

# St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

3rd March 2023

**REFLECTION**Money, in its many forms, helps keep things moving. As society evolves, so does how we are able to spend, save and use money.

We pray for the world leaders and financial organisations as they decide the future of currency and how we spend our money. We ask that you fill them with your wisdom to make our world future proof. Also give them empathy and understanding so they consider all people and their circumstances before making changes such as cryptocurrency. We pray for a future where everyone has a right to spend their money in a way that suits them.

In Jesus' name, AMEN.

Wow Wow! What a week!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the pyjamas yesterday for World Book Day and the important bedtime bear too! What a tremendous response from all of our pupils and parents! The whole day was extremely exciting in school and was organised by our Reading Lead teacher, Mrs Day!

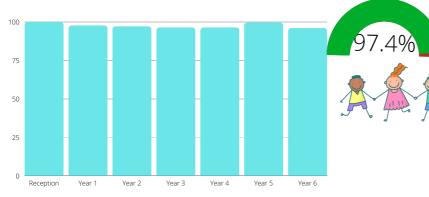
Every class had a book themed morning, then we had a special lunch followed by a story from a different teacher throughout the school (children picked a book) and then the lovely Share-a-Book in the afternoon with parents/friends.



The Bedtime Stories theme was a great success and we hope it saved a little bit of time at the beginning/end of the day too! This week, we have also had our annual School Photographs - we would welcome any feedback from Parents to the School office as we have change provider this year.

Finally, some amazing news for our School today - in Assembly we have launched 'Children's University' - a leaflet is accompanying this newsletter to explain - but all pupils are automatically members and collect 'points' towards a degree, certificate etc.. In the Summer term of Y2 and Y6, pupils will 'graduate' at a ceremony at UCL. Mr Hughes is our CU coordinator and will automatically collate any trips, visits or clubs within school, but if your child wants to collect stamps/points from outside they will need a CU passport which are available to buy via ParentMail. (£3.95). Look out for the 'Learning Destination' poster when you are out and about! I can't wait to see all of our graduates later this year!

#### **ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK**













Our Wellbeing Ambassador, Olive, has introduced 'Reflection of the Week' in each KS2 class. These are our winners this week: 'This week has been a great and fun week because it

'This week has been a great and fun week because it was World Book day, different clubs and playing with my friends. I learnt so many new things - I hope everyone else has as well,' Scarlett

'I felt joyful this week because I helped others out and I had fun,' Annabel

I had a good week - I played netball, went to Brownies and had swimming. Anna

#### **Reminder:**

ALL FAMILIES AND CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO MASS EVERY SUNDAY IN OUR CHURCH AT 11AM. For Y4 parents, don't forget to 'register' attendance at the back of church!

#### 8/March PTFA EGM

10/3 Non-Uniform day in exchange for donations to class rainbow hamper (see parentmail)

17/3 Year 5 Show Case Assembly

31/3 Year 4 Show Case Assembly

4/4 PTFA Bingo Night

19/5 Rise and Shine Jog 8/6 PTFA Disco

29/6 Sports Day

7/7 Summer Fair

13/7 Year 6 Leavers Production

# CLASS CHALLENGE NOW IT WORKS... Each class has their own bottle for collecting 5p (or any silver) coins. The class with the most coins at the end of 5pring term or the first class to completely fill their bottle will WIM a voucher to spend on PLAY TIME GAMES! GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

#### **SCHOOL MEALS**

Week 3 of the menu next week.

#### **FOODBANK**

Friday 9:30 - 12:00 Penwortham Community Centre



Every week, 1 child will be reader of the week in each class, with 1 lucky winner receiving a £10 gift voucher for books, thanks to Ms Goode and WHSmiths.



Our first recipient is Remy (Y1) who has been working really hard on his reading this week. Well done!





**Uniform reminder:**Blue polo shirt (plain or with logo)

Grey shorts, trousers, skirt or pinafore (blue and white gingham dresses can be worn in the summer term)

Grey socks or tights. (white with summer dresses)

Cardigan or jumper with school logo

Black shoes or totally black trainers

#### PE kit

Maroon shorts and blue polo shirt (plain or with logo)

Plain black joggers, tracksuit bottoms or leggings

Maroon hoody with logo

Black trainers

It is essential for all trainers to be totally black with a black sole.



Dear Parents / Guardians,

We are delighted to welcome your child on board to participate in Children's University!

# What is Children's University?

We are a national charitable organisation which celebrates learning that takes place outside of school hours. Pupils collect 'credits' for the time they spend outside of school hours participating in a huge variety of different learning activities.

## How does it work?

Your child can collect 'credits' by:

- Attending after school clubs run by your child's school
- Attending 'Learning Destinations' in your area (such as swimming lessons, cubs, brownies, football training, gymnastics lessons, music lessons, the list is endless!)
- Attending structured activity sessions at libraries, museums, farms, leisure centres and more across the whole country.
- By taking part in holiday challenges set by your local Children's University.

Usually one hour of learning will equal 1 credit.

Pupils will collect their credits throughout the years and if they reach our target at the end of year 2 and year 6 they will be invited to our graduation ceremony in partnership with your local University.

Hours earned at school clubs will be recorded by your school. However if you want to collect credits at external Learning Destinations then you will need to purchase a Passport to Learning from your school office which your child keeps throughout their time at school.





# What are the five golden rules?

- Learning must be voluntary
- Learning must be outside of normal school hours
- There must be structured learning taking place
- Pupils can gain no more than 10 credits per activity per term (this is to encourage children to try lots of activities)
- All activities need to be accredited by Children's University and will display our Learning Destination logo.



# Where can I find Learning Destinations?



You will find details of all of the Learning Destinations in your area and beyond on our website. Go to:

### www.childrensuniversity.co.uk

If your child attends an activity that isn't on our website please ask them go to the 'Get Involved' page on our website and select 'Learning Providers'. Alternatively scan the QR code to tell us their details and we will get in touch.

# Contact us:

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