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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,

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What a lovely week we have had – a little bit of sun goes a long way!



## Lent

*'To change the world, we must be good to those who cannot repay us'* Pope Francis

We are doing well with our Lenten donations for Father Hudson's, Cafod and Unicef Ukraine Appeal, so, again, a big thank you. We have raised **£567.00** so far. **Please remember that if your child does come in non-uniform, they must bring in £1 for these very worthwhile charities. This is OPTIONAL – if you do not intend to donate on any week, your child may continue to come in uniform.**

On Wednesday, we welcomed Peter McCann in from **Cafod**. He educated the children about the amazing work **Cafod** undertakes and how their money helps – he spoke to the children about Lombek and her family in Africa, as an example of the families that you are helping with your kind donations. Thank you to Peter – it was wonderful to welcome him back into school after the Covid-19 hiatus.



**Year 6** - Continued to live the Gospel Mission this week, by working up at The Pantry Food Bank again. The children have enjoyed working with the volunteers at The Pantry sorting vegetables, stacking tins and learning about composting.

**Year 4** – Well done – you are doing a fantastic job of continuing to collect food donations for CAFLO (Community Actions for Local Opportunities), another local foodbank. They are collecting donations of non-perishable foods, items such as tinned food or packets of dry foods like pasta and cereals. If you wish to help them by sending some items in, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you.





### Year 6 Mosque Visit

Year 6 were privileged to visit Birmingham Central Mosque on Thursday morning. It is so important to us as a Catholic Community to raise the awareness of our children of other faiths and to give our non-Catholic children an opportunity to share their faith with us in this way. With Covid restrictions now easing, we can begin to rebuild our schedule of visits to places of worship around the city. Opportunities such as this, can only enhance our St Wilfrid's loving, caring, respectful community. The children were given the opportunity to visit the prayer room where they saw an amazing chandelier. They also learnt about the Pillars of Islam and the importance of community. We were so proud of the impeccable behaviour from the children with the Faith Leader, Nazreen commenting on how well behaved they were and what great questions they had – well done Year 6.



### Walk Like an Egyptian

On Thursday, Year 3 took part in an Egyptian workshop! This was led by Phillip Harris, an Egyptologist. Phillip has lived in Cairo for nearly 50 years and discovered many tombs whilst digging in the Valley of the Kings! He taught us more about the life and death of King Tutankhamen, the famous Boy King. We handled many Ancient Artefacts including one of the World's most precious stones – malachite. During our afternoon session, we learned more about Egyptian culture, listening to Egyptian music and learning steps to a traditional dance. To finish our day, we split into teams and took part in a mummy wrapping competition! If you would like to see some photos of our special day, then head to our School Twitter page - @Stwilfridrc.



### THANK YOU!! and a BRAND NEW request from our Eco Council!

A huge thank you from our Eco-Council for your generous offering of seeds for their nature garden! They have been blown away by your generosity -what a wonderful community we have here. They are now putting out a plea for bulbs! If you can spare a few, they would be MOST grateful – if you send any in, please could you label them to tell us what they are, so that we can find out how to grow them! It is so wonderful to see our children taking the initiative themselves to nurture God's wonderful creation!



### Parent Partnership

Unfortunately, due to staff illness, the Year 1 Parent Phonics Workshop had to be cancelled this week. Do not worry though, because you will soon receive a new diary date. We really can't wait for parents and children to be working together again in school! Watch this space to find out what they got up to!





### **Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

You may be aware that Pope Francis has announced that on Friday he will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

*"This Act of Consecration is meant to be a gesture of the universal Church, which in this dramatic moment lifts up to God, through his Mother and ours, the cry of pain of all those who suffer and implore an end to the violence, and to entrust the future of our human family to the Queen of Peace."*

Friday, has been especially chosen as it is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord.

His Holiness has asked all Bishops throughout the world to join him from their Cathedrals in this important time of prayer and in turn, Archbishop Bernard has asked the clergy and religious communities to join in this too. The Act of Consecration is taking place at about 5:30p.m. (UK time) as part of a Celebration of Penance (starting at 4:00).

As a family of schools, we can join our prayers with those of the Consecration by praying the Angelus on Friday. If you can, please pray at twelve: it will be a great act of witness to offer our prayers across the Diocese at the same time.

The full text of the Act of Consecration is available here [Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://cbcew.org.uk)

### **Virtues and Values**

This half term we are trying to be more '**Intentional and Prophetic**'.

Congratulations to Zamil (1DG) and Anayah (4B) who are the winners of the certificates this week.

### **STAR AWARDS AND MERIT CERTIFICATES THIS WEEK**

Nursery	Mamsain
Reception NM	Anabia
Reception SS	Lucy-Lou
Year 1DG	Esmae
Year 1M	Alessia
Year 2B	Inioluwa
Year 2G	Fatoumata
Year 3C	Whole class, Michael
Year 3M	Whole class
Year 4B	Kelvin, Antonia
Year 4P	Sedi
Year 5P	Zane
Year 5W	Daisi
Year 6G	Whole class
Year 6W	Whole class
Sports Award	Y6 Basketball Team
Wise Owl Award	Katy (6W)
Music Award	Year 5 Tenor Horns

**Science Week Poster Competition –The winners are: Ivy (RSS), Riley (2B), Lucy (4P) and Aroosh (6W). Well done! Their posters will be submitted into the national competition.**





### Attendance - Period - 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

Group	
RNM	83.3%
RSS	93.8%
Year 1DG	91.8%
Year 1M	92.4%
Year 2B	96.4%
Year 2G	93.5%
Year 3C	95%
Year 3M	89.1%
Year 4B	87.4%
Year 4P	92.6%
Year 5P	95.5%
Year 5W	91.5%
Year 6G	90.3%
Year 6W	83.8%

#### Yearn 2 B Holiday Club

Please see the attached flyer for a free children's holiday club running over the Easter holidays. This holiday club is available for any child who currently receives free school meals. Please note pre-booking is essential as places are limited. Thank you.

#### School Meals

Advanced notice – the price of a school meal will increase from **£2.40 to £2.50 per day with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.**

#### Prayers

We offer our prayers this week for those in our community, far and wide, who need our support. We continue to remember those in Ukraine and send our thanks to those who are working hard to support them. Today, the whole school offered their thoughts in prayer for these children and families.

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the staff**



