

St Peter's & St Gildas' Weekly Newsletter

15th September 2023

Message from Mr O'Shannessy

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a week as wonderful and as productive as me.

This week I have had the pleasure of seeing the school in action from finger painting Autumn trees in Reception class, to some rather difficult mathematics in Year 6. I have joined the children in the playground to see them playing together. I have met many parents at the school gates and listened to some fantastic suggestions of how to make the children in St Peter's and St Gildas' thrive even more than they are doing at present.

I truly believe confidence and cooperation is the key to success. Therefore, I am more than willing to listen to all suggestions and action those possible, to make the school an exciting learning environment for all children. A goal that we are all united to achieve.

On another note this weekend I will be taking part in a charity swim for Alzheimer's and dementia research. I spoke to the children in Friday's celebration assembly about how we need to ensure we live the gospel through not only our words but our actions. This year I will encourage the children to complete activities that make a positive difference to others. They will discover even a small action on our part can make a big difference to those in need.

I would ask that this weekend that you take some time to talk to your children about their actions and how we can make people's day happier; with as little as a smile or asking someone how they are feeling, by passing them a compliment. I have asked the children in this week's celebration assembly to let the people they love know how much they appreciate what they do with the simple phrase, **Thank you**.

Finally, I would ask you to pray with your children for the people in Libya and Morocco who have both suffered terrible disasters causing unbelievable suffering for thousands of people.

May our prayer united together give them comfort and support in this time of sadness.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matt:18:21-35) Peter asks Jesus how many times we should forgive our brother. Next week we will be looking at the amazing strength and power of forgiveness.

Have a great weekend.

Pete O'Shannessy

Headteacher



It was wonderful to have so many parents/carers join us for our first whole school assembly of the new school year. Remember that all parents/carers are welcome to join us at our new weekly Gold Award Assembly which will take place every Friday afternoon.

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Chestnut Class have settled in to school brilliantly. They have enjoyed making new friends and exploring their new classroom.



We are proud of our Year 1 children, who are settling in so well into their new class routines and showing us so much enthusiasm for the year ahead. A great start Year 1!!

Ash Class have had a great start to the school year. Look at the fantastic art work they have done.



Year 3 have been working hard on creating their own portraits. Can you guess who they are? We have also been working on writing descriptions of characters and settings and using amazing vocabulary.

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We have had a fantastic start to the Autumn Term in Year 4! The children have settled in well, and have been showing great perseverance in their learning. We started the week learning about our family trees, and looking at the Gospel of Matthew to learn about the family tree of Jesus. Our English unit on Varjak Paw has had the children role-playing and empathising with the characters, and the children have been securing their place value knowledge in maths, ready to tackle the concept of thousands. We have been learning about rivers and the Roman Republic in our humanities, as well as the three states of matter in Science. There is much more we have done and we look forward to sharing more pictures in future newsletters.



This week our new 5A have been impressing their teacher with a fantastic start to the new year. Here are just some of our year 5s showing how hard they work and play.



In 6M we have been learning about Judaism and especially about Rosh Hashanah - the Jewish New Year- which begins tonight Friday 15th September. We enjoyed eating apples dipped in honey which is traditionally eaten in the hope for a sweet year ahead and a perfect way to start our new school year!

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Just for fun... can you guess the staff?



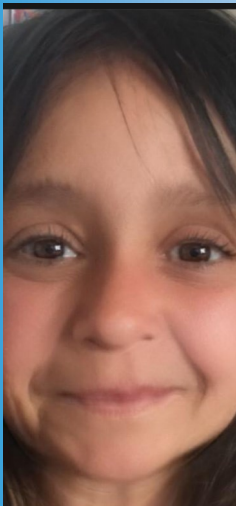
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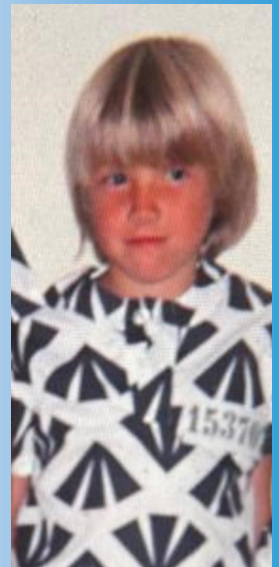
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Who am I?

Miss Ashworth

Miss Quinn

Mrs Sexton

Miss Norris

Miss Kennedy

Mrs Hartigan

Mr Sewell

Mrs Hoskins

Mrs Johnston

Miss O'Donnell

Miss Flowers

Mr O'Shannessy

Ms Marrinan

Mrs Lawless

Mr Carey

Miss Lawrence



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FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 18th Sept: Cycle Confident Training Level 1. Y4, Y5 & Y6. St Gildas' playground.

Tue 19th Sept: Cycle Confident Training Level 1. Y4, Y5 & Y6. St Gildas' playground.

Fri 22nd Sept: Y2 & Y3 library visit - Meet the Author.

w/c 25th Sept: Cycle Confident Level 2 Training (Y5 & Y6)



This week's birthdays

Elizabeth (Y1), Zeon (Y2), Eli (Y5), Onofrio (Y5), Shakai (Y6) & Victoria (Y6)

Wishing our birthday children a very Happy Birthday!



GOLD AWARDS

EYFS- Salome & Violet

Year 1- Elizabeth & Sofia Y.

Year 2 - Gaspar & Edith

Year 3 - Rionagh & Theodore

Year 4 - Tomas & Rafi

Year 5 - Dione & Iacopo

Year 6M - Aiyarrah & Shay

Year 6O - Adam & Kayla

