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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS



SPRING TERM

Tuesday 17th March – St Patrick's Day

Friday 20th March –
Reconciliation Service for pupils
in year 4-6 (In school)

Thursday 26th March – Holy
Week Liturgies (Infants 9.30am
and Juniors 10am)

All Masses will be at 9.30am in
the Church

School Sunday Mass

Sunday 8th March at 12pm

Sunday 10th May at 12pm

Sunday 14th June at 12pm

Sunday 12th July at 12pm

**Please join the Parish after
Mass for coffee**



How fabulous to see the sun shining this week after a very wet and dull start to the year. It really does lift our spirits to see this very special gift from God, that brings new life and renewed energy to us all.

This week I have been thinking about the community that we serve. We are blessed to part of 'Our Lady of the Visitation' Parish. You do not need to be a member of the Parish to see the benefits that the school receives. Our links with the Parish result in a welcoming environment where children experience the love of God daily in our school but also when we attend Mass, visit the Church and receive visits from our Priests. This gives the children a very positive experience of 'Church' where their faith can flourish. This does not happen everywhere!

The result of this is the number of children and young adults who serve in the Church. No where have I seen 15 – 20 altar servers at a Sunday Mass. It truly is a sight to behold.

CELEBRATING OUR SCHOOL AND

COMMUNITY: On Sunday we will be opening our doors to the local and wider community after the 8am, 10am and 12pm Masses. This will be an opportunity for the local and wider community to come in to see what our school offers in terms of excellent facilities, education and pastoral care. Please come along to one of the coffee mornings to talk about your experience of our school.

See the flyer below for more information.

E-Safety Tip:

We have all heard in the news the dangers of social media on the mental health and wellbeing of our children. I recently watched a panel of parents whose teenagers had all been fatally harmed by, what they believed was a direct result of what they had seen on social media. Each one of them said they wish they had monitored their child's use of social media.

In the past few weeks I have spoken with children who have YouTube accounts and are posting videos and messages on them. You may say they have a kids YouTube account. But a kids account will lead to an adult account. We have spoken with children who are gaming 6 – 8 hours a day after school. This is your opportunity, while your children are still young, to set boundaries and safeguard your children from harm.

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION: As a faith community one of our moral duties is to look after our World. At Our Lady of the Visitation we are looking at how we can work with the community to reduce, reuse and recycle. One of our projects is around plastic use. We are educating our children to understand the harmful effects of plastic which is not only used for packaging but is one of the main materials in many of our clothes, is present in our cleaning products and is one of the main pollutants of our waterways and sea. Rachel Warren, our sustainability lead is the font of all knowledge when it comes to plastic and I am often shocked by what she tells me about the products we use.

Please join us in our campaign to reduce, reuse and recycle. As a start; choose loose veg and fruit rather than those in plastic bags. Use refillable bottles and refill from the tap. Buy fewer clothes and only buy natural fibres. These may be more expensive but will last longer and you will need less of them.

Look out for our NEET products that we will be promoting after Easter. These are plastic free cleaning products which will make a difference to the environment but also to the health of your household.

The group have also devised a travel plan to reduce pollution from car use and get us moving more. This means walking, cycling and scooting to school. This is a timely reminder to teach your children **how to be safe when crossing the road**. I often see families darting across the road when the man is still red, or away from a crossing. This teaches the children bad habits. The biggest incidence of child death is from road traffic accidents. Keep your children safe! Teach them to ride their bicycles and scooters responsibly, being aware of other pedestrians and to cross the road safely.

BIODIVERSITY: Rachel Warren, Mrs Rice, the ECO team and parents/carers have been working hard to develop our playground into a nature reserve where wildlife can thrive. We have bird boxes, bug hotels, a hedgehog sanctuary and our pond is teeming with wildlife. Through the allocation of a grant Rachel and Mrs Rice have had an outdoor classroom installed.

The teachers are looking forward to using these areas to bring our summer term Science topics to life and to observe first hand, nature in action.

A huge thank you to Rachel, Mrs Rice and the ECO team for all they are doing for sustainability and to improve our Environment.

