



Nurturing Hearts and Minds

**St Gabriel's Catholic
Primary School**

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*The
Season
of
Lent*



The Messenger

Friday 10th March 2023

The children have had another lovely week in school.

Y4 visit to St Gabriel's Church

On Monday 6th March, Year 4 visited St Gabriel's Church. They were warmly welcomed by both Father Tony and Deacon Eddie. Children had the opportunity to explore artifacts within the church and further develop their understanding of the importance of these Holy items. Children deepened their own faith and understanding as they listened beautifully to the discussion. They showed wonderful curiosity and maturity. At the end of their visit, we completed a class Liturgy and sang our praises to God.

Chess Club

This week we were very lucky to have Mr Blackburn, the current Welsh Champion and a Fide Master, join years 5 and 6 for a chess lesson. He taught them about the moves of the pawn and the rook, as well as many tactics to use in a chess game. The children were then given the opportunity to practice these new tactics in their own pawn versus pawn games. All the children really enjoyed their chess experience whether they were old hands at the game or new beginners.

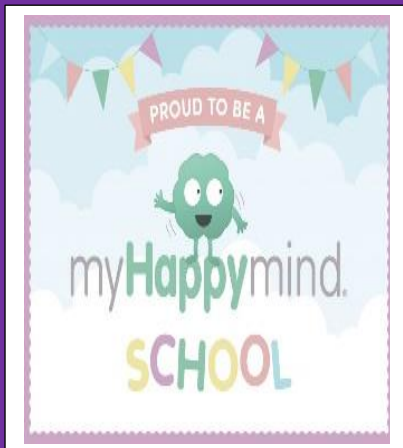
Keep an eye out for more information coming soon regarding a chess club for Years 4-6 beginning after the Easter holidays.



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Good luck to our
Y5/Y6 Basketball
Team in tonight's
competition!



Congratulations to Christopher Schauer and Joseph Johnson who have been selected to represent Staffordshire in the Under 11 Chess team next Saturday. We are very proud of you!

myHappyMind School

Nurturing hearts and minds is at the core of what we do at St. Gabriel's so we have been really excited about introducing a program to all year groups at school called myHappyMind. myHappyMind is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in developing positive skills and habits to be their very best selves!

To further embed this learning and ensure that you are able to engage in these topics with your child, myHappyMind has developed a set of resources for parents. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The resources allow children to continue to practise some of the habits they have developed at school, such as happy breathing, and for you to learn more about what they are learning in the program. Also included are activities for you to do together at home, to complement the in-school lessons.

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email, and authentication code. Your authentication code is 111339. Alternatively use the parent app and QR code attached to this newsletter.



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If you have any technical questions about accessing the resources, please contact hello@myHappyMind.org

School Uniform

At St Gabriel's we pride ourselves on the high standards we set and one of the things that make us proud to be part of the St Gabriel's school family is our uniform. Please may I remind parents that trainers and boots are not part of school uniform. Our school uniform policy can be found on our website.

Communication

If your child is absent from school, please inform Admin rather than messaging your teacher on class do-jo, so that we can be sure all messages are seen. If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please do so via email. (Initial, surname followed by stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk. For example, cstevenson@stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk) The class do-jo messaging service is currently inactive, and we would therefore appreciate any communication through email. This will ensure that all messages are seen and responded to.

Parent Consultations

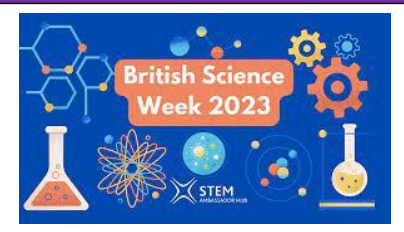
If you have not booked your parent consultations on school spider, please do so ASAP. This will be a face-to-face appointment. We are very much looking forward to seeing you in school.



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Key Dates

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

Prayer Bags

The following children have taken prayer bags home today.

Reception – Lois Vause

Year 1 – Billy Lusher

Year 2 – Ella Hunt

Year 3 – Chloe Woodfine

Year 4 – Arabella Brown

Year 5 – Alice Brooks

Year 6 – Joseph Johnson

Parent Governor

We would like to welcome Katie Poole (Mum of Emmie Poole – Year 2) onto the governing body who will be joining Ruth Reeves to represent the parent voice on our governing body.

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.

Sports News

Thank you for your responses to the 'out of school' sports letters. If you still have sport pictures to send in of your child please email to admin@stgabriels.cheshire.sch.uk.

Also, a big thank you for your donations of resources for Reception Class. They have been extremely useful.

Have a wonderful, happy weekend.

Mrs C. Stevenson

Acting Headteacher