

# St Gabriel's Catholic Primary School

## Friday Note



18th October 2024

### **Weekly Theme**

When we return after half-term, the weekly theme will be on bonfire safety and the celebration of Diwali.

### **Diwali**

Reception will have a visitor joining them on Wednesday 30th October who will provide further activities to support their understanding of Diwali, the Hindu/Sikh festival of light.

### **Y4 'With You Always' Programme**

Thank you to parents who have returned application forms for first communion. Fr Paul will meet parents on Thursday 31st October at 3:20pm. It will be a short meeting (15-20 minutes) to find out more about the programme and for parents/carers to ask questions. Please add this date to your diary.

### **All Saints Day**

On Friday 1st November, KS2 classes will celebrate All Saints Day with Mass in school. Parents, carers, extended family members are welcome to join us for this celebration. Mass will begin at 10am. Tea/Coffee will be available after Mass.

### **Bonfire Safety**

On Friday 1st November, we will be joined by representatives from the Fire Service to talk to children in KS1 and 2 about staying safe on Bonfire Night and our responsibility to keep others safe.

### **Parents' Evening**

Despite the weather on Wednesday evening, we had a fantastic attendance at Parents' Evening. Thank you to everyone who attended and for completing the questionnaires. If you were unable to meet your child's class teacher, they will contact you to make alternative arrangements.

### **Parent Governor**

As you are aware, there are currently two vacant positions for parent governors. There were no nominations at the first attempt to fill these roles. I know that some parents expressed an interest in these roles at parents' evening. The role is not to act as a parent spokesperson, or bring individual concerns to the meetings, but to give a parental perspective on strategic decisions made by the governing board. This normally entails one meeting per half term, between 90 minutes and 2 hours in duration. Training opportunities for the role will also be offered to the elected parents. If you are interested, please complete the nomination form and return to school by Wednesday 6th November at 12pm.

### **Fencing Competition**

A group of Y3/4 children took part in a fencing competition this week, with other schools across Leigh, Lowton and Golborne. They worked as a team, representing our school superbly, showing respect and responsibility. They finished in 2nd place which is amazing and were awarded their medals and certificates in assembly today. Congratulations to Archie, Kaiden, Amarah, Elodie, Alfie and Harry.

### **Mini Blue Light**

Year 6 will be taking part in a Mini Blue Light programme after half term. A letter has been sent home with more information.

### **British Legion - Poppy Appeal**

We are supporting the British Legion's Poppy Appeal again this year. Poppies are available for a donation of your choosing. In addition, we are also selling: Pin Badges - £3.00, Wooden Cross - £3.00, Zip Poppy - 50p, Snap Bands - £1.00 and Festival Bands - £1.00. These are all available from the main office.

### **Complaints**

A positive working relationship between home and school is important for your child's education. There may be times when you wish to raise concerns or need clarification on specific matters.

Please rest assured that we want to work with you to address your concerns. If you wish to raise a concern, it is necessary to follow the complaints procedure.

In Short:

1— Speak to class teacher

2— Speak to a member of SLT with responsibility for your child's year, or for pastoral matters ask for Mrs Ashurst.

3— If the matter cannot be resolved, arrange to meet with Mrs Williams.

4— At this stage, your concerns may be escalated to our Chair of Governors.

### **Residential Trips**

There are two residential visits booked for this academic year. Separate letters, with further details, have been sent home.

1 - Y6 residential to Dobroyd Castle on Monday 2nd-Wednesday 4th June.

2 - Y3/4 residential weekend to Low Bank Ground, Coniston on Friday 23rd—Sunday 25th May.

Bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis. We are sending this information now to give you plenty time to cover the costs with a payment plan. If your child would like to attend then please return the slip with a deposit.

### **Y6 High School Applications**

Please note that the deadline for high school applications is approaching. In recent years, anyone who has applied late has NOT been able to secure a place in their preferred school. The deadline is **31st October 2024**.

The application form is available through the web page at [Secondary schools \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/secondary-schools), before an application is made you must read the 'Applying for a Y7 place' booklet which is available on the web page.

The booklet will explain how applications are considered, the oversubscription criteria for all Wigan Secondary School and how to apply.

**AWARD WINNERS THIS WEEK**

This week's certificates are awarded to:



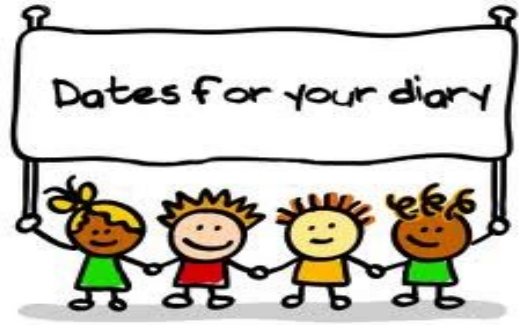
**Leon, Tishe, Joshua, Olive, Rue, Stacy, Nik, William, Joshua, Jacob** for showing **RESPONSIBILITY**



**Donald** for showing **RESPECT**



**Noah, Ygritte, Rose, Oshay, Lily, Layton** for showing **LOVE**



**18th October**

**Close for half term**

**28th October**

**School re-opens**

Class 3 - **Aleia**

Class 4 - **Charlie**



Class 5 - **Elizabeth**



Class 6 - **Layla**

Class 7 - **Joseph**

Class 8 - **Blake**

Class 9 - **Blake**



Class 10 - **Heesmat**



Class 11 - **Jayden**

Class 12 - **Caiden**

Class 13 - **Kairi**



For showing **EFFORT** (Star of the Week)

**Congratulations and Well Done!**

