



It finally feels like Spring is in the air, with some daffodils and snowdrops beginning to appear around the school.

That's not the only change you may have noticed this week, with our playground markings getting a significant upgrade. Thanks to all the parent helpers who made the KS1 disco such a big success this afternoon. Next week we have our curriculum evening and story at bedtime on Thursday evening and one of the highlights of the year, our world book day dress up day on Friday. Although there is a general Roald Dahl theme, please feel free to reuse any costumes you may have at home, Roald Dahl themed or not. Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

## NEW PLAYGROUND MARKINGS

When Mr Campbell retired as headteacher, he left a substantial legacy gift to be used to improve the playtime experiences for our pupils. It's taken us a long time to decide how to spend the money, but we've finally got there and we have lovely new interactive markings on our KS1 and KS2 playgrounds as a result. Our KS1 markings are pirate themed in honour of Mr Campbell's alter-ego 'Pirate Campbell', who often made an appearance during book week. The STBSA have also made a substantial contribution so that we could have new games areas on our KS2 playground.



## ST ELIZABETH CLASS ASSEMBLY

This morning's assembly was the perfect warm-up for book week, with St Elizabeth class celebrating their love of books and stories. They showed us how much they know in phonics and they also sang some beautiful songs. Well done St Elizabeth class and your teachers!



## ASH WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday we will be having an ashes service in school for Ash Wednesday. Our Catholic children will receive ashes on their forehead as part of the service. We are aware of a small number of pupils with skin conditions where this may be a concern. If your child is Catholic but would prefer not to receive ashes, please tell them to let their teacher know (KS2) or for younger pupils, can you please let the office or gate staff know yourself.



Butterflies	Ezra Searle	Ladybirds	Estefanos Michael
St Joseph	Angelo Cozma-Zaharia	St Elizabeth	Isabelle Hall
St Francis	Rafael Green	St Anne	Gia Nicholson
St Peter	Justin Loubao	St Bernadette	Sophie Bobkiewicz
St Paul	Milosz Jaroszewski	St Therese	Hanna Bielecka
St Martin	Alisiya Curniffe	St Cecilia	Tiffany Onumonu
St Benedict	Aiyanna James	St Brigid	Katty Kola



# NETBALL NEWS

On Tuesday we played against Park Hill Primary School in a tough match...we even had to play them twice! But luckily, our team did a super job at winning both matches convincingly. The scores were 7-0 and 8-0 to us! This made us all very happy!

On Thursday we had an away match to St John's Primary. Even though when we played them before they had beaten us, our team tried our best. We knew we had improved massively since we last played and continued playing our best against them! It was a very tough match. By the end of the first half, it was a draw but sadly the final score was 7-5 to them. Although we lost, we left feeling proud, knowing we had improved!

By Aine and Katty



# WEDNESDAY WORD

'Your words show what is in your heart'

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. "Why do you observe the splinter in your friend's eye and never notice the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your friend, 'Friend, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,' when you cannot see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your friend's eye. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. You can tell what a tree is like by the fruit it produces. You cannot pick figs or grapes from brambles. A good person does good things out of the good stored up in their heart; a bad person does bad things out of the badness in their heart. Your words show what is in your heart."



From the Gospel of Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 Cf. Luke 6:39-45 (the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord Time, Year C)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **ACTION**.



# CURRICULUM EVENING

A reminder that next Thursday is our maths curriculum evening, where parents & carers are invited to join us for an evening of workshops, which will showcase how we teach maths in school and how you can support your child at home. Pupils of St Thomas Becket school are also invited to attend that evening for a story at bedtime. As was the case last year, pupils can attend in pyjamas and/or bring a cuddly bedtime toy if they wish. The evening starts at 5.45pm and ends at 6.55pm. Pupils can only attend the story at bedtime if a parent or carer is attending the maths workshops.

# STEM CAREERS MORNING

This morning we were joined by six different parents who work in various branches of science, technology engineering and maths to speak to our older children about their career path, how they got there and the positive aspects and challenges of their chosen profession. A really big thank you to the parents who gave up their time for these very informative sessions and to our maths lead Mrs McFeat for organising the morning.

# ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to Hettie (Yr 1) for her Kumon award, to Gabe (Reception) for being Judoka of the month, to Ethan Joseph (Yr 4) for his \*Gold\* award in swimming, to Karina for her bronze swimming award and to Agnes (Yr 3) for earning her sewing machine drivers license. Great work everyone -- what a fabulous range of skills.



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