



St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

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Dear parents, children, staff, and parishioners,



During the month of November, we focus on remembering those who are no longer with us and who gave their tomorrow for our today ~ we will remember you

Fr Des joined us on Tuesday for a special remembrance mass. Year 3 led the readings beautifully as the school joined together in prayer to pay our respects to those who are no longer with us. Yesterday, each class participated in a rolling worship that focussed on remembrance and after their session, each class then wrote prayers dedicated to those who had lost their lives in the fight for peace.

The school council would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has purchased a poppy or pin badge this November in support of our Poppy Appeal – we actually ended up selling out which is no mean feat!

☆ Star of the Week ☆

It was so lovely to hear the pride in each teacher's voice today as they shared the reasons as to why they had awarded the children below with their Star of the Week Award. Congratulations to all of our Stars – you are all amazing!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Grace	Dylan	Willow	Ella	Cameron	Chase	Tyler	Harleen
P.E. Days (come to school dressed in P.E Kits)							
Friday	Tuesday Friday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Attendance: 96.6% Overall (total attendance for the week for the whole school) Our school target for this year is 97%.							
96.6%	92.5%	98% 😊	97.8% 😊	98.6% 😊	98.3% 😊	95.9%	98.7% 😊
Class Attendance Winner		Year 6					
House Point Winner		Weekly Winner: Godiva ~ 161 Points			Overall Winner: Godiva ~ 1568 Points		

Year 5 Assembly ~ Children in Need

Thank you to our children in Year 5 who delivered a wonderful assembly around the theme of Children in Need ahead of the national celebration next week. They shared the reasons behind the Children in Need campaign and why it is so deserving of our support. We were also treated to some singing, dancing and comedy too! What a great start to our Friday Year 5!



During their Assembly, Year 5 also informed us that **next Friday we will be hosting a non-uniform day** to raise money for Children in Need. Children may attend school in their own clothes in exchange for a £1 donation. Pudsey accessories are also welcome 😊

Looking at Learning – What a turn out!

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome a number of parents and carers into school to spend time with their child in order to discuss and look at their learning. The hall was abuzz with the sounds of the children sharing their enthusiasm for all that they have learned with their parents, and it was a joy to hear! Thank you so much to all our families attended this session – it means a lot to the children (and us!) to have your support.

During the session we asked those in attendance to complete a short questionnaire and we are pleased to share the following results:

I found the Looking at Learning session enjoyable today ~ **4.8**
 Today's Looking at Learning session was a good way for me to be involved with my child's learning ~ **4.7**
 I feel that my child is making good progress with their learning ~ **4.5**
 There are a good range of subjects at St Gregory's ~ **4.4**
All scores are out of 5

Thank you for such positive feedback. We will be running the sessions again in the Spring Term and plan to run an additional session after school.

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Reception and Nursery's Looking at Learning Session will take place next Friday. This will take a slightly different format than previously shared. Instead, we are now going to run a 'Looking at Learning Live' session. We feel that as the EYFS curriculum is predominantly about interaction with children, discussion and facilitating their learning ... simply showing you their journal (which many parents have access to on tapestry anyway) would not give you the best view. Instead, we want to immerse you in your child's learning so that you can see them at work first-hand. Therefore, on **Friday 19th November**, Mrs Stokes and Mrs Williams are inviting you to take part in a Forest School Friday session alongside your child. The session will run from 1.30pm – 3pm. Please be aware that the session will be taking place in the great outdoors and a huge part of our forest school practice is that the weather does not have an impact on our plans, it only enhances them ~ therefore, please dress appropriately. We hope you are able to join us for this special look at your child's learning – you are most welcome!

London's Calling ~ A day to remember!

Last Friday, Year 5 and 6 had an early wakeup call as they prepared for a trip to the Capital! The day started with a tour of London and its famous landmarks which was enjoyed by all – especially Mrs Scullion who somehow ended up as our own personal tour guide! We then made our way to the Royal Opera House for an afternoon at the Ballet. We were treated to a stunning performance of the Ballet 'Giselle' and the children enjoyed the different experience that the Ballet presented. It was a wonderfully cultural day and for many was a day doing something that they may never experience again. It is lovely to be able to offer these memory making experiences once again!



National Anti-bullying week

Next week we will be reflecting on the theme of anti-bullying. During our assemblies and lessons, we will be sharing with the children issues around bullying and how to deal with this. Here are some ideas:

- ♥ TELL, TELL, TELL
- ♥ If you are being bullied, you can do something about it. You can make a difference!
- ♥ Practise what you want to say
- ♥ Keep a note or diary of what is happening
- ♥ Don't give up
- ♥ Ask your parents to talk to someone at the school - the class teacher
- ♥ Talk over what to do with a friend, a teacher, your mum or dad or someone you trust



Remember that teaching staff have to listen carefully when a child tells them about being bullied.

Remember - it's right to tell an adult that you are being bullied and to ask for their help. You can talk with them about what you would like to happen and how the situation can be resolved.

What Is The Definition of Bullying?

