



Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 12th May 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

The month of May is always really busy in school, mainly due to the statutory national tests that are taking place. This week the children in Year 6 have shown a fantastic committed attitude to their end of Key Stage 2 assessments. To celebrate, and show the children how proud we are of them, they will receive their St. Bernadette's leavers hoodies tomorrow alongside a hot snack and a trip to the park with ice-creams. Well done children, you have worked very hard.

Our Year 2 pupils will also be undertaking a range of assessments planned and delivered by their teachers during May. These will contribute towards their final Key Stage 1 assessments. Please do everything that you can to make sure your children attend school and are punctual each day.

Year 1 have been working hard on their phonics in preparation for the Phonics Screening in June and Year 4 have been practising their times tables recall in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check also in June. I thought it would be helpful to prepare you and your child by providing the dates for the upcoming statutory tests:

Year 2 SATs: from w/c 16th May 2022 onwards.

Year 1 Phonics Screening: w/c 6th June 2022

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check: w/c 6th June 2022

I have had many important meetings over the last few weeks too. As you may know, the school was sadly broken into back in 2021 so plans to raise the perimeter fence have been submitted and hopefully work will start later this year. Although it will be noticeably higher, it is important to keep the children and the school safe. Inside the school, Mrs Jeffrey and I have been making plans to fit the corridors with new flooring which will look very bright and modern. The office staff have also started training for our new school website. Once we have got our heads around it, we will be able to 'go live' and share it with the school community.

Thank you for your continued support. As ever, if you have any specific questions, please do get in touch and I will do my best to help you with them.

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FOSB – Friday 13th May 2022

In exchange for sweets, tomorrow the children can come wearing a **rainbow accessory**—face paint, hair accessory, t-shirt, rainbow socks.....let's be as creative as we can be!

The last FOSB Cake Sale of the academic year will be hosted by our Reception class tomorrow, straight after school on the playground. Come and join us for some delicious treats.

First Holy Communion

On Friday 6th May, Year 5 children celebrated their First Holy Communion at St. Marie's Church. It was a beautiful evening and it was wonderful to celebrate with the children as they continued on their faith journey, receiving the Eucharist for the first time. Everyone was beaming with pride – a time to treasure indeed! We look forward to Year 4's First Holy Communion on Friday 27th May at 6pm.

Thank you to Father Joseph, the Catechists, parents, staff and all the volunteers from the Parish for making it possible.



May Procession

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady, Mary. To mark this, on Friday 20th May, Year 1 will lead our annual May Procession. Parents and family members of Year 1 children are invited to join us from 9:10am to watch the ceremony.

We are asking children throughout the school to kindly bring in a potted plant on Friday 20th May, as we all will have an opportunity to crown our statue of Our Lady with a garland of flowers.



Queen's Jubilee Events

We are starting to plan for the Queen's Jubilee which will conclude with a Jubilee Party on Friday 27th May 2022. We would like children to come into school dressed in red, white and blue on this day and bring a plate of party food for a whole school tea party!

That week children will find out about the Queen herself, learn dances from the decades and take part in creative activities.

We will be inviting parents to come along into school and watch the 'dance through the decades' performance on Friday 27th May at 9:15am (*depends on the weather as it will be on the playground*).

We are looking forward to celebrating this momentous occasion as a school.

As part of our Jubilee Celebrations, Nichola our Cook will be preparing a special Jubilee lunch for all children on Friday 20th May. If you wish your child to join us for this lunch, please order on the 'My Evolve Hub' school dinners APP or contact the school office.



Sports Coach



We are really pleased to offer lunchtime sports provision as well as after school extra-curricular clubs. Over the last few weeks we have funded a sports coach to work with the classes on a rota each week. The focus of the lunchtime sessions has initially been football skills and the children have thoroughly enjoyed it. This will continue for the summer term and will help children to further develop their skills.

Musical Opportunities

In addition to our music curriculum, we are pleased to offer musical opportunities for the junior children with weekly music tuition. Children from Year 1 upwards can start to learn a range of musical instruments from vocal to drumming. If you wish to know more, please contact the school office.

Our Year 1 and 2 children also take part in their weekly 'Wider Opps' music lessons. They have made excellent progress over the year and developed in confidence, knowledge and skills. The children are now learning the xylophone and we can't wait to share all their learning with parents and families in their end of term performance.



Trips and Visitors

The Nursery and Reception children will be joining in with a visit from Alldays Farm on Wednesday 18th May. The farm will visit school and the children will meet a range of animals, have a petting session whilst learning lots of interesting facts.

Year 3 went to visit Wigan Life Museum for a 'Don't Go Down the Mine' workshop this week. The children used their historical enquiry skills with a range of evidence to deepen their key knowledge from school.

Nursery children up to Year 4 were involved in the second day of our anti-discriminatory sessions earlier this week. They were run by staff at Wigan Athletic Football Club where the children learned about equality and diversity, not only in football but in real life.

Liam Marshall, Winger for Wigan Rugby League, spent time in Year 2 today helping children understand our local history and why rugby is such a huge part of Wigan's identity. The children loved playing rugby with him and interviewing him to find out what it is like to play for Wigan. Liam also gave a presentation to Year 5 and 6 about working as a team, respecting others and working hard with dedication.

It has been fantastic to see the resumption of school trips and visitors over the last few months, and we have lots more planned as we go into next year.



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Transition and Moving Up

Moving up to the next class can be a big step for some children. Year 6 will continue with their transition activities up to secondary school for the remainder of the summer term.

Whilst we sadly say goodbye to the older children, we will be welcoming our new starters in September. To support them, and welcome them into the St. Bernadette's family, we are offering transition sessions for the children to spend time in the Reception classroom. Our New Starter Information Evening will be on Wednesday 8th June 2022 for parents of children who will be joining Reception class in September.

For the rest of the children in Reception to Year 5 classes we will be organising two 'Moving Up' days on Monday 18th July and Tuesday 19th July. On both these days, children will be visiting their new classroom with their new teacher and carrying out transition activities to ease any worries about their class for September.

Important Dates (more information to follow)

Year 6 Mass at St. Bernadette's Church—Tuesday 17th May 2022 @ 9:15am

Farm Visit to School for Nursery and Reception – Wednesday 18th May 2022

Year 1 May Procession – Friday 20th May 2022

Jubilee Lunch – Friday 20th May 2022

Year 2 Trip to Wigan Life Museum – Monday 23rd May 2022

Year 4 Mass at St. Bernadette's Church—Tuesday 24th May 2022 @ 9:15am

Year 3 Pentecost Assembly – Thursday 26th May @ 9:10am (parents/families of Year 3 invited)

Queen's Jubilee Celebration Party – Friday 27th May 2022

Whole School 'Dance Through the Decades' Performance – Friday 27th May 2022 at 9:15am (parents/families invited)

First Holy Communion Year 4 – Friday 27th May 2022 @ 6PM

Finish for Half Term - Friday 27th May 2022