



## Mount Carmel RC Primary Newsletter

*Truth, Love, Life to The Full*

### Autumn Week 14- 15/12/23

#### Message from the Headteacher



This weekend, as we light the third candle on our Advent wreath, we celebrate the good news of great joy for all people brought by the coming of Christ.

Christmas festivities are now underway at school! Thank you for joining us yesterday for a festive afternoon of music. I was blown away by the children's musical performances and confidence when singing and playing instruments. A special thank you to Mrs Brocklehurst who has worked hard over the term preparing and teaching music across the school.

Next week, we look forward to watching the Christmas story in our Infant Nativities. The children are working incredibly hard to prepare. I have caught a glimpse at some of the rehearsals and you will be blown away!

I would also like to pass on my thanks for your generosity last Friday (Christmas Jumper day). We raised £227 for the 'Bee There Christmas Campaign' for Caritas. I would also like to say a massive thank you for supporting our appeal for gifts for the homeless this Christmas. The 'Big Sleep in' was a huge success and the children involved put together some beautiful hampers for the homeless. These beautiful hampers will be given out before Christmas.



With love and prayers, Mrs Seaborn.

## In the Curriculum

We have had such a busy week in school and there is a buzz in the air.

Year 6 visited the Manchester Christmas Markets on Tuesday. They enjoyed exploring the different stalls and buying some Christmas treats. They also took the opportunity to see some famous landmarks in our local city such as St Anne's Church and the John Ryland's Library. To link with their History unit, they visited Lincoln Square and learnt how the people of Manchester contributed to Abraham Lincoln's victory in the American Civil War through the cotton mills and the Triangular Trade. They also practised their German skills by speaking to people at the markets and visiting football fans. They had a fantastic morning!



As part of their History topic this term on remembrance, Year 2 visited the war memorial in Boggart Hole Clough. The children learnt that people call this memorial Angel on the Hill. They finished their trip to the memorial with a prayer to Our Lady.

Year 1 have been on a history walk in the local area. They have explored how our local area has changed since the 1950s. They had a look in the old Harpurhey Baths!



The Infant Department enjoyed the pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' on Wednesday! Lots of laughter and singing!



### After school Clubs

What a fabulous term we have had running our two new after school clubs, Yoga and Jiu-Jitsu. These sessions have been run by specialist teachers Judith in the infants, and Joe in the Juniors. It has been wonderful to see the children thrive in two very diverse activities. The children who have participated have been fully engaged in each session and have been excited for the next week's session.

These sessions are currently fully funded by school. We want every child to have the opportunity to join in at least one of the after school activities this year, whilst we are able to offer this service for free. Our after school sessions for the Spring term will be Gymnastics and Taekwondo.

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**AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS**  
**TAEKWONDO**  
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY (KS2)  
3:30pm - 4:30pm

**GYMNASTICS**  
TUESDAY & THURSDAY (KS1)  
3:30pm - 4:30pm

**FIFTH**  
Improving the physical & mental health of young people.

## PUPIL VOICE...

What I like the most about Jiu- Jitsu is that it teaches me self-defence. I really like learning the techniques and I have joined a club so I can learn even more!

Mikey (year 6)

I love learning yoga. I love that we learn the stretches by using stories.

Lola (year 2)

Drama club will resume in January for children in Year 6. The initial few months of the club are primarily for building up the children's confidence and developing public speaking skills through games and workshops. It's a lovely way to strengthen friendships, work as a team and enhance confidence. At the end of the school year, we will have a show. The last two shows have been so much fun, and we have no doubt that the next one will be just as amazing! Mrs Borg Fenech is looking forward to welcoming the next group of performers in the new year.

More KS2 clubs...

KS2 Choir meet 3:30-4:15pm every Thursday in class 6B.

The Gift Team in KS2 meet every Monday 3:30-4:30pm.

The KS2 Eco Group meet on a Thursday 3.30 - 4.15pm.

Again, junior children are welcome to join these great clubs!

### Christmas Holidays

School closes at the earlier time of **1:30pm** (Infant gates 1:20pm) on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. School opens back up for children on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at the normal time.

### Next Week's Y6 Maths Club and KS1 Early Morning Phonics

Next week, due to Christmas celebrations preparations in school there will not be early morning maths club for Y6 and Early Morning Phonics. These clubs will resume in January. Thank you for your support with this.

## Infant Path

Please take care on the Infant paths around school. The paths are uneven at certain points because of tree roots growing under them. Mr Heaton has completed some maintenance work on the paths and there is some new signage going around the path to alert all users.

## PTA

PTA Christmas events will take place next week in school. It's not too late to buy a ticket.



We have been generously donated a brand new 'Playstation 5' to raffle for Christmas to raise funds for school through the PTA. This is a fantastic prize for the family. There will also be other prizes up for grabs.

If you would like to take part in the Christmas Raffle, tickets are available from either school office and at the Infant Nativity plays at a cost of £1 per ticket. The draw will be made on the last day of school before the Christmas break, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

## 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.”*

## 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	89.3%	Year 3D	93.3%
Reception S	92.3%	Year 3R	98.3%
Reception J	85.0%	Year 4L	93.3%
Year 1B	88.6%	Year 4S	95.7%
Year 1L	89.6%	Year 5H	99.4%
Year 2C	89.3%	Year 5W	95.5%
Year 2G	97.0%	Year 6B	94.3%
		Year 6C	98.7%

<u>Dates for</u>	
18/12/23	<u>PTA breakfast with Santa Reception</u>
19/12/23	<u>PTA Breakfast with Santa Year 1</u>
19/12/23	<u>(Nursery and Reception) Nativity Performance. (Parents Welcome)</u>  Nursery Performance 9:15am Nursery Classroom Reception Performance 2:30pm Infant Hall
19/12/23	<u>Christmas Dinner Day- Please pay on school grid</u>
19/12/23	<u>PTA KS2- Christmas Night In</u>
20/12/23	<u>Christmas Party Day- Please wear party clothes. Christmas party dinner available on school grid.</u>
20/12/23	<u>PTA Breakfast with Santa Nursery</u>
21/12/23	<u>PTA Breakfast with Santa Year 2</u>
22/12/23	<u>Year 2 Nativity Performance - Y2 Parents Welcome. 9am Infant Hall.</u>
22/12/23	<u>School closes for Christmas at <b>1:30pm</b></u>