



Mount Carmel RC Primary Newsletter

Truth, Love, Life to The Full

Autumn Week 9- 10/11/23

Message from the Headteacher

It was great to see so many parents and carers at parents' evening this week. The children are working so hard and I hope you enjoyed looking through their books and speaking to their teachers.

As a catholic school, November is the month in which we pray for departed Holy Souls and remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. Today, we held two Remembrance services across the school and prayed for peace across the world. The children in the Junior Department gathered in a special service led by the GIFT team and in the Infant Department Y2 led a special liturgy.



Have a great weekend,

Mrs Seaborn

In the Curriculum

The children in Reception had a lovely visit to Boggart Hole Clough on Tuesday. The children looked at all the different trees and discussed how their shapes and colours were different. The children in class are reading 'Leaf man' by Lois Ehlert. The children enjoyed exploring the clough to find Leaf Man. When they got back to class the children have enjoyed making their own 'Leaf Man' out of the leaves they collected. You can see more pictures from this trip on our school website. Follow this link <https://www.mountcarmel.manchester.sch.uk/blog/autumn-walk/85771>

Year 5 and 6 took part in a workshop delivered by Dean Coady OBE. This was part of our PHSE curriculum. The workshop developed awareness of dangers on streets (e.g. violence, anti-social behaviour and drugs) Dean spoke to children about how they can keep safe on the streets.

The school council met this week for the first time. They came full of ideas and passion to represent their classes as they work towards making improvements across the school. They have already begun working on an exciting project for Road Safety Week.



You can see more of our learning on Twitter/ X and on our school website. Follow us by using these links [@mount_carmel1](https://twitter.com/mountcarmel1) and <https://www.mountcarmel.manchester.sch.uk/>

Anti-Bullying Week- Make a Noise About Bullying

To bring Anti-Bullying Week to life at Mount Carmel we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November. Odd Socks Day is an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! Odd Socks Day takes place on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week each year to help raise awareness of bullying.



WOOHOO... MONDAY
13TH NOVEMBER IS
ODD SOCKS DAY!

Mr Dalton is leading Anti-Bullying Week 2023 and is running a poster competition led by Manchester Healthy Schools. Children will be tasked with creating a poster around the theme 'make a noise' which promotes that anti-bullying should be a focus across our school all year round.

Activities will take place across the school to promote anti-bullying with classes in KS2 creating a poem and classes in KS1 and EYFS designing their own socks. The work created will be shared in our celebration assemblies on Friday afternoon.

Here are a few links to resources that may be useful when having these discussions at home.

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying/parents-and-carers>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UU_jOiway0

Maths Week England

Next week is 'Maths Week England' and we will be celebrating the importance of maths in our everyday lives. There will be challenging maths activities and plenty of fun across school.

We are taking part in the Times Tables Rock Stars inter-school competition, "England Rocks!" throughout that week. Please make sure your child is accessing their TTRS account and continuing to practise their times table facts in preparation.

On Friday 17th November, we are asking the children to come to school dressed as a rock star in jeans and a t-shirt and maybe a funky hairstyle to celebrate our fun-filled Maths week.

Photo Consent

Over the last couple of weeks, we have asked all parents to complete photo consent forms. This is important because on Tuesday 21st November we will have professional photographers and a videographer in school. The photos and videos taken on this day will be used on the website and brochures for the school's website and the Emmaus CAT website. Please ensure your completed consent form is handed into the office ASAP.

On this day we will also have a special visit from Bishop John Arnold, the Bishop of Salford Diocese. Bishop John, will be taking a tour around the school. We are excited that the Bishop is visiting our wonderful school.

PTA (Parent Teacher Association)

At Mount Carmel we are lucky to have an amazing PTA. The PTA organises exciting events for the children as well as raising essential funds for the school. Through their support we have been able to stock both the Junior and Infant library with the most beautiful books, purchase school reading books for the Infant Department, provide leavers presents for the Y6 children and Now>Press>Play for the children to enjoy in the curriculum.

This week we received another parcel of books paid for by the PTA. These books are now being used in the classroom and in the school library for the children to enjoy. Thank you for supporting our PTA throughout the years.

