



#### Dates for the Diary

Friday 18th March - U Dance (7.00pm)  
*Sands Centre*

Sunday 20th March - Palm Sunday Mass -  
*Starts in the School Hall (10.30am)*

Monday 21st March - Year 3 Liverpool Trip

Wednesday 23rd March - PTFA Bingo  
(4.30pm) *School Hall*

Thursday 24th March - End of term (3.15pm)

Thursday 24th March Maundy Thursday  
Mass (7.00pm) *Christ the King Church*

Friday 25th March - Good Friday service  
(3.00pm) *Christ The King Church*

Friday 25th March - Walk of Witness  
(5.00pm) *Our Lady and St Joseph Church,  
Warwick Road*

Saturday 26th March - Easter Vigil Mass  
(7.00pm) *Christ the King Church*

Sunday 27th March - Easter Sunday Mass  
(11.00am) *Christ the King Church*

Monday 11th April - Summer Term begins  
(8.50am)

Monday 18th April - Reports to Parents

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic term we've had so far and there is still much more to come. As we enter into exam season in the school we ask for your continued support to ensure the best for all our children.

It has been a hectic term with various activities happening weekly. This term has seen us host a Science Week where all the children have had the opportunity to experience the excitement of science, and we continue our drive for excellence in literacy through many events including celebrating World Book Day and hosting Story Teller workshops. Our extensive extra curricular timetable has given our children huge opportunities in sport, academia and in the arts.

Our children have represented both the school and their families in an outstanding manner; be this on residential in Year 4, through their charitable work or through their work in the parish.

Please keep up to date with our website and read the dates on this page carefully, as a Catholic School it is our duty to promote the Catholic faith and I hope to see many of you over the Easter season at mass.

God bless & Happy Easter,

Mr C Wilkins - Head Teacher

Celebrating Chinese New Year Nursery and Reception celebrated Chinese New Year by having a Chinese house for our role play area. We enjoyed noodles, rice and prawn crackers for our snack and the children had fun doing a dragon dance.



#### Consultation on Federation

Please ensure you read the consultation document that was sent out to you on Monday.

If you haven't received it, please ask for a copy from the office.

I am available to talk to parents and answer any questions you may have about this.

Please feel free to ask questions as together we want the best for the Catholic children of the city.

#### World Book Day

Children and staff dressed up as characters from fairy tales, classic novels, cartoons and a whole host of literary pieces to celebrate World Book Day. Throughout the day, children took part in fun reading activities and enjoyed a session with a Story Teller. Several of our older children supporting younger children in this literary-themed day, and staff dressed up to encourage and share their love of reading.

This day was a fun way of reinforcing what we do all year round in encouraging our children to explore, be curious and learn more about the world by reading books.

Our new arrivals This week we've welcomed 11 new arrivals to the school,. Our chicks have brought happiness to all and have become quite popular with our visitors. Furthermore, a video of one of their arrivals (chick 3) has been viewed by over 2,000 people on our Facebook page.



Science Week This term has seen our children being enthused by science. Over the course of the week all classes were dedicated to science and children were given a truly hands on experience. Activities were organised by all the classes and all children, from Nursery to Year 6, were fully engaged and united

in their love for science. The week was a huge success and a massive thank you must go to all the staff, especially Mrs Fontana, for providing a truly memorable week for all.



### Potty about Potter

To celebrate both World Book Day and Science Week, our children were transported to Hogwarts School of Wizardry for a day. Children came dressed as their favourite Harry Potter characters and, after receiving their ticket for the train, ventured from Platform 9 3/4, through an enchanted forest and spent time in Professor Denny's Potions Class.



Here they were met by Hogwarts staff, including Professor Dumbledore himself. Whilst at Hogwarts our children had a fully immersive and hands on experience regarding magic and science. This was a very successful activity which was loved by all and marked the end of our fantastic Science Week.



A huge thanks to Mr Chris, Miss Kerr, Miss McCullagh, Miss Patton and Miss Kearney who supported the children all day in ensuring a truly magical day for all the school that highlighted the importance of science & literacy.

### U Man is on his way

KS2 children have been hard at work in their U Can Shine sessions. Recently they've been working with local illustrator Tim Stead in the creation of a new superhero who embodies the U Can Shine mentality.



After u Man's creation, the children have been hard at work writing a short piece to promote his adventures.

### Year 4 Residential

Year 4 had a residential trip to Manor Adventure in Lockerbie where they took part in a variety of activities including canoeing, kayaking, abseiling and fencing. The children had a fantastic time and learnt many new skills that have improved their confidence and resilience. A good time was had by all.



### School Sport

This has been our most successful football season for a long time, winning 4 and picking up a draw. The boys have played fantastic football throughout this season and have been a pleasure to watch.

Also we have been incredibly fortunate to obtain three new football kits. Many thanks to all members of the P.T.A for their donation as well as Aspire Extensions for sponsoring our team and helping with the purchase of the kits.



Trip to Samye Ling Year 4 had an excellent trip to the Samye Ling Buddhist Centre where they visited the Buddhist temple, had their own meditation session and joined a chanting prayer session. They accumulated such a wealth of knowledge about the faith and were praised for their behaviour, enthusiasm and questioning skills.

Stations of the Cross Recently a group of our Year 6 children led the Parish in a service of reflection during The Stations of the Cross. The children wrote both their own reflections on the stations and an accompanying prayer. The rest of Year 6 joined the Parish for the service and, upon completion of the event, joined with the congregation to congratulate those involved. After the service the children served the congregation lunch; this was, as well as being part of the children's preparation for Easter, their opportunity to be involved in The Year of Mercy.



In other news... Year 5 have completed their Bike Ability Course in their quest to become safer cyclists. The Sacred Heart baby and toddler groups keeps going from strength to strength. Our PTFA have continued their amazing work for our children and the school. The U Can Shine Enterprise Group held a very successful fundraiser in the form of a Scalextric Day, fun was had by all. Year 3 are all set for their Liverpool trip on Monday where they will be visiting the Beatles Museum. Reception children are set to perform at the U Dance Festival at the Sands Centre on Friday evening.