



Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 5th October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Well done to Year 5 for their class Rosary Celebration last week. They worked hard to learn their lines; spoke so confidently in front of an audience and signed 'Hail Mary' beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Parr, Mrs Coyle and Mrs Marrow for supporting the children. We look forward to Year 2 Harvest Celebration next week. We are also welcoming Fr Joseph and the parish into school next week for our Reception Welcome Mass. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate our newest members to our school family alongside our parishioners.

Our Pupil Council elections have taken place and congratulations to those who have been elected. We have appointed Charlie and Josy as Head Boy and Girl and also Daniel, Elijah and Nicole as Deputy Head Boys and Girl. Evie and Kaci were a perfect fit for the role of Mental Health Leaders. We also have our Year 6 Prefects, Sports Leaders and Eco Council. All the children did extremely well and put so much effort in to the application and interview process. The GIFT team and our Pupil Council have been combining their efforts with Mrs Armstrong and Mrs Canavan making exciting plans for the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Helen Crowder

Headteacher



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Harvest Collection

Following on from the success last year we will be supporting The Brick charity, who support vulnerable local people, with this year's Harvest Collection.

We will be collecting donations of dried food goods (packets, boxes, tins and jars) and other non-perishables until Monday 16th October.

We understand that times are tighter than ever for our families who may be struggling themselves. Any donations, large or small, are always truly appreciated.



Do you know anyone who is starting school/nursery in September 2024?

St Bernadette's will be offering tours of the school in an Open Day on Wednesday 1st November 2023 (9:30am and 1:30pm). Please call the school office for an appointment.

Growing Together in Faith, Love and Learning

THE WEDNESDAY WORD: You can enjoy the Wednesday Word as a family by [following the link to this week's edition.](#)

OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION AND ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER: Our parish weekly newsletter can be found on: [Our Lady of the Annunciation and St Bernadette's P - Newsletters \(chessck.co.uk\)](#)

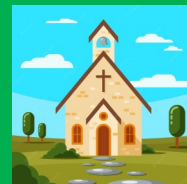
If you would like to attend Mass yourselves, please see below for the current Mass times:

Saturday Vigil Mass

St. Bernadette's - Saturday 4:45 pm / St. Marie's – Saturday 6:15 pm

Sunday Morning

St. Bernadette's - Sunday 9:30 am / St. Marie's - Sunday 11:00 am



Parent's Evening

Our Parent's Evening for Nursery—Year 6 will be on **Wednesday 18th October.**

We will be holding

- face to face meetings in the school hall 1:10pm - 4:30pm, where you will see your child's books
- phone calls from 5:00pm onwards.

Appointment slots will be sent through the school APP. Please contact the school if you have any questions or we can help in any way.

All parents will receive a 'Progress Report Card' to keep parents up-to-date and well informed on their child's attendance, attainment and attitudes towards learning.

Magistrates in the Community Initiative

Year 6 have started their 'Magistrates in the Community' initiative. In their workshop with Greater Manchester Magistrates, they learned the role of the magistracy including who they are, what they do and sentencing in a magistrate court. Year 5 will have their workshop later this month.

This project, which supports our work on British Values, will continue throughout the year with mock trials, where the children will play the role of the defendant, solicitors, witnesses, legal advisors and magistrates to reach a verdict!



STEM Day



STEM stands for the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

Yesterday a group of Year 6 children attended a hands on STEM Day at Bolton School. The children were great ambassadors for our school with impeccable behaviour and excellent problem-solving and teamwork skills.

FOSB

Our first 'Friends Of St. Bernadette's' FOSB meeting of the year was a real success with great ideas for the year ahead. Below are the events for the Autumn Term. Please support us where you can.

If you wish to join the 'Volunteer FOSB' Whatsapp group, please contact the school office.



Monster's Ball
Friday 20th October
EYFS & KS1 5:30pm—6:30pm
KS2 6:45pm—7:45pm

Santa Dash
Thursday 7th
December

FOSB Cake Sales

Year 6—Friday 13th October 2023
Year 5—Friday 24th November 2023
Year 4—Friday 15th December 2023
Year 3—Friday 19th January 2024
Year 2—Friday 9th February 2024
Year 1—Friday 26th April 2024
Reception—Friday 17th May 2024

Parents/Carers from the year group are asked to contribute by donating cakes (cupcakes, whole cakes, biscuits etc., home-made or shop bought) which are then sold after school at pick up time.