A lot of young people have a good idea of what bullying is. Bullying happens when someone hurts or scares another person on purpose and the person being bullied has a hard time defending himself or herself. Usually, bullying happens over and over. We have told the children it is not a one-off incident – it is Several Times On Purpose and we want it to STOP!

- Punching, shoving, and other acts that hurt people physically
- Spreading bad rumours about people
- Keeping certain people out of a "group"
- Teasing people in a mean way
- Getting certain people to "gang up" on others

The Childline Schools Service aims to give children:

- An understanding of abuse in all its forms including bullying, and an ability to recognise the signs of abuse
- Knowledge of how to protect themselves from all forms of abuse
 - An awareness of how to get help and sources of help

We all want to make St Gregory's a place where bullying does not happen.



Love in a Box: Please send in your Boxes ~ ONLY 5 SO FAR!

This year we will be participating in an initiative known as 'Love in a Box' – therefore, have you got a shoe box? A leaflet was sent home with your child before half term. This charity delivers boxes for children who have very little at Christmas. Our deadline is 12th November 2021. Please support this worthy cause; each box will need £5.00 for postage to another country.

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Sport Update – Go Team St Greg's!

It was another busy week for sports, with both our Netball and Football Teams in action once again. Our Netball team travelled to St Elizabeth's hoping to maintain their undefeated run. St Elizabeth's proved a tough side, and this meant the team needed to work to adapt their game ~ perseverance and sensible, patient passing were key tactics this week. A shift in tactics proved effective and the team secured a 6-1 win. There was plenty for the team to learn from after the game and training put the team through their paces on Wednesday evening. They are now ready for their next match against St Mary and St Benedict's in 2 weeks' time!



Macbeth ~ Live!

Year 5 were treated to a live performance of Macbeth on Monday morning. This was performed by members of the Young Shakespeare Company. It was a great way to bring the children's learning in English to life and they enjoyed the opportunity to become immersed in the performance.

Year 6 at Plas Dol-y-Moch!

We wish Year 6 a fabulous time as they embark on their 4-night residential to Dol-y-Moch tomorrow. They are set to have an amazing time with activities such as mountain climbing, mine explorations, beach walks and rock scrambling on the agenda! We wish them a safe journey and hope that they make the most of all of the opportunities that come their way. Mrs Scullion, Miss Downing and Mrs Kapoor will be accompanying the children and will return on Wednesday. Parents can keep up to date with all happenings through our Social Media pages. Have fun Year 6!



ProStrike Football Fundraiser

As part of our fundraising, to improve the learning opportunities and experiences we offer the children at St Gregory's, we have organised a fun opportunity. On **Tuesday 16th November**, the pupils of St Gregory's Primary School will be taking part in our sponsored 'Speed Challenge'. There is no fee for participation and every child from Reception – Y5 will take part.

The Speed Challenge involves a giant inflatable football goal with an integrated speed camera system. When a pupil takes a shot at the goal, the speed is displayed on a digital screen for all to see. Every child in the school will receive a personalised certificate showing their top speed on the day of the event. The school are not the only ones who can benefit from this fundraising event, as ProStrike will offer the pupils the opportunity to win prizes for their fundraising efforts. The more each child can raise, the more prizes they will win. The prizes include, drinks bottles, gym bags, wristbands, medals, trophies and footballs! St Gregory's will receive 50% of all the money raised and all costs associated with running the event come out of the remaining 50%. Please send in your child's sponsorship form and money by **16th November** at the latest.



Prayer of the Month ~ Eternal Rest

As November is the month of remembrance, all children have been set a challenge to learn the Eternal Rest prayer. Can you help them at home?



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Week at a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Value and Virtue – Learned & Wise		
Monday 15 th November	All Day All Day (Week)	Plas Dol-y-Moch ~ Year 6 Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 16 th November	All Day All Day Morning All Day	Plas Dol-y-Moch ~ Year 6 Prostrike Event ~ Reception - Year 5 School Games Dodgeball Competition ~ 7 children from Year 5 SEND Review Meetings
Wednesday 17 th November	All Day Morning	Great Fire of London School trip to Selly Manor ~ Year 2 Plas Dol-y-Moch ~ Year 6 (returning)
Friday 19 th November	9am – 9:45am All Day	Celebration Assembly & Year 4 Class Assembly Children in Need ~ Non Uniform
Sunday 21 st November	9:30am – 10:30am	Mass of Enrolment for Communion ~ Year 3

Have a lovely weekend!
Here's hoping the rain stays away in Plas Dol-y-Moch!

Megan Scullion

Mrs Scullion
Associate Principal



RED
OPTION

YELLOW
OPTION

JACKET
POTATO
OPTION

MON

Sausage Plait & Wedges

Quorn Burger

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans

TUE

Cottage Pie

Vegetable Fingers

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans

WED

Gammon Roast Dinner

Quorn Fillet Roast Dinner

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans

THU

Lasagne & Diced Potatoes

Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans

FRI

Salmon Fishcakes & Chips

Quorn Nuggets

Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans

All meals are served with either potato wedges, new potatoes, chips and vegetables or fresh salad.
Dessert of the day and a drink.
Our self-serve salad cart is also on offer which contains bread, pasta salads/coleslaw and vegetable sticks.

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