



Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 23rd November 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Since the last newsletter we have had so many events happening in and out of the school day. Year 6 led our Remembrance Day assembly with such reverence, respect and compassion—well done children. At the beginning of this week the same Year 6 children have been on their residential where they took part in a range of different activities, many of them new to the children. All the staff were blown away with their impeccable behaviour and so proud with how the children developed many skills, including courage, resilience and determination. Thank you to all the St. Bernadette's staff who accompanied the children – it couldn't have happened without you!

I would also like to thank all the parents/carers who were able to join their children for the 'Growing Together in.....' workshops last week. We hope they were useful in showing you what and how your children learn in school.

Thank you for your continued support and please contact school if you feel you need support in any way.

Take care,

Mrs Helen Crowder

Headteacher

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Due to retirement, we are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic teaching assistant from January 2024. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please share the information below:

[Teaching Assistant Level 2 | Job Details | greater jobs](#)

School Admissions

Applications for primary school places for September 2024 can now be submitted via school admissions ([Primary school admissions \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions))

The deadline to apply for a primary school place for September 2024 is **15th January 2024**.

If you would like to have a tour of our school, please contact our school office ~ 01257 401125.

COLOUR DAY!

Tomorrow, on **Friday 24th November**, we would love the children to come dressed in their house colour. This could be a full outfit; piece of clothing like a jumper/t-shirt or just an accessory. The children will work in teams, each focussing on a Catholic Social Teaching principle. Below are our house team colours:

Matthew—BLUE

Mark— RED

Luke—GREEN

John—PURPLE

If your child is unsure of their house, please ask their class teacher or the school office and we will be more than happy to find out.

After lunchtime tomorrow at 1:00pm, the GIFT team will be leading a collective worship linked to 'Live Simply'.

Parishioners, parents and carers are invited to join us in school at this time. Refreshments will be provided afterwards where our children will share the work they have completed so far.

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



Are you interested in making a difference.....?

The Governors of St. Bernadette's would welcome interest from any potential new parent Governors committed to raising educational outcomes of all children.

Potential new governors should have a willingness to:

- * **Work positively with others as part of a team to provide strategic leadership and challenge to the head teacher.**
- * **Develop their knowledge and understanding of their role and of the key issues and priorities facing primary schools by attending training, reading papers, attending meetings and visiting the school.**

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Governor and how to apply for one of our vacancies, please contact the school office for more information. A letter has also been sent out separately.

Retreat Day

Our wonderful GIFT team attended a retreat day at St Teresa's Catholic Primary School last week. It was based on Living Simply and what that means to us in our everyday lives.

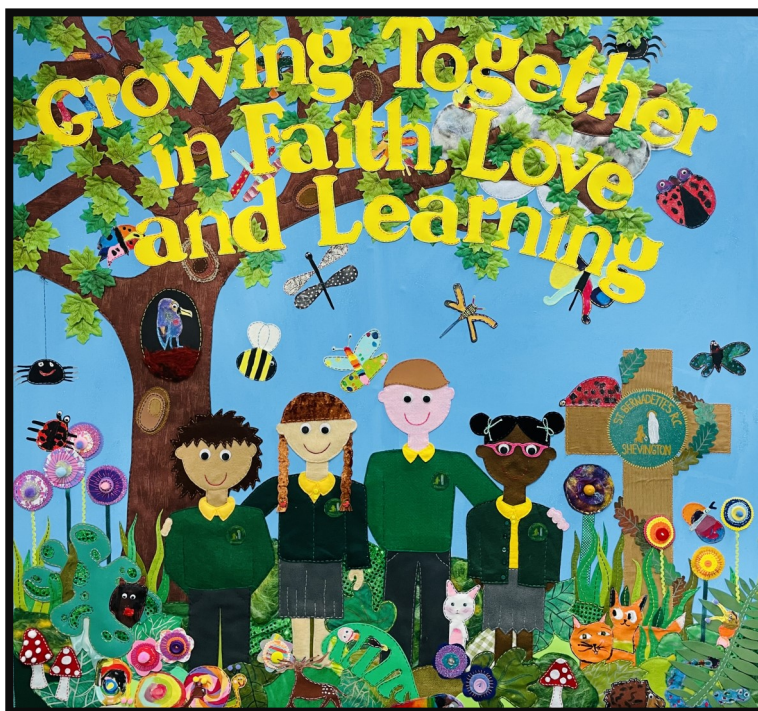
The children discussed some of the Catholic Social Teachings, completed a carousel of activities and ended the day with a reflection walk around the grounds of St. Teresa's Church. Fr Philip was very impressed when we shared our day with him. What an uplifting day!

Mission Statement Art

We are absolutely over the moon with our new art piece for our school entrance.

