

## Mount Carmel RC Primary Newsletter

*Truth, Love, Life to The Full*

### Spring Week 6- 15/2/24

#### Message from the Headteacher



Spring is in the air, the evenings are getting lighter and Lent is upon us. As a school community we have started the season of Lent with some beautiful worship including Ash Wednesday Mass and a liturgy by Year 4S. The children in Y4S helped us to think about how we can give, act and pray during Lent. In addition to this, the children in the juniors met in their house teams to discuss ways we can raise money for charity (the children had some fabulous fundraising ideas) and more information will follow after half term.

During Lent, I will add a prayer each week to the newsletter. Perhaps you would like to include this prayer within your family prayer time.

*Lord, you are rich in mercy and you call us back to you. Open our hearts as we seek this Lent to draw closer to you. Fill us with your love and lead us in turn to act with love towards all our sisters and brothers. Amen.*

I hope you have a restful half term. See you on Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Love and prayers,

Mrs Seaborn

#### In The Curriculum

We have had such a busy final week in school. Take a look at some of our fantastic learning this week.

Nursery have been tasting pancakes and they received a postcard from China! The postcard was from Goldilocks, who also sent a parcel of exciting objects, to teach the children about Chinese New Year.



Reception have loved exploring Chinese New Year. They've tried Chinese food, made paper lanterns and had lots of fun dragon dancing.



Year 1DL have been preparing for Lent. They wrote thoughtful prayers and tasted some pancakes.



Y2GG have enjoyed making their own digital music using Garage Band with the help of Chris, a music disc jockey. The children have worked really hard and produced some great pieces of music.



Year 3 have finished their art unit on paper sculptures by designing and making a papier-mâché monster mask.





Year 5H have been developing their scientific enquiry skills by conducting an air resistance investigation. To improve the accuracy of their results, they repeated their measurements using a stopwatch and worked out the mean.



Year 6C have been studying Gustav Klimt this term in their art lessons. They used the symbolic imagery, spirals and shapes he used in his work to create their own version of Adele Bloch-Bauer.



Year 6B have been composing for a mood using their knowledge of dynamics and notation. You can check out their music blog online to see them performing this half term's song all about going to the football!



## Parental Survey- Behaviour Policy

Thank you for taking part in the behaviour survey. Your comments and thoughts are so valuable to us as we form our new behaviour policy. We will share the new policy with you in due course.

## Big Bedtime Read



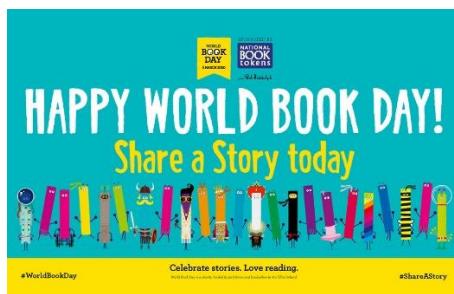
Thank you for attending the Big Bedtime Read on Tuesday night. The children really enjoyed the event and we're so pleased so many parents and carers attended our information session. Thank you to Mrs Green for such an informative session and to all the staff who made this event possible. Some parents and carers have asked for a copy of the PowerPoint shared with parents on this evening. The PowerPoint can be found on the website. Please follow the link below.

[https://www.mountcarmel.manchester.sch.uk/serve\\_file/24155815](https://www.mountcarmel.manchester.sch.uk/serve_file/24155815)

## SEND Drop in Session

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, our SENDCo, Mrs Watson, will be available to speak to any parents regarding advice around special educational needs. This drop-in will be held in the morning between 9- 12am at the Infant Department. Parents can attend from either building. If you would like an appointment, please book through the office.

## Book Week and World Book Day



This year, World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March but our celebrations will begin on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March as we have a whole week of activities planned! We hope this will further encourage a love of reading and continue to raise the profile of reading in our school. Please see the separate letter from Mrs Green outlining the events of this special week.

### **Raising Awareness of Factors that Impact on Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing.**

As we continue on our journey to support your child's mental health and wellbeing, we want to invite you to a workshop led by Kate Brown, our school Drama Therapist.

Kate will share with you the factors (ACEs) that can impact on children's wellbeing in their normal daily lives, but can have a long-lasting effect.

Kate has already delivered this session to all our teachers and TAs and they found it extremely thought provoking, not only in a school setting but also in their own personal lives.

Refreshments will be available and Kate will be available to answer any questions you may have following the session. Please join us for this important workshop on Friday 22nd March 9am in the Infant Hall.

### **Attendance**

Every day counts! Today 3 x £10 Amazon vouchers were won in a prize draw at the juniors for 100% attendance. Well done to the lucky winners and well done to all the children who achieved 100% attendance this half term.

Nursery	<b>90.9%</b>	Year 3D	<b>95%</b>
Reception S	<b>97.5%</b>	Year 3R	<b>94.6%</b>
Reception J	<b>95.4%</b>	Year 4L	<b>90.4%</b>
Year 1B	<b>85.8%</b>	Year 4S	<b>98%</b>
Year 1L	<b>95.1%</b>	Year 5H	<b>95.2%</b>
Year 2C	<b>99.2%</b>	Year 5W	<b>94.4%</b>
Year 2G	<b>90.4%</b>	Year 6B	<b>97.5%</b>
		Year 6C	<b>97.5%</b>

Dates for the Diary	
26/2/24	Y4 Ancient Greece Workshop in school
27/2/24	SEND Parent Drop in with Mrs Watson (am Infant Session)
4/3/24	Book week starts (Donations for book swap please)
5/3/24	Book Week- Story Magic Theatre will be visiting the junior department for a performance of the classic tale, The Wind in the Willows.
6/3/24	Book Week- Story Magic Theatre will be visiting the infant department for a performance of the classic tale, The Wind in the Willows.
7/3/24	World Book Day – Come to school dressed as a word for a vocabulary parade.
7/3/24	Y3 Library Visit to meet author and illustrator Nick Sharratt
8/3/24	Book Week- Book swap event
19/3/24	Junior Parents' Evening
20/3/24	Infant Parents' Evening
22/3/24	Raising Awareness of Factors that Impact on Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop- 9am Infant Hall.
26/3/24	EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade Y1- Y6 Decorate an Egg competition
27/3/24	Stations of the Cross Liturgy for Y6 parents 2:45pm (Junior Hall)
28/3/24	Easter Play (Year 2 ) – Year 2 Parents welcome 9 am (Infant Hall)
28/3/24	School closes for Easter at 1:30pm