



'Nurturing Hearts and Minds'

**St Gabriel's Catholic
Primary School**

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Key Dates

- 7/2 Safer Internet Day
- 8/2 First Forgiveness 6pm
- 13/2 Y4 Egyptian Day
- 13/2 Y6 Stanley Head
- 16/2 Y1 Class Assembly
- 17/2 School closes
- 27/2 School open
- 2/3 World Book Day
- 3/3 Y3 Hedgehog workshop
- 7/3 School book fayre

The Messenger

Friday 3rd February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mr Byrne

Thank you for all of your well wishes for Mr Byrne, it is very much appreciated. This week he has had an operation on his arm and is recovering well. We are looking forward to him coming back to school shortly. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

We have had a lovely week in school and the children continue to shine in everything that they do.

Paws and Read

Our week started off with a visit from our friendly therapy dog. Cassie has been spending time with some of our children who are enjoying talking to and reading stories to Cassie.

MUSIC DAY



Children (and staff!) are still buzzing after our music day last week. The children loved celebrating the joy of music and talking about what music means to them. Thank you to all our wonderful parents who embraced the day so brilliantly. We had some wonderful costumes! Thank you to our fantastic Miss Donkin who presented a wonderful assembly to our whole school. We also must thank our incredible visiting musicians Mr Davies and Mr Ferneyhough who played and sung so brilliantly. What a treat for the children and staff! We also raised **over £180** for school fund. Thank you for your kind donations. My final thanks must go to Mrs Keating our music lead. We feel so lucky that Mrs Keating has joined our wonderful teaching team. Thank you for organising such a special day for the children and for helping them create such special memories.

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A Thank you!

A huge thank you to all our children (and parents!) for making such a fantastic effort with punctuality recently. We are seeing a huge improvement in children's punctuality. I know it is not always easy to get children out of the house in the mornings, so thank you for making such a huge effort in this. It really makes a difference to your child's start to their day.

Parent survey

Thank you for giving your time to complete the parent surveys. I am in the process of collating the findings and look forward to sharing the findings with you very soon.

Car park

Thank you for being so patient whilst our staff car park has been closed. The car park will be open to staff from next week.

Safer internet day

Tuesday 7th February is safer internet day. All classes will be discussing internet safety with learning based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'.

There are some top tips for parents and carers on how to help at home here

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Catholic life of our school

At St Gabriel's we pride ourselves on our children's behaviour and attitudes. Children who continually display our school

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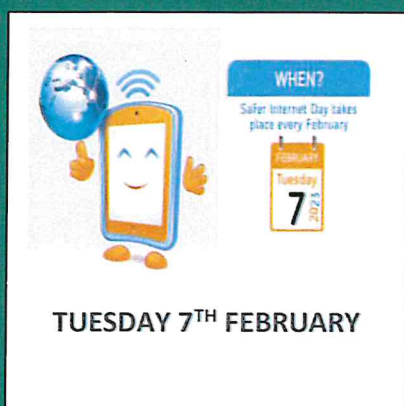
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values around school will be given the opportunity to bring home a prayer bag to share with their families.

As the first educators of your children, it is your own example of faith that will form your child's own faith journey through life, and praying together, using the resources in the prayer bag to help you, is a reminder that God is always with us.

In the prayer bag you will find the following items:

- An instruction card/ script explaining how to use the resources and what to say
- A cloth- to represent special days in the church, such as saints' feast days
- A holding cross- to remind us of Jesus' sacrifice
- A candle- to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world
- Holy water- reminding us of our Baptism
- Prayer journal to record thoughts on your family prayer time (you could include a photo and either you or your child could write a short reflection)

We do hope that you enjoy spending time together in prayer and look forward to hearing about your prayer experience together.

Prayer bags

This week in Reception Freya Roberts has been chosen to take home the prayer bear in reception for continuing to show our school values.

In Year 3 this week Lilly Crisford has been chosen to take the prayer bag home for continually displaying our school be values.

Sacrament of reconciliation

Please pray for our year 3 children, as they prepare for their sacrament of reconciliation on Wednesday 8th February.

World Book Day

On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day. We would like the children to either dress up in their favourite story character, or, dress in their cosy PJs. We will be having our annual book fayre at school, commencing 7th March and you will be welcome to come into school on Wednesday 8th March 3-4pm. More details to follow nearer the time.

Wishing you a restful and happy weekend.

Mrs C. Stevenson
Deputy Headteacher