We are now looking for members to join the PTA. We need more members to keep the PTA going. We will be holding a meeting for the PTA on Monday 4th December at 5:00pm to discuss events for the school year ahead. If you feel you can help or contribute in any way, please join us for this meeting. The PTA needs you and we look forward to meeting some new PTA friends.



Driving and Parking Around School

Please do not drive onto Hunt Street or use Hunt Street as a place to turn your car when dropping off at the Infant Department. The barrier on Hunt Street is closed at the start and end of the day for the safety of the children. The zigzags, double yellow lines around school have been monitored this week by traffic wardens and tickets have been issued. Please do not park or drop off on double yellow lines and zigzags.

Virtues and Values

This term we are growing to be Intentional and Prophetic. We will be promoting these values in school through our collective worship and in discussions with the children. Each week a child in each class will be chosen for a special certificate for using these values and will have afternoon tea with Mrs Seaborn.

“Intentional in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and prophetic in the example they set to others.”

Parish Christmas Fair

The parish Christmas fair will be held on Saturday 18th November in the Parish Hall of St John Bosco on Charlestown Road and all our families are invited. The parish are looking for donations of chocolates, toiletries, gifts sets and bottles of wine or beer for the tombola stalls. If you can donate, please bring in by the 14th November. Please support our Parish if you can.

Attendance for the Week

Every day counts! We will be holding a KS2 raffle each half term for children who achieve 100% attendance during that half term. The prize for this half term is cinema gift vouchers.

Nursery	94.0%	Year 3D	95.5%
Reception S	95.3%	Year 3R	95.0%
Reception J	91.3%	Year 4L	92.3%
Year 1B	93.9%	Year 4S	99.3%
Year 1L	90.0%	Year 5H	91.9%
Year 2C	97.6%	Year 5W	95.8%
Year 2G	93.7%	Year 6B	94.0%
		Year 6C	92.3%

Dates for the Dairy

13/11/23	<u>Anti-Bullying Week</u> Anti-Bullying activities will be taking place all week Wear your odd socks on Monday 13 th November
13/11/23	<u>Reception and Year 6 Children Height and Weight Screening (NHS)</u>
17/11/23	<u>Rock Star Maths Day</u> Come dressed as a rock star as we enjoy a special maths theme day. (Jeans, t-shirt and funky hairstyle)
22/11/23	<u>Nasal Flu Immunisations</u>
23/11/23	<u>EYFS Open Evening 5pm Infant Hall</u> This evening is for parents who are interested in applying for Reception and Nursery places for September 2024
30/11/23	<u>Evening Parent Phonics Workshop 5pm (Change of Original Date)</u> This is an important early reading workshop suitable for both Reception and Year 1 parents. This workshop will provide you with information about our phonics scheme and give you advice on how to support your child in learning to read
1/12/23	<u>Advent Assembly</u>

	Year 1 will lead the Infant Department in a special advent assembly. Year 1 parents are welcome to join this celebration. 9am Infant Hall
4/12/23	<u>Junior Pantomime</u> Years 3-6 to visit Middleton Arena to see the Pantomime 'Jack & the Beanstalk.'
7/12/23	<u>Parental Workshop – 'Supporting your Child's Mental Health'</u> 9am Infant Hall- All Welcome
8/12/23	<u>Big Sleep Out</u> GIFT team will be invited to take part in the Big Sleep Out- more information will follow.
12/12/23	<u>SEND Parent Drop in @Junior Department 9am- 12pm</u> If you would like to meet with Mrs Watson please call the office for an appointment. Parents from Nursery- Year 6 welcome
13/12/23	<u>Infant Pantomime</u> Reception- Y2 'Sleeping Beauty' will be performed by a Theatre Group coming in to school
14/12/23	<u>Christmas Music Afternoon</u> KS2 parents please join us for an afternoon of Christmas music. Mince pies and hot drinks provided.
19/12/23	<u>EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Nativity Performance.</u> EYFS Parents welcome 2:30pm Infant Hall
22/12/23	<u>Year 2 Nativity Performance</u> Y2 Parents Welcome. 9am Infant Hall.