



## Mount Carmel RC Primary Newsletter

*Truth, Love, Life to The Full*

### Spring Week 7- 1/3/24

#### Message from the Headteacher

March is packed with celebrations! From the Feast Days of St David, St Patrick and St Joseph to Mothering Sunday. Then as the clocks spring forward, we reach Holy Week and the joy of Easter! We have lots of exciting things planned in this short half term so please make sure you look at the key dates and information within the newsletter.

This week as a school we have continued on our Lenten Journey. I have spoken to the children this week about the importance of giving, acting and prayer during Lent.

Throughout Lent, in KS2, each year group will gather for a school mass in our school hall. This week Year 6 gathered to celebrate Mass and spend time with God in prayer. It was a beautiful service and I would like to thank Father Clement for making this possible.



Among the excitement and reflection of the Lenten season, family life goes on. As you help with homework or do the school run, perhaps you could find your own moment of calm by praying together as a family. Each week, during Lent, I will include a short prayer in the newsletter that you may like to use in family prayer time.

*God of life, help us to listen to your Son Jesus and to live our lives as he asks us, making a real change to ourselves and the lives of all we meet. Amen.*

*With love and prayers,*

*Mrs Seaborn*

## Rights Respecting School



We are becoming a UNICEF UK Rights Respecting School.

Mount Carmel wants to be a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. As part of this plan we are working towards recognition as a Rights Respecting School, an award given to schools on behalf of UNICEF UK. We have launched this in school today through assemblies in both departments.

UNICEF UK works with schools to create safe and inspiring places to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured and they are able to thrive. The Rights Respecting Schools Award supports schools to put in place a set of standards based on equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation. These values stem from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

At Mount Carmel children will learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day. You can find out more about the Award here: [unicef.uk/About RRSA](http://unicef.uk/About_RRSA)

We really hope that you will support our school on our Rights Respecting journey.

### In the Curriculum

Year 4 started the week with an exciting visit from the History Makers. They talked to the children about Ancient Greece. The children got to dress up as citizens of Athens and Spartan soldiers. They learned how this ancient civilisation lived. They played some traditional games and looked at some artefacts. It was a brilliant end to their Ancient Greece unit.







Year 5H took part in a STEM Space challenge. The children created a variety of rockets and tested them to find out which designs were the best by calculating the speed. They also started their designs for sustainable aircrafts.



Year 6 designed and carried out a science investigation to explain Darwin's Theory of Evolution. They used a variety of instruments to represent different shape and size beaks to show how finches adapted to the available food.



Reception visited North City Library this week. The children listened to a story from the librarian and they chose some topic books to bring back to school. It's a great resource to have on our doorstep. It is free to join and there are some free activities for children in the evenings and at weekends.



### Girl's Football Team Match Report by Zara in Year 6

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, the girls football team played 7 matches in a tournament. The girls team won 2, drew 3 and lost 2. With great enthusiasm, the girls represented the school amazingly showing everyone how well behaved we are. After every game, we shook hands to show good sportsmanship. Everyone played an important part and worked together as a team. I'm very proud of everyone on my team and believe we can all achieve something. (Zara, Year 6)



### School Uniform and PE Kits

At Mount Carmel, we pride ourselves on our dress code and believe that doing so develops a sense of belonging. Children are required to wear school uniform and the co-operation of parents is sought in maintaining high standards of dress. Please ensure KS2 children wear their ties every day. Only school badges should be worn on the school tie. Small plain stud earrings and watches are the only jewellery permitted in school.

This week, we have noticed high numbers of children without their PE kit. They have been unable to access their PE lesson because of this. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school at the start of each week.

### Book Week and World Book Day



This year, World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March but our celebrations will begin on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March as we have a whole week of activities planned! We hope this will further encourage a love of reading and continue to raise the profile of reading in our school.

### Raising Awareness of Factors that Impact on Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing.

As we continue on our journey to support your child's mental health and wellbeing, we want to invite you to a workshop led by Kate Brown, our school Drama Therapist.

Kate will share with you the factors (ACEs) that can impact on children's wellbeing in their normal daily lives, but can have a long-lasting effect.

Kate has already delivered this session to all our teachers and TAs and they found it extremely thought provoking, not only in a school setting but also in their own personal lives.

Refreshments will be available and Kate will be available to answer any questions you may have following the session. Please join us for this important workshop on Friday 22nd March 9am in the Infant Hall.

### Mother's Day Afternoon

On Monday 11th March, the children in Reception are having a special afternoon to celebrate Mother's Day. They would like to invite a grown up to attend the event. We ask that only one person per child attends the event as there is limited space in the hall for the activities.

Reception Miss Johnson – 1:30pm – 2:15pm


Reception Mr Stewart- 2:15pm- 3:00pm

### Virtues and Values

This half term we are growing to be 'Faith Filled and Hopeful.' 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.

***"Faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future."***

## Attendance



**Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...**

If your child's attendance during the school year...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time.  
Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.  
**Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity**

Every day counts! This half term there will be 3 x £10 Greggs vouchers in a prize draw for KS2 children with 100% attendance. In KS1 there will be a £30 ASDA voucher up for grabs for a child with 100% attendance.

<b>Nursery</b>	<b>86.7%</b>	<b>Year 3D</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>Reception S</b>	<b>95.3%</b>	<b>Year 3R</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>Reception J</b>	<b>97.3%</b>	<b>Year 4L</b>	<b>99%</b>
<b>Year 1B</b>	<b>95.9%</b>	<b>Year 4S</b>	<b>98.1%</b>
<b>Year 1L</b>	<b>94.3%</b>	<b>Year 5H</b>	<b>98.1%</b>
<b>Year 2C</b>	<b>97.3%</b>	<b>Year 5W</b>	<b>97.4%</b>
<b>Year 2G</b>	<b>94.7%</b>	<b>Year 6B</b>	<b>94.7%</b>
		<b>Year 6C</b>	<b>99%</b>

<b>Dates for the Diary</b>	
4/3/24	Book week starts (Donations for book swap please)
5/3/24	Book Week- Story Magic Theatre will be visiting the junior department for a performance of the classic tale, The Wind in the Willows.
6/3/24	Book Week- Story Magic Theatre will be visiting the infant department for a performance of the classic tale, The Wind in the Willows.
7/3/24	World Book Day – Come to school dressed as a word for a vocabulary parade.
7/3/24	Y3 Library Visit to meet author and illustrator Nick Sharratt – Please wear school uniform and then the children can change after their visit to book day costume.
8/3/24	Book Week- Book swap event
11/3/24	Mother's Day Afternoon Event for Reception Reception Miss Johnson – 1:30pm – 2:15pm Reception Mr Stewart- 2:15pm- 3:00pm
19/3/24	Junior Parents' Evening
20/3/24	Infant Parents' Evening
22/3/24	Raising Awareness of Factors that Impact on Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshop- 9am Infant Hall.
26/3/24	EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade Y1- Y6 Decorate an Egg competition
27/3/24	Stations of the Cross Liturgy for Y6 parents 2:45pm (Junior Hall)
28/3/24	Easter Play (Year 2) – Year 2 Parents welcome 9 am (Infant Hall)
28/3/24	School closes for Easter at 1:30pm

