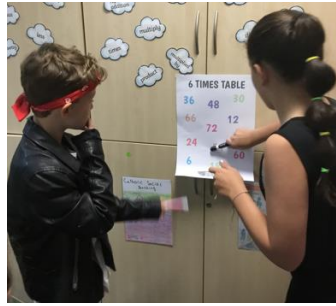
Miss Maudsley

ZOE'S PLACE

The children were very inventive with their fundraising ideas. Some sold bracelets, others sold drinks and chocolates. They also held a raffle with the winning prize being a chocolate hamper. Your generosity was remarkable and we managed to raised **over £1,500**.

Thank you everybody.





Well done to our Maths Ambassadors for leading a fun assembly introducing TT Rockstar Day. All pupils made a fantastic effort and all looked fantastic as 'Rockstars'. Across the school we took part in fun maths activities and games.



We had a visit from Louise from Children's University to launch a new year of after school clubs and extra-curricular activities. We are looking forward to having fun in our clubs and gaining credits this year.

Harvest Festival



Year 5 led a beautiful harvest festival in church which was well attended by our school community and we thanked our families for their continued support. The food that was donated has been shared amongst local foodbanks and will be used to support families in need at this time.

Details on how to find your local foodbank are available on:

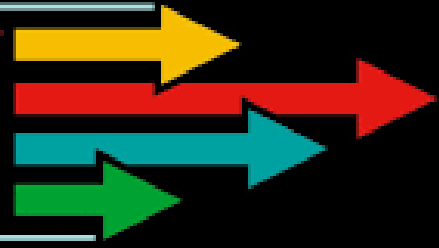
feedingliverpool.org



Winter Woolies Collection

After half term, Faith Friends have planned to gather donations of hats, scarfs, gloves and socks for the homeless and most in need in our city. If you have any used (in good condition) or unused Winter Woolies to donate they would be greatly appreciated.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2024



The children celebrated Black History month in October, with different year groups taking part in separate workshops. It gave all of our children the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.

Ian Bland - Poet Visit



We had an inspirational day with poet, Ian Bland. We loved hearing a range of his poems and particularly enjoyed when he came and worked with our classes to create some wonderful poems about animals using alliteration! Some of us even stood up and performed

During **Fairtrade fortnight** our school **Faith Friends** led an assembly about the important work Fairtrade do to ensure farmers are paid a fair wage for the work they do or produce they grow. The theme for this year was **'Be the Change'** and they encouraged us to think about how the choices we make can help to shape the world. During the week, Faith Friends held a raffle to win a little hamper of Fairtrade goodies. **They raised £111.40.** Well done to our lucky winner!



Autumn has arrived in Early Years



Our reception children have been making the most of our woodland area. They have also enjoyed many other exciting creative activities.



In Nursery we have been learning all about autumn during autumn walks in our woodland area, collecting leaves to make autumn rubbings, collecting conkers to add to our autumn investigation table as well as using them for counting activities both indoors and outdoors. We have also made autumn collages and paintings as well as learning all about ourselves and our families through stories, rhymes and creative activities.

Stay & Play

We invited our parents and carers into Nursery to 'Stay and Play' with their children. This gave our parents and carers the opportunity to talk about their child's progress with their teacher and also spend time with their children in their nursery environment.



Reception Admissions

Please be reminded that there is **no automatic transfer** from nursery to reception and you **MUST** complete a local authority application form online. Please visit the Liverpool.gov.uk site:

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/>

Please look at the oversubscription criteria available on the schools website.

You must provide either a supplementary faith form signed by your Minister of Faith or a Baptism Certificate to the schools office. **THIS EVIDENCE MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE THE**

LA CLOSING DATE of the **15th January 2025**.

Please contact the school office as soon as possible if you have any questions.

Year 3 Archeology Visitor



Year 3 had a visit from an archaeologist Dr John Hill, He introduced us to the chronology of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We had a fantastic time exploring all the different artefacts such as jewellery and a woolly mammoth's tooth.



ECO WARRIORS



This month the Eco-warriors took a trip to Everton Nature Garden to explore the wildlife. Whilst there, they had the opportunity to craft handy homes for the bees and insects to encourage and nurture biodiversity. They also tried their hands at planting some seasonal vegetables and hunting for bugs. A great day out learning outside the classroom!

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Some of our Year 4 children were given the opportunity to attend a LSSP Dodgeball Competition held at Gateacre High School. St John's won the 'Fair Play Award' which is awarded for 'honesty, respect, teamwork & determination'.



All of the children looked very smart on School Photography Day and there were a lot of smiles and cheeky grins!

Your child should have brought home a photograph proof card with instructions of how to order your photograph online. If you need a replacement card please contact the schools office.

School finishes on
Friday the 25th of October at normal time
Children return to school on
Monday the 4th of November