

St Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy in the Lent term 2019

This term has certainly proven to be yet another busy one ...

The Reading Café is now an established part of St Patrick's and the children look forward to it immensely. They thoroughly enjoy this wonderful monthly opportunity to share stories with their families in a relaxed atmosphere.



Our children have taken part in so many wonderful sporting opportunities this term: Wake and Shake provides an energising start to the day with multi-sports, dance and gym sessions all offered after hours. We may not have won the tag rugby competition, but we were winners when it came to team spirit and levels of



enthusiasm and enjoyment and our weekly swimming sessions have helped our pupils to continue to improve their water confidence and strokes. We managed to combine sport with fundraising when all pupils took part in 'Fitness in Schools'.

Our greatest sporting achievement though must be our success in football. We celebrated our triumph during an assembly after our Year 5 and 6 boys became champions and finished the season top of the league! I don't know who was more thrilled: the children or Mr Rabjohn! The team will now play at The King Power Stadium next term.



The very youngest members of our school - Foundation Stage 1 - visited St Patrick's Catholic Church and thanks to Father Raphael, found out more about mass.

Year 6 pupils - along with Mrs Lynch and Mrs Heggs - were delighted to accept an invitation to attend a mass at St Joseph's Catholic Academy after their Chaplaincy team extended an invite to our liturgy leaders. It was a really lovely opportunity to share mass with another of the schools within our MAT.

The sacrament of reconciliation was offered to our KS2 children following a short whole school service where ashes were distributed as part of our Ash Wednesday liturgy.



Year 2 revelled being in role as pirates for the day. They looked just the part dressed in shirts, bandanas and sashes whilst brandishing (very safe) swords.



All pupils became super heroes - everyone was challenged to cycle, scoot or walk to school. A huge number of children took part and we even had a guest to judge the most decorated bikes and scooters.



Our Year 2 Teaching Assistant included the class in her pregnancy with a 'gender reveal party'. The children were very excited to find out the new addition - due in the summer - will be a boy!

Year 5 pupils were eager to attend a Police and Fire Concert held at the cathedral. They represented St Patrick's fantastically whilst having an enjoyable time.



Vista visiting our reception class was a huge success. As well as drama to engage the children, eye tests took place and revealed that five of the youngsters did in fact need glasses.

World Book Day is always popular at our school and this year was no different. Children and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters and together we wrote a whole school story. Each class contributed by writing one part of the story which was read out to the children at the end of the day during assembly.



To support Red Nose Day, a number of our parents and children kindly baked cakes and these were sold throughout the day.

To celebrate St Patrick's Day 'The Friends of St Patrick's' organised a disco during the afternoon and the very next day our talented choir was accompanied by Mrs Weaver and Mrs Lynch to sing during mass at St Patrick's Catholic Church.

During Safer Internet Day we encouraged our pupils to consider their safety when on-line and parents were invited to attend an after-school workshop where they could learn more about how they and their families could stay safe as well.



The effort put into making Easter Bonnets was amazing. They were displayed around the hall for all to see and admire. We had chicks and bunnies, crosses and eggs. The creativity was very impressive and the children enjoyed showing them off in an afternoon parade.





The Easter Play was performed to such a high standard. All of the children spoke clearly capturing the emotions of the events that led to Jesus' death on the cross. The singing - and most definitely the solos - were quite

remarkable. Mrs Birtwisle and Mrs Sheehan are to be commended for the hard work and preparation that evidently went into the presentation.



Before beginning our Easter break we came together in the hall on the last morning of term for Stations of the Cross. This beautiful - and very moving service - was led by Mrs George and delivered by our marvellous Liturgy Leaders. A number of other Year 6 children helped to act out the various stations and the whole school joined in to sing - and sign - the hymns.

During the afternoon, The Friends of St Patrick's organised a disco. This was enjoyed by all classes and was a wonderful end to the term.

It has been such a busy few months, but we even managed to squeeze in some colouring for mindfulness where our children were able to relax and colour for pleasure.

We wish all of our children, parents, staff and governors a very happy Easter.