



Mount Carmel RC Primary Newsletter

Truth, Love, Life to The Full

Spring Week 10- 22/3/24

Message from the Headteacher

Holy Week begins this Sunday as we celebrate Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Next week in school, children will have the opportunity to focus on the events of the last week of Jesus' life on Earth, leading up to His Crucifixion. During Holy week, our traditional Easter Passion play will be presented by Year 2 and Year 6 will lead a Stations of the Cross Liturgy on Wednesday.

I've included a prayer that you may like to use in family prayer time.



Walk with us

Jesus, you know what it's like
to feel abandoned
lost and afraid.

Walk with us

And show us how to walk with others,
who live in fear,
who face death
through hunger or war.

Show us how to pray
for those we do not know
and will not meet,
but who are always loved by you.

Walk with us Jesus, Amen.

Thank you for joining us at Parents' Evening this week. The children are working so hard and I hope you enjoyed looking through their books and speaking to their teachers. If you did not manage to see your child's teacher, please phone the office to arrange an alternative appointment.

Thank you to the parents who joined us this morning for the ACEs workshop delivered by Kate. We hope you found the workshop useful.

Next week, school closes for Easter at **1.30 pm on Thursday 28th March**

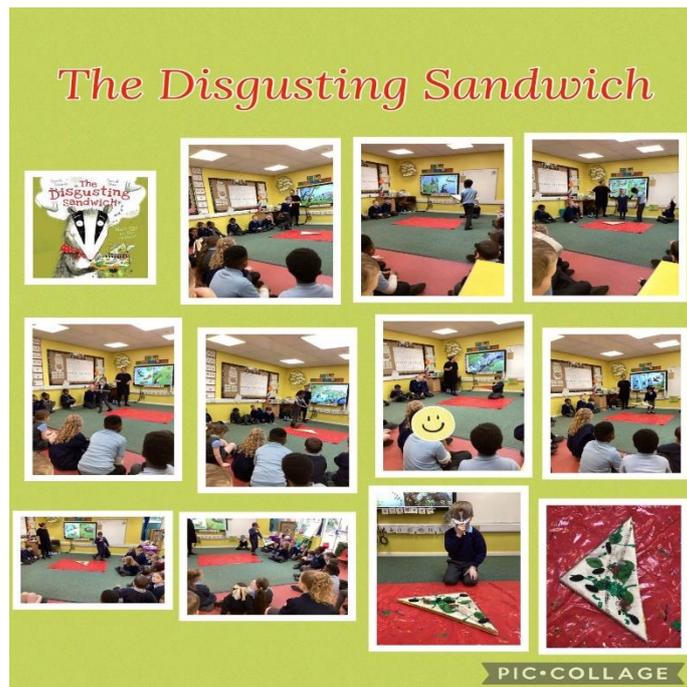
With love and prayers Mrs Seaborn

In the Curriculum

The children in Nursery have been acting out the events of Palm Sunday. They waved palm leaves and shouted 'hosanna' to welcome Jesus.



Year 2 have had lots of fun this week retelling the story of 'The Disgusting Sandwich' by Gareth Edwards. The children are planning their own story based on the book.



Year 3D enjoyed experimenting with percussion instruments this week. They used the instruments and made sounds to show different styles - legato and staccato and adagio and allegro. They also made a pneumatic system in DT and are looking forward to designing and making a moving monster.



Year 5W enjoyed working with Amanda Morrow designing, making and launching rockets as part of their DT unit.



Year 6 have learnt more about resilience and kindness in a wellbeing workshop.



Easter Holiday Clubs

During 2024, Manchester Active and Manchester City Council are offering hundreds of FREE places for children eligible for benefit related free school meals to access a variety of activities over the school holiday periods. **Eligibility checks have changed for 2024 and the registration system will automatically recognise those who are eligible, with a booking code no longer being issued.**

Currently all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can get free school meals whatever your income. But, if you receive one of the qualifying incomes (see below) you will need to register for benefit related free school meals in order for the registration system to recognise that your child is eligible for a school holiday activity place. Your child may qualify for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- The guaranteed part of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (if your annual gross income is £16,190 or less and you don't get Working Tax Credit)
- Working Tax Credit run-off after you come off Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit that you applied for on, or after, 1 April 2018. As long as your household income is less than £7,400 a year after tax, not including any benefits
- You may also qualify if you are an asylum seeker, or if a child receives any of these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian.

[Think you are Eligible? Apply for Free School Meals here](#)

Lenten Fundraising in the Junior Department

Please return any St Joseph Penny boxes next week. The money will be collected and sent to Caritas.

RESCHEDULED- Tuesday 26th March Saint Bernadette's house will be having a cake sale at break time. Cakes will be 50p. If your child would like a cake, please bring 50p.

On Tuesday 26th March St John Bosco's house will be completing a sponsored run in the afternoon (children in St John Bosco house must have trainers or pumps for this event).

Thank you for your support with our fundraising.

Easter Events

Tuesday 26th March

As part of our Easter Events we are inviting children in Years 1 to 6 to decorate an egg at home and bring it in to school for Tuesday 26th March. You can use a hard-boiled egg for this. (Please make sure the egg is hard-boiled and completely cooled down before decorating!) Children can decorate it by colouring, painting, drawing on it, sticking things on to it or make it in to a character or use it in a scene etc. Your child can be as creative as they like!

On Tuesday 26th March children in Nursery and Reception are invited to join in our Easter Bonnet Parade. Please prepare your child's Easter Bonnet ready to show in the Parade.

Wednesday 27th March

Year 6 children will take part in the Stations of the Cross Liturgy in the Junior Hall at 2.45pm. Year 6 parents/carers are welcome to come along for this special service.

Thursday 28th March

Our traditional Easter Passion play presented by the Year 2 children will take place in the Infant Hall at 9am. Year 2 parents/carers are welcome to join.

Attendance

Every day counts! This half term there will be 3 x £10 Greggs vouchers in a prize draw for KS2 children with 100% attendance. In KS1 there will be a £30 ASDA voucher up for grabs for a child with 100% attendance. The draws will take place on the last day of term.

Nursery	90.7%	Year 3D	96.5%
Reception S	94.4%	Year 3R	96.3%
Reception J	93.7%	Year 4L	94.0%
Year 1B	93.8%	Year 4S	96.2%
Year 1L	92.4%	Year 5H	97.0%
Year 2C	96.3%	Year 5W	95.8%
Year 2G	94.9%	Year 6B	94.8%
		Year 6C	96.2%

Dates for the Diary	
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