

## St Patrick's Catholic Voluntary Academy in the Pentecost Term 2018

Another school year comes to an end...

At the beginning of term, Spark Drama visited our Reception children to deliver an engaging learning experience entitled, "The sense of sight". Following on from this, the whole class received eye-screening with results being passed onto parents at the end of the day.

Year 4 got off to a sporty start with a Tag Rugby Festival held at Wyggeston and QE College. As always, our pupils showed excellent team spirit and represented the school to a high standard.

More pupils from across the school were joined by their parents and grandparents during this term's Reading Café drop-in. This opportunity to relax and share a book was enjoyed by both children and adults alike.



Some of our younger members of the school created a rhythm during a boomwhacker music session.

Following another set of lessons, Year 4 performed a very entertaining and well-rehearsed clarinet assembly.



Our nursery children experienced an extremely wide-range of fun and interactive opportunities throughout the Pentecost term: as well as soft play sessions, they had a picnic, a visit from an ice-cream van and even a goat turned up to help to raise funds in aid of the Alzheimer's Association.



Year 5 represented St Patrick's at the kwik cricket festival at Wyggeston and QE College - again behaviour was impeccable.

Early May, the whole of St Patrick's celebrated mass at 'Our Lady's Church'. Whilst our younger children arrived on a coach, the rest of our pupils and staff walked. All the readers delivered their prayers beautifully.

May saw the wedding of Prince Harry to Megan Markle. Whilst everyone was invited to dress-up as a wedding guest, Year 3 organised a tea party complete with cake. Reception were most entrepreneurial and, using key vocabulary, made cakes which they later sold to parents making a very impressive £40.

Year 2 children were extremely innovative and made a wedding dress, bouquet and decorations out of paper. They then visited the other classrooms around the school to show-off their creations.



A group of 6 girls demonstrated impressive team-work to draw 1-1 against Hope Hamilton. Great football skills and lots of fun.

June and July were busy months across the school. Year 6 children visited the Warning Zone where they learnt more about keeping safe out and about and on-line. They then headed off to Kingswood accompanied by Miss Cank, Mrs Wiles and Mrs Kennedy. They all had a thoroughly enjoyable time and experienced many new activities as well as a pool party and go-karting.



Years 4 and 5 teamed up for a visit to the Outdoors Pursuit Centre. As well as canoeing, and climbing, they dared to complete the leap of faith and the zip wire.

Year 3 set off for Twinlakes where they spent the day on the various rides and attractions on offer.



The farm was the venue for Years 1 and 2 where the children were able to meet and pet a variety of animals.

After watching their caterpillars transform into butterflies, it was time for reception to wave goodbye as they were released to fly away.

KS2 sports day was a huge success. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 walked to the Emerald Centre. Children competed in a whole host of races including skipping, running and - what turned out to be a real favourite - the water race.

During the last week of term, Year 6 performed 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits'. The singing and acting was excellent and numerous parents commented on how much they had enjoyed the production.

Parents of our Nursery children were invited into school for a special graduation day to help celebrate their little ones moving onto full-time school next academic year.

As part of their moving on process, Mrs Kelvey attached messages (written by Year 6) onto balloons which they released and watched sail away over the roof tops and beyond.



On our penultimate day of term, the whole school gathered for a very special mass: not only were we bidding farewell to our Year 6 pupils, but we were also offering our best wishes and a sad goodbye to both Father Marcel and Father Martin. Year 6 led the mass with readings and prayers and towards the end of the service - along with our priests - they were presented with a cross. Our prayer room was blessed and will be dedicated to our two marvellous priests who have given so much time and support to St Patrick's.

We wish our wonderful Year 6 children all the very best as they head off to their various secondary schools and we very much look forward to meeting the new children who will join us in Advent term 2018.