



Welcome to our March newsletter 2024

Headteacher Message

Once again, it has been an action-packed term. The children have all worked so hard in all curriculum areas and it has been wonderful to see how they have been improving their presentation of work. This Lent we have all tried to GIVE, ACT and PRAY more. Thank you for your generosity this Lent, we have raised lots of money for worthwhile causes and we have all tried to keep our Lenten promises. I hope you all have a restful break this Easter as we all celebrate the Risen Lord. Happy Easter!

Visit from Fr Michael

Thank you to Fr Michael for coming to visit our youngest children in Nursery. They really enjoyed finding out about him and his life.



Catholic Life

"Today too, the cry of so many of our oppressed brothers and sisters rises to heaven. Let us ask ourselves: Do we hear that cry? Does it trouble us? Does it move us? "

Pope Francis' message for Lent 2024

We have all tried to act on 15 simple acts of kindness this Lent such as a smile, a thank you, lifting someone's spirits, reminding people we love them, cleaning up at home, help someone so they can rest and listening to others.

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Safe Squad

Thank you to the Safe Squad for supporting us to stay safe this term. They have been identifying children who have been following the footsteps.

WhatsApp

We ask that parents are aware that this app is for persons over 13 years. We are aware of some school WhatsApp groups set up by pupils and they contain some inappropriate comments and language. If your child is using this app, the content should be monitored by an adult.

Snapchat

Please read the attached parent guide for Snapchat the social media app.



Early Years News

Nursery and Reception class had a visit this term from some very special visitors. Animals about Town came to visit our school and brought lots of animals including sheep and goats to the field. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit. Nursery have also looked after 8 chicks this term, they have learned lots about taking care of animals.

Reception class have been looking after caterpillars this term. They have all enjoyed reading the Hungry Caterpillar and learning about life cycles.



Key Stage 1 News

This term Year 1 have been learning about plants in Science and they have visited our Forest School. The children have planted their own seeds and have been learning about what plants need to survive. In D&T, Year 1 have made moving picture cards and they are looking forward to sharing them with Nursery children. Year 2 have really enjoyed writing alternative fairy tales. They have been reading Snow White in New York and have used that as a model for their own stories. The children have also written an explanation text about Poppy the dog and shared them with Nursery children.



Key Stage 2 News

Year 3 have enjoyed their Team Challenge Day Dessert Survival. They have also been writing explanation texts for a new invention for Wallace from Wallace and Gromit.

Year 4 have enjoyed learning about the digestive system in Science and they are becoming increasingly confident in handling fractions in Maths. They have written some super mystery stories based on Escape from Pompei.

Year 5 have been experimenting with forces in Science and have learned all about friction. The children have enjoyed learning about perimeter and area in Maths this term.

Year 6 children have been learning about natural disasters, the formation of earthquakes and volcanoes and locating them on world maps. In D&T they have been taking part in 'Come Dine with Me' and have made bruschetta, honey glazed salmon and chocolate puddings.



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What's on Locally

There is an exclusive Cinema and Gaming Session for Newcastle PCF members at Gosforth Civic Theatre this Easter holiday.

Film Screening:

Ages 0–12 (U rated movie to be shown) – 5th April - 11:00 – 13:00

Ages 13–25 (12A rated movie to be shown) 5th April – 13:30–15:30

Parental supervision required.

* More information to follow on film screening after registration has been received.

Gaming Sessions:

Ages 8 – 15 10th April 11:00 – 13:00

Ages 16 – 25 10th April 13:30 – 15:30

Parents must stay on site during the gaming session; however, we have the GCT support team on hand so you do not need to be in the gaming room during the session (unless you want to). You can sit back, relax and enjoy a nice cuppa!

Booking is essential for both activities: Please email contact@newcastlepcf.co.uk confirming parent carers name, home address and contact telephone number, along with the number of children attending, their names and ages.

If you are not yet a member, its easy and free to join! Just let us know in your booking email

Family Fun Day

Children and Families Newcastle are having a family fun day on 2 April. You can book a place by completing a form on this link <https://forms.office.com/e/UHRsxXyjEX>



Charitable Giving this Lent

Thank you to the school council for organising a fun Comic Relief day of fundraising for us. The staff team were great sports and did not mind a few cream pies! The school council raised £135 for Comic Relief. The Mission Market has been a huge success this Lent. The children have enjoyed buying items and snacks from the shop. This has raised £200 for Fr David and the Muhoroni Mission. Thank you for £250.30 CAFOD donations. This Lent we have raised a total of £585.30

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Celebration of the Word



Thank you to all of the children who have led this term's Celebrations of the Word. It has been lovely to welcome so many family members to join us. Thank you for your evaluations, we do share these with the children to help them reflect on how they plan future prayer opportunities within school.



SEND

Mrs Binney and Miss Thomas have completed their first term as our SEND team. They have worked with our Trust speech and language therapist and accessed lots of training from Newcastle local authority. Due to the increase in the number of pupils who have additional needs, they will not always be able to attend every SEND review. However, you can contact them at any time. We will be offering a SEND drop in each term, when Mrs Binney and Miss Thomas will be available for any questions or queries you may have.

World Book Day – You are a reader

This term we celebrated our love for books and reading in school. Miss Thomas planned a day of fun activities and each class focused on one of the classic adventure stories from the school reading spine, writing an alternative ending for the story. The children enjoyed different teachers reading stories to them as part of the day. Well done everyone and thank you to our families for the wonderful costumes!



Choir visit to St Charles' Parish

Thank you to all of the children in the choir who visited the Parish coffee morning this half term to sing to the parishioners. Thank you to Miss Cowan and Elizabeth O'Mahony for all of their work with the choir. Singing in school is amazing thanks to Elizabeth's work in school.



Stations of the Cross

Thank you to everyone for joining us for Stations of the Cross reflections this morning. It was lovely to have so many families join us.

PTA

Thank you to the PTA for supplying all of the prizes for the Easter egg decorating competition. It was wonderful to see so many creative entries and the judges found it a difficult task to select winners.

Lent through a Lens

Thank you to all of the families who took part in this competition this term. The pictures were lovely and captured lots of new Spring life. Hopefully, the sunshine will come this Easter!



Attendance

Thank you once again for your support with attendance. Children who are absent miss curriculum coverage and social time with their peers. We understand when children are poorly, they should not be in school. If you need any support with attendance or punctuality, please contact the school office.

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