Please let school know if you can volunteer for a few minutes on the day of your child's cake sale.

Monster's Ball

On Friday 20th October the children are invited to one of their favourite events of the year.....The Monster's Ball.

Please sign up via our Parent's App and send the £2 per ticket money into the school in a labelled envelope.

Nursery and Reception parents must stay with their children during the party. The KS1 and 2 children can be dropped off and picked up at the end of the party. We will be operating a one-way system, dropping off at the front entrance to school and picking up at the hall door.

Nursery, Reception and KS1 – 5:30pm – 6:30pm

KS2— 6:45pm – 7:45pm

To get into the theme, our wonderful kitchen staff are creating a special Monster's Menu at lunchtime on Friday, 20th October. The hall will be decorated and the children can enjoy their 'spooky lunch'. Please order the meals on My Evolve Hub system if you wish for your child to have a special hot lunch that d



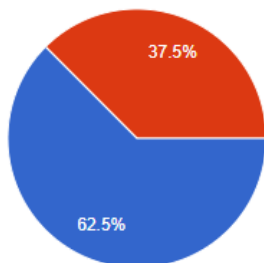
Parent/Carer Survey

Thank you to everyone who filled in our recent parent/carers survey around the Catholic life and mission of the school, religious education and collective worship. We would like to share the positive outcomes:



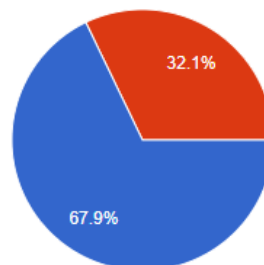
1. My child is happy at this school.

56 responses



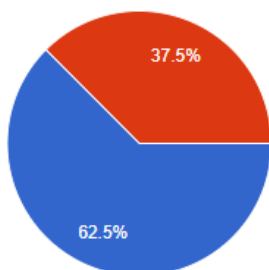
2. My child feels safe at this school.

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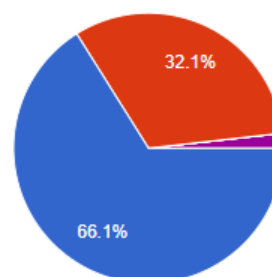
3. This school enables my child to behave respectfully.

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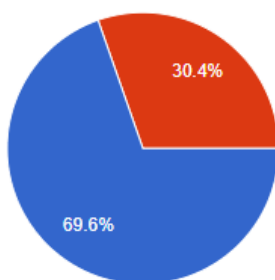
4. The school is a supportive and joyful community.

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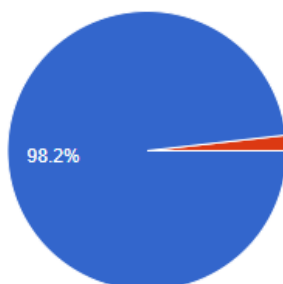
7. I understand the school's Catholic mission of 'Growing Together in Faith, Love and Learning' and I am supportive of it.

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9. My child enjoys learning in Religious Education lessons.

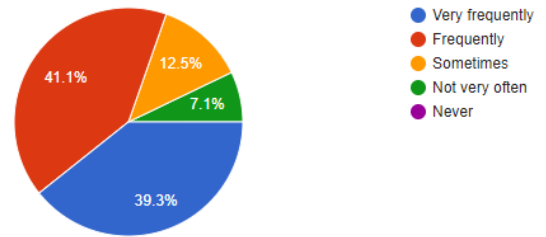
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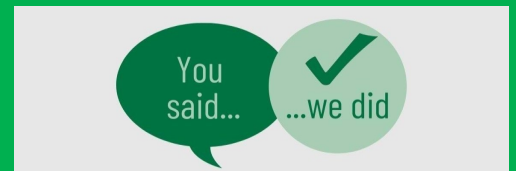
As a school we grow from the feedback we receive and strive to make any improvements that will continue to extend the children's experience and learning in school. Below are the actions we have taken on feedback.

Areas for improvement were around:

"I am invited to be involved in the prayer life of the school."



Class Worships and Celebrations



All parents and carers are invited to join their child's class worships and celebrations throughout the year. Parents and family members are always invited to join their child's class when they attend Tuesday's 9:15am Parish Mass at St. Bernadette's Church.

