

**WELL DONE YEAR 6!!**

Congratulations to Year 6 for a superb assembly based around Catherine Mc Auley, the founder of the Sisters of Mercy. The children read, sang and acted so beautifully and shared with us Catherine Mc Auley's life story and reminded us of how we can live out the mercy charism in our school. I am sure the parents were all very proud as were we. Thank you to Mr Hayes for preparing the children so brilliantly. It was a wonderful celebration assembly.



**PRAYER FRIDAY**

This year, we will reinstate prayer Friday once a month for families to come and join me after school to pray and reflect. Our first prayer Friday of the year will take place at 3.30pm on Friday 11th October. Parents, family members, children and parishioners of St Barts are invited to come and join us in prayer. Please let any parishioners know that they are more than welcome to attend if they are free. As it is the month of the rosary, please bring along rosary beads if you have them.

**PRAYER BAGS**

I spoke with the children in assembly on Thursday and explained about the prayer bags that will be sent home on a rota for you to pray with the children. There are various items in the bag that you can share and set up a little prayer area with the family. Your child may write a prayer or tell you their prayer which you can write for them if they are unable to. They may decorate the page and make it look beautiful. Once the bags have been prepared, they will be sent home on a Friday and returned on Wednesday when they can share their prayer with the class. Feel free to take a photo as well. If your family does not follow the Catholic faith, please feel free to pray in your way and share your family prayer time in the book.

**SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD**

The School Council 2024-2025 had their first meeting this afternoon and they would like to invite the school to take part in Show Racism the Red Card on Friday 18th October, in two ways.

- For a £1 donation, children can come to school wearing red clothes
- An anti-racism poster. The posters need to be A4 size and can be in any medium. They need to demonstrate how and why the world should be inclusive and equal.

The deadline for the posters is Wednesday 16th October, when the School Council will judge them. The winners (EYFS/KS1 and KS2) will be announced in assembly on 18th October. It is 50p per poster entry.

### **FESTIVAL OF THE GIRL**

**5th and 6th October, Islington, London.**

Imagine a future where gender stereotypes no longer limit kids' potential. Festival of The Girl is an event created for (though not limited to) girls aged 7-11 (KS2), activities and workshops range from construction to wrestling, farming to sustainability, body image to virtual reality, and much more. Saturday also includes a SEND session for kids and their families.

[Get your tickets here](#). There is a pay-what-you-can option available.

### **PTA WELCOME BBQ**

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers that made the bbq a success! The weather was kind to us and we made a fantastic £2583! This is a fantastic amount of money and a great start to the school year. We hope to be able to share some information soon about where PTA money is going to be spent.

### **Panto Tickets- Cinderella 13th December**

Next Monday tickets will go on sale via our PTA events page. We have a limited amount of tickets for sale. Always a fun night with friends, make sure you get in quick!

### **Grow a £1**

A massive thank you to all the children and families that put in a huge amount of effort to grow their pounds over the summer holiday. We will be announcing the winner next week and celebrating the children's efforts. It's been so wonderful seeing all the creative ways in which children have managed to grow their pounds to raise money. Some mini entrepreneurs in the making!

**WELL DONE TO OUR WINNERS!!!**

**AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE .....**

### **HOUSE POINTS - CONGRATULATIONS ST LUKE**

**St Luke = 506**

**St Matthew = 474**

**St Mark = 377**

**St John = 319**

<b>Class</b>		
Reception	India Crane-Phillips	Kanan Clarke
Year 1	Ryan Mc Carthy	Ella-Rose Daniels
Year 2	Vivianna Keane	Durra Belhaj
Year 3	Eva Pollecutt	Xander De Casa
Year 4	Kevin Karunaratne	Evie Thorley
Year 5	Harper Nash	George Adams
Year 6	All of Year 6 for their excellent assembly	

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Monday 7th October - Caritas Ambassadors attend 40th anniversary of the education centre in St Albans Cathedral ( Don't forget a packed lunch!)
- Monday 7th October @ 8.30am-12.00pm - Year 2 Parent Consultations in the McAuley Room
- Tuesday 8th October @ 8.30am-12.00pm - Year 3 Parent Consultations in the McAuley Room
- Wednesday 9th October @ 8.30am-12.00pm - Year 4 Parent Consultations in the McAuley Room
- Thursday 10th October 4.00pm - 7.30pm - All year groups evening parent consultations in the hall
- Friday 11th October @ 3.20pm in the hall - Prayer Friday families and St Barts parishioners welcome

Have a great weekend everyone.

Many thanks,

Mrs Porter