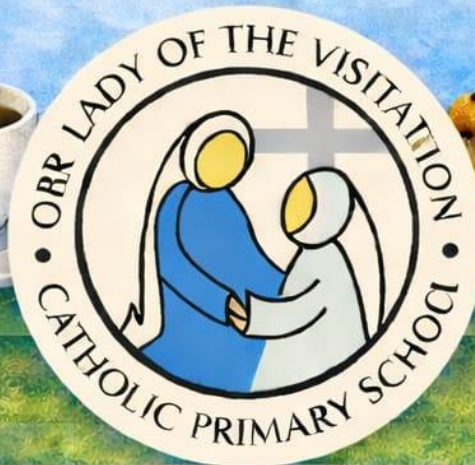


Sunday 8th March 2026

**Our Lady of the Visitation
Catholic Primary School**

hosts this week's

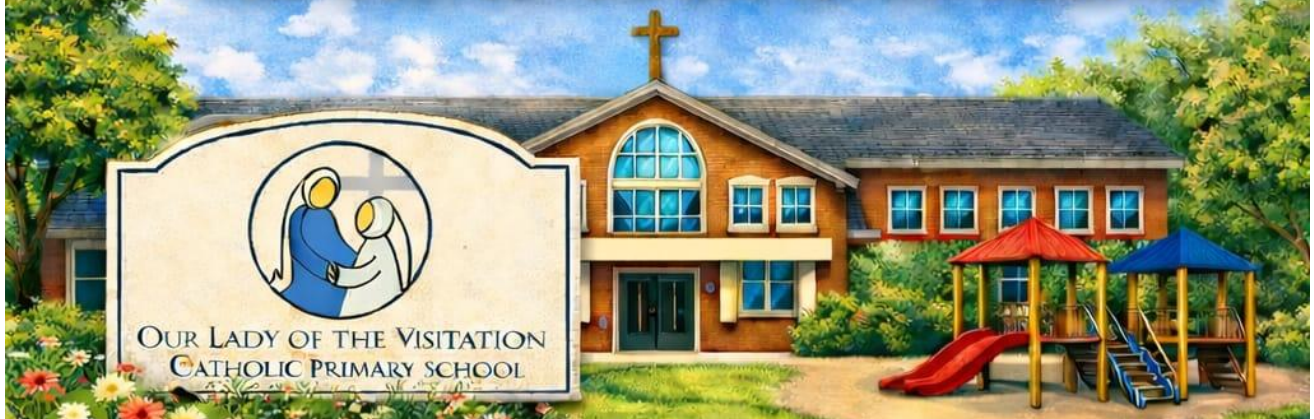
Parish Coffee Drop In



After the 8:00am, 10:00am and 12:00pm Masses

***Come and explore our wonderful
school. Speak to staff and parents.***

Hear from current and former students.



2B CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday we presented the first class assembly of the year about Saint Paul Miki, the Patron Saint of Japan.



The children sang and told the audience all about Paul, how he became a Jesuit, a special kind of teacher who told everyone about God's love. He used his voice to tell stories about Jesus that made people very happy!

At that time some leaders in Japan were afraid of Christians. They told Paul he had to stop talking about Jesus. Paul said, "I cannot stop!" because he loved Jesus so much. He and 25 friends were arrested. They were made to walk a huge distance—over 600 miles!



They sang hymns and praised God the whole way! Paul gave one last talk. He told everyone, "Forgive people who are mean to you, just like Jesus did."

This links to our Catholic Social teaching of Solidarity and peace and Dignity of workers. Paul and his friends are now called the 26 Martyrs of Japan.



The children shone as they used excellent Oracy skills and actions that made the songs enjoyable to listen to. They made and then presented their parents with a red heart, threaded with gold ribbon and inscribed with St Paul's motto to keep as a memento of their class assembly.



Well done and thank you 2B.

 **RECYCLE YOUR BATTERIES HERE** 

The Eco Team have arranged for a battery recycling drive at school. The box is in the front office. Please **ONLY** bring batteries labelled on the box.

 Thank you 



Household batteries only

we accept the following batteries in this container:



We also accept batteries from electrical and electronic equipment including mobile phone, laptop and power tool batteries.

We **cannot** accept car or other industrial batteries through this scheme or any battery with a wire connected to it. Lithium batteries should have both terminals taped over.

We are fundraising for a School in Jamaica

Following the devastating hurricane Melissa.
The school is still recovering, we want to help!

Our theme is

COLOURS OF JAMAICA!

CHANGE OF DATE

Friday
13th
MARCH

Parents are invited to view the Jamaican
Art created by their children!

Art Viewing and Selling at 2:00 PM

Jamaican Food Sold from 2:45 - 3:30 PM

Purchase the artwork & enjoy delicious
— Jamaican food in the hall! —



All money raised will go to Sandy Bank Primary School

ACHIEVEMENTS

ATTENDANCE: Please see the table below for class attendance this week.

Congratulations to 1S for 99.6% attendance this week.

NURSERY	92.1%
BUMBLEBEES	97.4%
BUTTERFLIES	93.5%
1K	95.6%
1S	99.6%
2B	98.7%
2J	94.3%
3G	96.6%
3Y	97.2%
4C	98.6%
4F	96%
5B	96%
5W	99.2%
6P	98%
6W	98.7%
Whole School	96.8%

PRAISE CERTIFICATES: Each week children are awarded a Praise Certificate for a range of reasons; excellent work, making a greater effort, consistent and sustained improvement, displaying the Gospel Values of friendship, supporting and helping others, to name but a few. Congratulations to the following children who received the Praise Certificate this week.

Oliwia and Maria – Bumblebees

Amelie and Emma – Butterflies

Fala and Brooke – 1K

Jacob and Ola – 1S

Ada and Lily T – 2B

Jacob and Vanya – 2J

Ivan and Maja C – 3G

Stas and Ahgeesh – 3Y

Kaiya, Aariana and Precious – 4C

Yuvraj and Tahlia – 4F

Emma and Keira – 5B

Jayden and Nancy – 5W

Lynaia and James – 6P

Matilda and Olivia Z – 6W

CITIZENSHIP AWARD: Our citizenship award is awarded weekly to pupils who display good citizenship and Gospel Values; for example, Kindness, Inclusion, Tolerance, Respect and following school rules.

This half term, we will be focusing on the theme **COMMUNITY** and **PARTICIPATION**.

As humans, we are made to live in **community** with one another. This means being **active members** of the world we live in. We are meant to look out for each other and build each other up. This is how God wants us to live.

Pope Francis said ‘Do we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, so as to be an active part of our communities, or do we close in on ourselves, saying ‘I have so many things to do, that’s not my job?’

Jacob – 1K

Daisy – 1S

Leah – 2B

Natalia – 2J

Miss Ghaderi – 3G

Antoni – 3Y

Sienna – 4C

Eoin – 4F

Anjlana – 5B

Alfie – 5W

Oliver – 6P