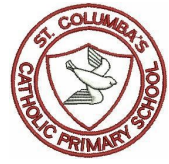


# NEWSLETTER



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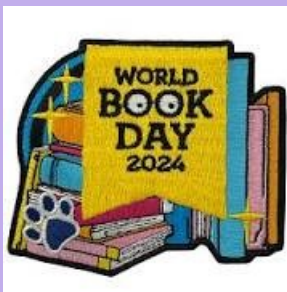
## LENT

The season of Lent began during our half term break this year. I am sure that our families had lots of fun flipping pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.

I hope some of our families managed to get to Mass on Ash Wednesday so that they could be blessed by the holy ash.

Since we have returned, we have been speaking to our children about the importance of Lent. They know how important it is that we spend our next few weeks taking steps closer to Our Lord. We will be doing this through prayer, through collecting money for charities and for looking closely at ourselves and seeing what small changes we can make.

## World Book Day 7th March 2024



As usual we have lots of things planned for World Book Day. The theme this year is 'Read Your Way.'

To start us off, Miss Brown has invited some special visitors from a dram group. She will be carrying out workshops with each class.

We will also have our popular BEDTIME READING event on Wednesday 13th March at 4pm. ALL are welcome.

## LENT: Activities for fundraising.

There will be plenty of fun opportunities for our children to raise money this half term.

We have:

- Easter Egg Hamper Raffles
- Colouring competition
- Big Lenten Walk
- Coffee Morning

We are really excited to have you supporting these charities and being involved in the different ways to raise money.

Thank you again for your ongoing generosity.

# ATTENDANCE

Above 97%	96% - 97%	Under 96%
Exceeding Target	On Target	Below Target
Class	Graded	%
Nursery	Below	79.9%
Reception	Below	93.1%
Class 1	Below	88.3%
Class 2	Exceeding target	99.3%
Class 3	Below	93%
Class 4	Exceeding target	98%
Class 5	Below	93.3%
Class 6	Below	92.1%
WHOLE SCHOOL	Below	93.9%



**Attendance Matters**  
Every student. Every day.

During a School Attendance Service meeting it was reported that we have made positive steps in school attendance; classes are improving and the overall figure is rising. This is due to the team work of our children, families and staff.

I know that we will all continue to work hard to ensure that the attendance at St Columba is the very best that it can be.

## LIVE SIMPLY AWARD

As you are aware, we, as Christians, should be living simply, sustainably and in solidarity.

As a school, we think it is important to share tips for looking after our world/ each other and different ways to conserve energy.

Here are some tips from our children on how to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity:

To live sustainably we should....

'Not throw rubbish on the floor, put it in the bin!' - Millie, Year 1

To live simply we could ...

'Spend time with our loved ones and show gratitude.' - Louie, Year 3

To live in **solidarity** we should...

'Include those who are left out or feel like they have no friends.'- Bully Busters, Year 4

To live in solidarity, we should...

'Help our families when they are struggling with housework.'- Ethan, Year 6

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS HALF TERM

CLUB	DAY	YEAR GROUPS	FINISH TIME	LAST CLUB SESSION
SATS booters	Tuesday/ Wednesday (See letter)	Y6	4pm	17th Apr
Football	Tuesday	Y3 and Y4	4pm	26th March
School Choir	Wednesday	Y3,4,5 and 6	3.45pm	N/A
Violin	Wednesday	Y5 and Y6	4.10pm	N/A
Yoga	Thursday	Y2	4pm	21st March
STEM	Thursday	Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 Limited spaces	4pm	21st March

## Full School Uniform and PE kits

Now that the weather is more settled, all children must be in full school uniform or full school PE kit. Please inform school if you are struggling to purchase school uniforms. We have some pre-loved uniform and can also support any families who are financially struggling with buying them.