



# The Messenger

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*'Nurturing Hearts and Minds'*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your continued support in what has been an extremely difficult term in managing the disruption of Covid, and its impact on school. Despite the difficulties, we do believe we are getting back to where we need to be and hopefully these two weeks will enable us all to come back even stronger for the summer term (and infection free)!

May I wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter on behalf of the school community of staff, pupils and governors. May this Easter season be a time to bring peace to all communities, families and children.

E J Byrne

## News Headlines

**Mrs Sarah Keating** has been appointed as the Y4 teacher whilst Mrs Baker takes maternity leave. Mrs Keating joins the St Gabriel's team with great experience and with a passion for music, so watch this space 😊. I'm sure you will all welcome her openly when she begins with us after Easter so do please say hello.

Recent fundraising efforts saw us raise **£215.88** for **Comic Relief** (red nose day) and over £300 (it's still coming in) for the **Ukraine**

**Humanitarian Appeal**. Thank you all so much for your generous kind offerings. Those days brought great joy to the children alongside the great impact of the monies raised.

Our after-school clubs will continue straight after half term. (No need to re-register).

## 'I am a Writer' Termly Award Winners

Reception: Phoebe Farrugia-Hewitt and Jacob Roberts

Year 1: Oliver Boustead, Georgia Skellam

Year 2: Logan Oxtan, Greta Gaskell and Jemimah Horne

Year 3: Carter Leung, Hirushi Aluth Patabendige

Year 4: Pixie Adamczyk and Alfie Markham

Year 5: Thia Ledger and Joseph Johnson

Year 6: Neera Odedra and James Hastilow

Congratulations to all! Excellent work!

## Forthcoming Dates for diary

<b>2022</b>	
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	Easter Vigil Mass 8:00pm
<b>Easter Sunday 17 April</b>	Masses at St Gabriel's Catholic Church 9:30 and 11:00
Tuesday 19 April	School opens
Monday 2 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 9 May	SATS Week (Y6)
Saturday 14 May	Holy Communion Mass 10:00
<b>Monday 16 May</b>	<b>School Closed-additional Jubilee bank holiday</b>
Wednesday 25 May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Lunch
Friday 27 May	School closes
Monday 6 June	School opens

### Y2's celebrating all things Japanese



Y2 enjoyed celebrating the end of their Japan topic on Monday. Thank you to the wonderful staff at 'Ey up duck' in Alsager who cooked delicious Japanese food for the children to enjoy. The children even got to make their own sushi! Thank you also to all the fantastic parents who dressed their children so brilliantly for our day.

**Please note the additional Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee we have next term. On Monday 16 May 2022, school will be closed.**

REQUEST: We are looking for a 2-hob lightweight electric stove to use in school if anyone is looking to dispose of one (in the loft or garage)? Just contact Mrs Stevenson in the office if you can help. Many thanks.

**Driving around school:** At times of high volume, drop off and pick up times...

- PLEASE use the informal I-way system to access and depart from school, along Cedar Avenue and up out of Well Lane. Thank you.
- PLEASE drive carefully and slowly when accessing the car park adjacent to school, there may be a child running from behind a parked car.
- If you are collecting your child from Whizz Kids, please do not drive onto the school car park before 5pm. Thank you.



### CHAMPIONS ALERT!

On top of the recent Basketball and Netball success St Gabriel's won a further tournament last night in the form of Handball. Our team played at the high school winning all 3 games. The first game St Gabriel's romped to a 12-0 victory, the second being a more sedate 5-1, the last being a decider against Alsager Highfields... we started off losing 2-0 but the steel and resilience of St Gabriel's was shown in the comeback, to win with a convincing 7-2 finish. How brilliant! Well done to our team!

## *Funny Friday'*

**Q. What does a cloud wear under his raincoat?**

A. Thunderwear.

**Q. What musical instrument is found in the bathroom?**

A. A tuba toothpaste.

To share your joke just write it down with your name and class, hand it in to your class teacher or Mr. Byrne. If you can make him laugh... there's a good chance you may get your name on the next newsletter! 'I need to laugh more children, so keep the jokes coming, but not of a football nature you understand'!

