

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School

Friday, 8th December, 2023



Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well.

Another busy week in school. This week has been Design and Technology week. The children have been busy exploring, designing and making different items. A challenging but wonderful time has been had by all.

On Wednesday evening, our school choir performed, along with other Wigan schools, at the Carol Concert at the Edge Arena. Thank you to Mrs Woodward for preparing the children and thank you to Miss Hesketh for accompanying the children throughout the day. The children's behaviour was impeccable, and they sang beautifully – well done all, especially those who were struggling with colds. A special mention for Sophia who also shared a reading to an audience of over 600 people.

Yesterday, Year 4 visited the Fire and Rescue Training Centre in Bury. They learned all about the Fire Service in Greater Manchester and how to behave if faced with a fire. The key learning points were:

- Check batteries weekly in your smoke detectors and CO2 monitors.
- Children to know their postcode and address.
- Dangers of making hoax or prank calls.

Finally, a reminder that Miss Middlehurst and Mrs Coop will be serving Christmas lunch with all the trimmings on Thursday. If your son or daughter does not usually have a school meal on a Thursday and would like to order, please email or ring the school office.

Have a lovely weekend
Mr McDermott

Santa Dash: Monday

All pupils will take part in the Friends of Sacred Heart Santa Dash on Monday. This is a **non-uniform day**, with a festive theme (i.e festive clothing can be worn). If you are able to, please send any sponsor money in by Tuesday or use the following donation link -

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/sacred-heart-santa-dash>

Nativity: 'A Miracle in Town'

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will star in the nativity, 'A Miracle in Town', on Wednesday 20th December (2pm) and Thursday 21st December (10am). Each family has been allocated 2 tickets for each performance and these will be sent home on Monday with the children. Please keep an eye out for them.

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert:

The Key Stage 2 carol concert will take place at St Richards Church on Tuesday 19th December at 2pm. Parents / carers are invited to join us. **Please note that Key Stage 2 children will need to be collected from the church at 3pm.** Only children booked for after school club will be walked back to school.

School Photographs:

Orders can now be collected from the school office. We will not be sending them home with children to prevent any damage in school bags, as they are not in protective packaging.

Flu Immunisations:

This week, many children had their flu immunisations with Intrahealth. If your son or daughter didn't have one, paper consent forms have been sent home for a 'catch up' session, with the date to be confirmed. Please ensure forms are returned no later than Tuesday.

Sunset After School Club – Festive Week Activities:

We still have places remaining for the festive week activities. Please see the flyer attached to this newsletter for full details.



Golden Ticket and Reading Champion Winners: Key Stage 1

Reception:

- Ella - Beau** – Superb independent name writing.
Henry – Showing more of an interest in whole class activities.
Savannah – Wonderful singing and actions.

Reading Champion – Luca

Character Strength: Communication: Leo B's communication skills are developing well, and he is now confidently sharing his ideas, thoughts, and feelings.

Year 1:

- Freya** – Following a set of instructions when making a springy spider.
Olly – Using a range of adjectives when describing fruit for his smoothie.
Viktoria – A fantastic observational drawing of fruits.

Reading Champion – Freddie

Character Strength: Teamwork: Albie has shown great enthusiasm during Design and Technology week, he has helped his peers with a fantastic attitude. Well done!

Year 2:

- Louisa** – A great effort in Design Technology where she was able to handle a knife safely when creating her fruit kebab.
Michael – Fabulous spelling of Common Exception Words.
Natalie – A fabulous effort when adding two 2-digit numbers, involving exchange using tens and ones.

Reading Champion – Chinedum

Character Strength: Self-Aware: Louisa is very mindful of other's feelings and thinks carefully about how she talks to her friends so that they are never upset.

Golden Ticket and Reading Champion Winners: Key Stage 2

Year 3:

- Grace** – Thoughtful responses in RE regarding the Jesse Tree.
Imogen – Ability to measure in cm and mm and find objects within the classroom that were longer or shorter of the given measurement.
Jerry – Excellent retrieval of facts from the non-fiction text.

Reading Champion – Brody

Character Strength: Resilience: Daniel has overcome challenges whilst developing new skills in DT. He hasn't given up and he's produced a product to be proud of.

Year 4:

- Aiden** – Working hard during DT week.
Bobby – A good piece of writing using first person pronouns.
Harley – Good work in phonics.

Reading Champion – Freya

Character Strength: Empathy: Isla is such a thoughtful member of the Year 4 class, and she is always thinking of other people.

Year 5:

- Evie** – Creating an informative design brief and including detailed instructions of how to make her Christmas Tree decoration in D and T.
Vinnie – Creating small and neat running and back stitches when practising a range of sewing techniques in D and T.

Reading Champion – Thea

Character Strength: Positivity: Alex approaches all aspects of the curriculum with a 'can do' attitude, and this is resulting in progress in both maths and English.

Year 6:

- Jessica Co** – Showing patience and determination during DT week.
Harry – Demonstrating back stitch and over stitch to help his friends.
Niamh – Excellent coaching in maths lessons when looking at different multiplication methods.

Reading Champion – Jagnoor

Character Strength: Positivity: Isaac has made a fantastic start to life at Sacred Heart. He has settled in quickly and made lots of new friends.