



# St Adrian's Catholic Primary School



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*"To learn, to love, to live as a community of God with Christ as our teacher."*

Thursday 28th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy term it has been!

Lots of wonderful learning has taken place, as well as many exciting experiences for the children. We have thought about online safety, bullying and our wellbeing as part of Children's Mental Health Week. We have had a big focus on our wellbeing and how we take care of ourselves with an assembly led by our Wellbeing Ambassadors and our newly appointed Digital Leaders. The choir have had amazing opportunities with visits to the Young Voices concert in the O2 Arena as well as the fantastic SAPSMA performance which took place last night. Thank you to Mrs Fitzgerald for all your hard work with them. They were truly wonderful.

The children have also represented the school in netball and football competitions and the girls managed to win the football league! We have had the pleasure of finding out about all the fun learning activities that took place in Years 1,2 and 4 by watching their class presentation assemblies. We have had a variety of trips and workshops like the toys workshop in Year 1 and the materials workshops for Year 3 and 4 as well as a visit to Verulamium Museum, NSPCC Number Day, World Book Day and celebrating Mother's Day. Some children have even shown off their talents by performing in dance, cheer, drama or Rocksteady concerts.

The PTA have been very busy as always with the cake sales and the really successful quiz which not only welcomed parish members and school alumni to join but also managed to raise a whopping £1398.48!! As well as the Smarties tubes, Wonka bars and the cake sales there has been quite the collection made. All this money enables the school to provide great resources for the children and fundraise for the trim trail in KS2.

Thank you for all the generous donations for the Catholic Children's Society. We will enlist the Chaplaincy Team to count up all the proceeds and inform you after the holidays of how much has been raised. As well as fundraising in Lent, we have taken the time to prepare ourselves for Easter. The children have thought hard about their Lenten promises and reflected on making a small sacrifice this Lent. We followed the Stations of the Cross with the help from the Chaplaincy Team and members of Year 6 and Year 2 leading us in this assembly on Tuesday.

We finished the term with a lovely Easter parade by the Early Years children. We came together to celebrate the coming joy of Easter with the choir singing some lovely Easter songs and finishing off with a joyous whole school song of Easter Jubilation! Congratulations to all the Easter art prize-winners. The artistic talent shown was phenomenal. It was a very difficult choice - I am glad the Chaplaincy Team had the job of judging!

So, we have reached the end of what was a rather short but jam-packed term as always. It has been somewhat of an unusual one for me and I wish to thank all the staff and parents for your support over the last months. It has meant a great deal to have the support of St Adrian's at this time. I mentioned in earlier newsletters that our family would think of a fundraising event for Macmillan and so myself, my sister and friend have decided to take part in the Macmillan Mighty Marathon Hike along the North Antrim coast in June in honour of our mammy.

If you would like to make a donation to this fantastic cause, please follow the link below. Our training has already started. Wish us luck!

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/teameilish>





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Once again, I would like to thank all the staff here at St Adrian's who work incredibly hard to support all of your children here. I wish them and your families a very happy, healthy and holy Easter. I look forward to the summer term with excitement.

Kind regards,

Mrs Porter  
Headteacher







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