All based around our school mission statement of "Growing Together in Faith, Love and Learning", the children contributed their ideas and then worked with Victoria, our visiting artist, to create such stunning artwork.

We know it will impress all our visitors but, more importantly, it demonstrates how meaningful our mission statement is to our whole school.



Music Mark

We are proud of the hard work from our teachers who teach and lead Music at St. Bernadette's ~ Mrs. Parr, class and peripatetic teachers and staff from Wigan Music Service.



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MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL

2023 - 2024

As a consequence our children are able to access and engage with a high-quality music education.

Our dedication to offering and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum has been welcomed and celebrated and we have been recognised for the value we place on music. We are pleased to have achieved our Music Mark Award! Well done everyone!

Santa Dash!

On Thursday 7th December, children from Nursery to Year 6 will be taking part in a sponsored Santa Dash organised by FOSB (Friends Of St. Bernadette's). The children thoroughly enjoyed it last year!

The Santa Dash will be a sponsored Fun Run that your child will complete with their class throughout the day. Your child is encouraged to wear Christmas clothes (Christmas jumper, Christmas dressing up or Christmas related items) to complete the run. They will be dashing around like reindeers whilst completing a variety of fun activity stations en route!

Sponsorship forms have been sent home (spare copies available from the school office) and monies can be brought in until Friday 15th December.



Sports Festivals

A selection of our children have taken part in two sporting festival events with other schools over the last few weeks. The children went to Wigan Youth Zone where they played new sports, learned new skills whilst having such good fun! We were so proud to take them as many people commented on how enthusiastic and well behaved the group were. We are delighted to hear these wonderful things about our children.

Football Tournament

Last week our Year 6 boys took part in a Schools Sports football tournament. Although we didn't win, we played the games amazingly and one of our children was even awarded "player of the tournament" out of all the schools.



Anti-Bullying Week 2023

To launch Anti-Bullying week, our assembly children were taught how to 'make a noise about bullying', keep safe and seek help if needed.

Children came home with a copy of our 'Child Friendly Safeguarding Leaflet' which you can also find on our website: [child-leaflet.pdf \(saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk\)](https://www.saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk/child-leaflet.pdf)



Throughout the week children participated in different activities that reinforced that bullying is always unacceptable and should not be tolerated.

Further updates from the proposed zebra crossing outside school have been shared. We have been told that the crossing patrol service, provided by our wonderful Mick, will remain alongside the improved safety of the zebra crossing.

This is great news!

Entries handed in to the school office by Friday 24th November.

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YOUTH &
YOUNG PEOPLE

2023/24 NATIVITY PAINTING COMPETITION

Paint a scene of Our Lord's Nativity, and include the Bible passage that inspired your painting.

Two age ranges:
Infants (4-7 year olds)
Juniors (7-11 year olds).



Cash prizes for Winners and their schools!
To enter please contact your local KSC Council at:

*Standish Council 577 / Province 8
Charles Tetlow
Officer for Action and Youth
e-mail : charlestetlow@sky.com*



INFANT 3RD PLACE 2022/23



JUNIOR 3RD PLACE 2022/23

Tel: 01418 835700



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Important Dates (more information to follow)

Friday 24th November 2023—COLOUR DAY!

Friday 24th November—Year 5 Cake Sale

Monday 27th November 2023—Year 4 Third First Holy Communion Session

Tuesday 28th November 2023—Year 4 Mass at St Bernadette's Church 9:15am

Friday 1st December—Year 3 Advent Worship 9:15am (Parents / families welcome)

Saturday 9th December—WigLe Dance troop Pantomime! (arrive at 6:00pm for a 7:00pm start)

Monday 4th December 2023—Whole school pantomime trip to The Edge (Nursery to Year 6)

Tuesday 5th December 2023—Year 3 Mass at St Bernadette's Church 9:15am

Wednesday 6th December 2023—Year 4 Christmas Lights Turn On 9:10am (Parents / families welcome) RESCHEDULED

Tuesday 5th December 2023—Year 4 First Reconciliation Mass 6:00pm St Bernadette's Church

Thursday 7th December 2023—Santa Dash!

Friday 8th December 2023—Year 5 Advent Assembly 9:15am (parents/families welcome)

Tuesday 12th December 2023—Year 2 Mass at St Bernadette's Church 9:15am

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

Wednesday 13th December—School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14th December—Year 1 9:10am and Year 2 9:45am Drumming Concert for parents/carers

Friday 15th December 2023—Year 6 Advent Assembly 9:15am (parents/families welcome)

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—Year 2 Christingle Celebration 9:10am (parents/carers invited)

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

Thursday 21st December 2023 —Party Day!

Thursday 21st December 2023 —KS2 Carols Around the Christmas Tree at 2:45pm

Friday 22nd December 2023 —School closes for Christmas 2:00pm