



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 12 November 2021

Autumn Term

Royal British Legion

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion poppy appeal – our Year 6 office prefects have been selling gifts after school in the playground all week.

We held Remembrance Assembly this week for our KS1 and KS2, we also took part in 2 minute silence at 11am where everyone observed this in their own classrooms. Please notice our wonderful Remembrance display outside the school building. We have also attached a Remembrance Day poem.



Anti Bullying Week – One Kind Word



ANTIBULLYINGWEEK
MONDAY 15TH TO FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER

Next week we will be celebrating the annual Anti Bullying Week in school, with the theme this year being 'One Kind Word'. Of course, at St Philomena's we are always promoting and praising the small acts of kindness that we see every

day at school. Teachers have been busy preparing lessons that will deliver the important message to children that bullying will never be tolerated and that it is good to be kind.

Cashless Payment System

As you will be aware, we have launched our Cashless payment system and every parent should have received registration instructions and passwords by both email and letter. With effect from Monday 15th November 2021 (next Monday), we will no longer accept cash or cheques and will move over to this cashless system.

There are a range of advantages in taking this action, for parents, students and staff at the school - cash is not lost on the way to school, no need to go to the bank/cashpoint to get cash out and convenience - you can log into your account 24 hours per day to suit your lifestyle/other commitments. Our system has sophisticated fraud prevention and detection processes embedded within the software so you can be assured that your details are secure.

Please note, however, there will be certain specific occasions when we pass payment over to third parties (for example, the Christmas cards) and we will give these details as the occasions arise. Please let the office know if you have any queries or concerns.



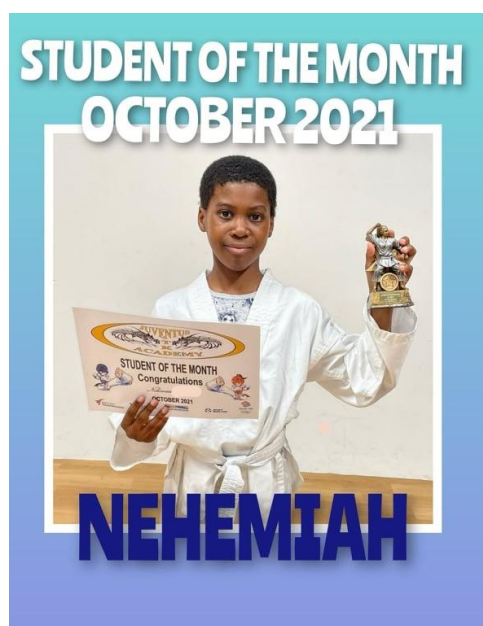
Christmas Preparations !

Christmas in school is always such a happy busy time and it has been lovely to hear the children beginning to practice Christmas songs ahead of the big event ! Teachers have been working hard to plan and organise the Christmas events that we know are one of the highlights of the term. Currently, I am pleased to be able to tell you that there will be a Reception Christmas Show, a KS1 Nativity and a KS2 Carol Concert, with more details to be confirmed next week. Of course, we would really love to be able to share these productions with you, at this stage I am not able to confirm whether this will be possible or not. What I can say is that teachers are putting their heads together to make the production as special and as safe as possible for everyone involved.

Juventus Taekwondo Academy

Student of the month

Congratulations to Nehemiah, Year 5 Awarded for great focus and willingness to learn the art of taekwondo. He only joined in September and already he can count 1-10 in Korean and is well on the way to being ready to take his first kup grading. Nehemiah has a natural talent for taekwondo and has a bright future ahead of him. Well done!! We are all so proud of you!!



ADVANCE NOTICE REGARDING GREEN ROOM CLUB CLOSURE

Our Green Room Club (GRC) After School Childcare Facility

WILL NOT BE OPEN

Wednesday 1st December 2021 (3.20-5.45pm)

due to staff training.

We have to use some INSET days in order to facilitate a 2 week half term in October. As a result, our vital staff training (for example, with regard to Safeguarding) needs to be carried out as twilight sessions after the normal school day.

Please make alternate provision should you require after school care on that day.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Breakfast Club will be open as usual.

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2021:

First day of term	Wednesday 1 st September
Half-term	18.10.21 – 29.10.21
Last day of term	Friday 17 th December '21

Spring Term 2022:

First day of term	Tuesday 4 th January 2022
Half-term	14.02.22 – 18.02.22
Last day of term	Friday 1 st April 2022

(Good Friday 15th April 2022 and Easter Monday 18th April 2022)

Summer Term 2022:

First day of term	Tuesday 19 th April 2022
Bank Holiday	02.05.22
Half-term	30.05.22 – 03.06.22
Last day of term	Thursday 21 st July 2022
*Staff Training Day	Friday 22nd July
	Monday 25th July

Inter-Class Attendance Race

The attendance rates have not been affected by any absence due to Covid-19 (isolation/symptoms or testing).

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning Monday 1st November 2021:

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	100	0
Year 1	98	0
Year 2	98	1
Year 3	94	1
Year 4	96	2
Year 5	98	2
Year 6	98	2

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Gemma Eves
Deputy Head Teacher



Reception Class are the winners this week with 100% attendance. Well done - each child will get a sticker next week!

League Table

Year	No. of Wins
Reception	2
Year 1	2
Year 2	2
Year 3	1
Year 4	1
Year 5	1
Year 6	2

Weeks in competition: 11 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK

97.6%

