



# Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 17th March 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

As many of you know, we welcomed Ofsted through our doors last week. The children really were a true credit to our fabulous school. They talked confidently and with love about St. Bernadette's and the inspectors were really impressed with their ability to talk about their learning and their positive attitudes. Last Friday, the children thoroughly enjoyed extended Lenten Markets as a treat for their hard work during the inspection and continued effort throughout the school year.

I would like to thank the staff and governors for their ongoing support. We all work together to provide the very best education for the children in our care. We have high expectations and aspirations for all of the children. Every child has their own special talents, which we endeavour to nurture and develop. Our mission statement 'Growing Together in Faith, Love and Learning' is at the heart of everything we do, providing the children with the belief, vital skills, knowledge and experiences that they need to become well-rounded individuals now and into adult life.

I would also like to thank you for your continued support. We were pleased that so many of you took the time to leave a response on Parentview, send in emails or talk to the inspectors on the gate. We have been overwhelmed with the amount of positive comments we have received from parents and children.

I am extremely proud of the special atmosphere and environment here at St. Bernadette's. We have shown solidarity, commitment and dedication as a team – staff, governors, parents and pupils alike.

The outcomes from the report will be publicised in the near future and we expect this to be after Easter. We have to keep the outcomes confidential until the official report has been released, however, a copy of the full report will then be sent to parents/ carers when we have received it.

As ever, if you have any specific concerns, please do get in touch and I will do my best to help you with them.

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## Staffing

We are currently looking for an inspirational Deputy Headteacher to join our leadership team. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please share the information below:

**[St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School - Vacancies \(saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk\)](http://saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk)**

## Easter Lunch

On Wednesday 30th March, we will be having a special Easter themed menu at lunchtime. There will be stickers, one for each class, under dinner trays that day. Anyone who finds a sticker wins an Easter Egg!

This is now available to order on the Evolve school meals app.

## **St. B's Got Talent**

The GIFT Team have been busy behind the scenes planning and organising another fundraising activity – St B's Got Talent!

Children in KS2 are invited to pay the £1 per person audition fee and share their talent for a place in the grand final on the last day of term. Auditions will take place in class during the last week of term.

Three acts from each class will be chosen to go through. Everyone in school including KS1 children will be able to pay £1 to watch the grand final on **Friday 1st April**.



## **Easter WOW Week**

The last week of term sees the return of our annual Easter WOW Week.



The children split across school into their `school family and take part in a range of experiences and activities all with the same purpose of helping them to grow a deeper understanding of Jesus through the Easter story.

The week begins with an hour-long prayer journey. The children will visit prayer stations helping them to empathise with the journey Jesus took to the cross.

Wednesday and Thursday of that week will see the school families take part in 8 practical activities. These include art and craft activities, cooking, trails and dance. They will help the children learn about the events of Holy Week through fun and hands-on experiences.

## **Book Fair**

A big thank you to those of you who visited our book fair event in school during World Book Day. With the book fairs, schools are able to get free books for their school from the proceeds and we actually received £360 of free books which is absolutely amazing!! Our children will love them.



## **Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal ~ We need your support!**

One of our family members in school works for a company called Komatsu UK Ltd, a global organisation who are in the process of collecting as many donations as possible for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal to fill a vehicle bound for their distribution point in Poland.

We are asking children and their families to donate generously to this appeal. The list is extensive, however, items that are not required at present are warm clothing, coats, boots, toys and books.

If you are donating medical supplies, please ensure these are passed directly to a member of staff.

If possible, could donations please be sent to school in a box with a note of the contents inside? This makes it much easier and safer for volunteers to stack boxes in the back of the lorry and distribute them quickly when they arrive .

The deadline for donations is **Thursday, 24th March** in time to start the long journey to Ukraine.

**We have such kind, thoughtful children in our school.**

Mia in Year 3 has been so concerned with the recent news in the Ukraine, that she has been selling beautiful blue and yellow ribbons and the £330 money raised so far will go to the children of Ukraine. We are so proud of you.

## **Masked Reader Reveal.....**

Frog—Miss Quellin

Strawberry—Miss Chivers

Chimp—Mrs Li

Broccoli—Mrs Buck

Toast—Mr Doyle

Bear—Scott Davies

Fish—Mrs Wells

Chicken Nugget—Mrs Critchley

Egg—Mrs Armstrong

Cat— Mrs Ferguson

Blue Alien— Mrs Berry



## **Sporting Events**

We had a fabulous evening at Wigan Borough Dance Festival where our dancers performed their dance routine to a crowd of hundreds. They were so proud and full of smiles. Well done!

This week children took part in Wigan's "Action Festival". It was an event full of energy and excitement and the children had an amazing time learning new skills whilst challenging themselves.

Thank you to all the staff for accompanying the children. It couldn't happen without you.

## **Growing Together in.....Parent Sessions**

Thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to join their children for the 'Growing Together in.....' sessions this week. We hope they were useful in showing you what and how your children learn in school. We are hoping to continue with this in the future to share other areas of the curriculum.

If you were unable to make it, staff will send home the notes / resources covered in the sessions.

## **Important Dates for Diaries (more information to follow)**

Year 5 and Year 6 Latics Equality Workshops—Wednesday 23rd March

Nursery Summer Term New Starter Meeting—Thursday 24th March

Reception Mother's Day Assembly (parents and families welcome) – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Easter WOW week – week beginning Monday 28th March

St B's got Talent Show—Friday 1st April

School closes for Easter break – 2pm Friday 1st April (*no After School Club today*)



## Art Competition

Wigan Hospital are having their theatres refurbished and they would like some artwork from St. Bernadette's displayed in the theatre reception and waiting area.

They would like the children of St. Bernadette's to enter the competition by creating a piece of art work. The winner will be invited to attend Wigan hospital for an official opening later in the year and a prize will be presented at the same time.

- The piece of art work must have a theme of happiness/kindness (however this is interpreted by the child).
- Be 2D and able to fit in a sealed frame size A3 (provided by the hospital).
- Have the child's name and age on the back.

**Please can entries be handed into school by  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.**

*Good luck!*