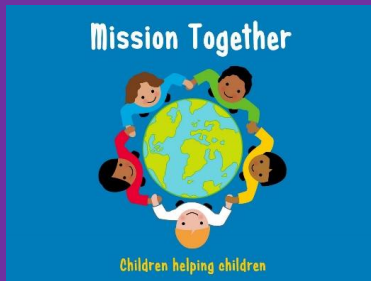




'Nurturing Hearts and Minds'

**St Gabriel's Catholic
Primary School**

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The Messenger

Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mr Byrne

Please keep Mr Byrne in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to recover from his accident.

The children have had another lovely week in school.

Father Tony

We started our week by welcoming Father Tony and Deacon Edie who gave an assembly all about how we can support Missio projects around the world. This year we would like to support 'Together in the Philippines' to discover more about how we can help the children from the Badjao tribe. The Mini-Vinnies have discussed how we could help and decided that we would like the children to come into school in non-uniform on Friday 24th March. If children are able to make a small donation to Missio it would be greatly appreciated.

Stoke City

Representatives from Stoke City FC visited our school on Wednesday and invited us to watch a game at Stoke City on Saturday 18th March. If you would like to attend, please return your child's envelope by Tuesday 7th March.

World Book Day

"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore, a duty. It should be offered as a gift." The words of American children's author Kate Di Camillo could not have been more apt yesterday. Our children have been immersed in books as they celebrated World Book Day in style!

We began with the whole school coming together for a World Book Day assembly. We were even joined by Flat Stanley. The children looked splendid in their character costumes and PJs! As always, we ended the assembly with



We raised a **fantastic £176.36** for Children's Mental Health.



Well Done!

a rousing rendition of our favourite, very catchy, WBD song: *Pick a Book*

Around the school, children were seen snuggling up with books and sharing books with friends. Y3 participated in a live lesson which involved designing and drawing their own characters.

In Y5, children came up with ideas for their own books; they wrote a blurb and painted a scene to go with them. Y6 had fun doing some outdoor drama based on a book they are reading linked to their history topic.

Y2 enjoyed a book scavenger hunt and crosswords.

Y4 children designed their own book covers and wrote some book reviews. Parents were invited in to read stories to groups of children.

In Reception Croccy visited to read a story to the class and Y1, children had lots of storytime and the chance to choose books.

It was a truly wonderful day that the children will remember for a long time.

Hedgehog Workshop

Year 3 have taken part in an exciting hedgehog workshop today led by a visiting wildlife expert. Children have been constructing a 'hedgehog friendly' housing estate with their incredible imaginations and a pile of lego! They have been looking at the problems hedgehogs face through a game, met a rescued hedgehog from the British Wildlife Rescue Centre and created their own hedgehog made from clay!

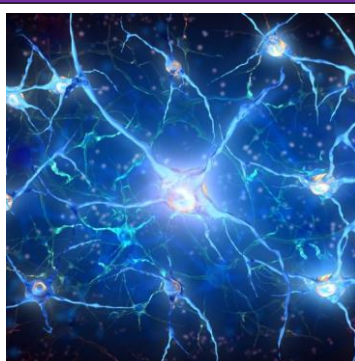
Sport News

We are very proud of our Year 6 Dodgeball Team for their determination and resilience in their competition last night. Well done Year 6.

Parent Consultations

If you have not booked your parent consultations on school spider, please do so ASAP. This will be a face to face appointment. We are very much looking forward to seeing you in school.

The Season of Lent



BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK
13 MARCH 2023



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Y5 visit to St Gabriel's Church

On Monday 27th February Year 5 began our school visits to St Gabriel's Catholic Church, led by Father Tony and Deacon Eddie. The visit began with a short description of some of the features of the church by Father Tony followed by Deacon Eddie discussing and showing the children some of the church artefacts and those that are used every Sunday during Mass. The children were then given the opportunity to go onto the altar to see these artefacts up close and find out lots of interesting facts about them. Our visit ended with Father Tony and Deacon Eddie showing the children the Stations of the Cross around the church, as we have entered the season of Lent. This was followed by a liturgy, led by the children, based on our school and parish saint, St Gabriel. The children really enjoyed our visit, which was both educational and faith-filled.

Prayer Bags

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

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

Science Week

Next week we are looking forward to a week of fun science activities. Mrs Schauer has organised lots of exciting opportunities for the children.

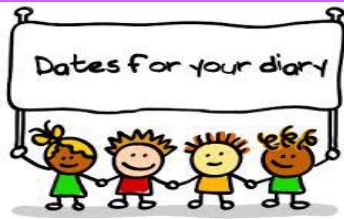
Pupil Premium

Is your child missing out?

Your child could be entitled to funding to support them in school. This could be support in class, extra resources, financial support for trips, retreats and after school clubs, uniform, free school meals and more!

Please speak to our office staff Mrs A Stevenson or Mrs K McCann if you think you could be eligible and would like more information.

Sacramental Preparation



KEY DATES

- 6/3 Y4 visit Church
- 8/3 Book Fair 3pm-4pm
- 9/3 Reception visit Theatre
- 13/3 Y3 visit Church
- 13/3 Science Week
- 16/3 Parent Consultations
- 20/3 Y2 visit Church
- 27/3 Y1 visit Church
- 28/3 Easter Mass
- 29/3 Easter Assembly
- 31/3 School closes

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

E J Byre

Deputy DSL: Mrs C Stevenson

Chair of Governing Body:

Michael Mitchell

Governor responsible for

Safeguarding: Mrs Kirsty Shenton

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Sacramental Preparation

The sacramental preparation programme will continue with Mrs Metters on Tuesday 7th March. If your child hasn't returned their books already, please return them by Monday 6th March so that Mrs Metters can continue working in them on Tuesday. Thank you.

Mini-Vinnies Cake Sale

A huge thank you for your generous donations of cakes. The Mini-Vinnies did an excellent job with your help and have raised **£234**. This is a fantastic amount which will really make a difference to the victims of Turkey and Syria.

Art Gallery

This week I had the delight of talking to Eli Shenton (Y6) about an idea that he has for raising more money for victims of Turkey and Syria. Our chat was a reminder of what makes our school so special – our children! Eli will be talking to the children in assembly next week about his fantastic idea, but we wanted you to know about it too. . .

My name is Eli, year 6.

I would like to inform you about a fund-raising event that I am organising for the children affected by the earthquake in Turkey and Syria through 'Save the children' charity.

St Gabriel's will be hosting an art exhibition inspired by 'What makes you happy'. We hope that all St Gabriel's children will submit 1 piece of art work and we can showcase the work in the school hall on Thursday 30th March 2023 @ 3pm.

Please submit your art work to your teacher by Monday 27th March 2023, this can be painting/a sculpture/a design. Please be inspired to showcase 'What makes you happy'. We will serve tea and coffee at the event and hope to have a few raffle prizes (please contact My mum 07787464152 if you have any raffle prizes available). Thank you.

More information about this fantastic fundraiser will follow on class dojo from your class teachers. Have a wonderful, happy weekend.

Mrs C. Stevenson
Acting Headteacher