Reception Class Welcome Mass – Tuesday 10th October 9:15am in the school hall.

Year 2 Harvest Celebration—Friday 13th October 9:10am in the school hall.

Year 6 Remembrance Worship—Friday 10th November 9:10am in the school hall.

Year 3 Season of Advent Reflection—Friday 1st December 9:10am in the school hall.

Year 4 Christmas Lights Switch On—Monday 4th December 9:10am in the school hall.

Year 5 John the Baptist Advent Reflection —Friday 8th December 9:10am in the school hall.

Year 6 Gaudete Sunday Reflection—Friday 15th December 9:10am in the school hall.

Reception and Year 1 Nativity—Tuesday 19th December 2:00pm and 6:00pm

Year 2 Christingle Celebration—Wednesday 20th December 9:10am in the school hall.

Nursery Nativity—Wednesday 20th December 2:00pm

Year 4 Our Lady of Lourdes Worship —Friday 9th February 9:10am in the school hall.

Year 1 Lenten Reflection—Friday 16th February 9:10am in the school hall.

Reception Mother's Day Assembly—Friday 8th March 2:00pm in the school hall.

Year 1 May Procession—Friday 3rd May 9:10am in the school hall.

Year 4 First Holy Communion Masses—Saturday 11th and 18th May 10:00am at St. Bernadette's Church

Year 3 Pentecost Worship—Friday 17th May 9:10am in the school hall.

Reception Father's Day Assembly—Friday 14th June 2:00pm in the school hall.

Year 4 Going Forward in Faith Mass—Tuesday 25th June 9:15am at St. Bernadette's Church

Year 6 Leaver's Mass—Tuesday 16th July 6:00pm at St. Bernadette's Church

From time to time, due to unforeseen circumstances, the dates/events mentioned may have to be changed. If a change does occur, you will be notified as early as possible. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Religious Education

As part of the RE curriculum, we study different world religions. This helps pupils to develop an understanding of themselves and others, promoting their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. Through the survey results, there was also a little uncertainty and misunderstanding around the split of other faiths taught and our Catholic teachings.

During each autumn term, children are taught a unit on Judaism. The children learn about how their Jewish brothers and sisters live and what they believe as the theme develops. Hinduism, Islam and Sikhism are taught on a three year cycle in the summer term.

To learn more about our RE Curriculum and see the yearly overviews, please see our school website [Yearly Overviews | St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School](#)

Important Dates (more information to follow)

Tuesday 10th October 2023—Reception Class Welcome Mass 9:15am in the school hall.

Friday 13th October 2023—Year 2 Harvest Celebration 9:10am in the school hall.

Friday 13th October 2023—Year 6 Cake Sale

Monday 16th October 2023 —Year 4 First Holy Communion Session 6:00pm at St. Bernadette's Church

Tuesday 17th October 2023—Year 5 attend St. Bernadette's 9:15am Mass (rescheduled)

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October 2023 – Reception and Year 1 Bikeability

Wednesday 18th October 2023 —Parents' Evening from 1:10pm onwards

Friday 20th October 2023—Monster's Ball 5:00pm - 6:00pm and 6:45pm—7:45pm.

Friday 20th October 2023-School closes at 3.20pm for half term

Monday 30th October 2022-School re-opens for 2nd half of Autumn Term

Wednesday 1st November 2023—OPEN DAY (9:30am and 1:30pm)

Wednesday 1st November 2023—Y4 trip to Deva Roman Experience, Chester

Wednesday 1st November 2023—Year 6 Residential Meeting 6pm

Wednesday 8th November 2023—School Photographer

Wednesday 8th November 2023—Y3 Visit to Wigan Warriors

Monday 20th November 2023—Wednesday 22nd November 2023—Robinwood Year 6 Residential

Friday 24th November—Year 5 Cake Sale

Thursday 7th December 2023—Santa Dash

Tuesday 12th December 2023—Joint Parish Singing Concert at St. Marie's Church

Friday 15th December 2023—Year 4 Cake Sale

Tuesday 19th December 2023—Reception and Year 1 Nativity at 2:00pm and 6:00pm (parents/carers invited)

Wednesday 20th December 2023— Y2 Christingle Celebration 9:10am (parents/carers invited)

Wednesday 20th December 2023—Nursery Nativity 2:00pm