

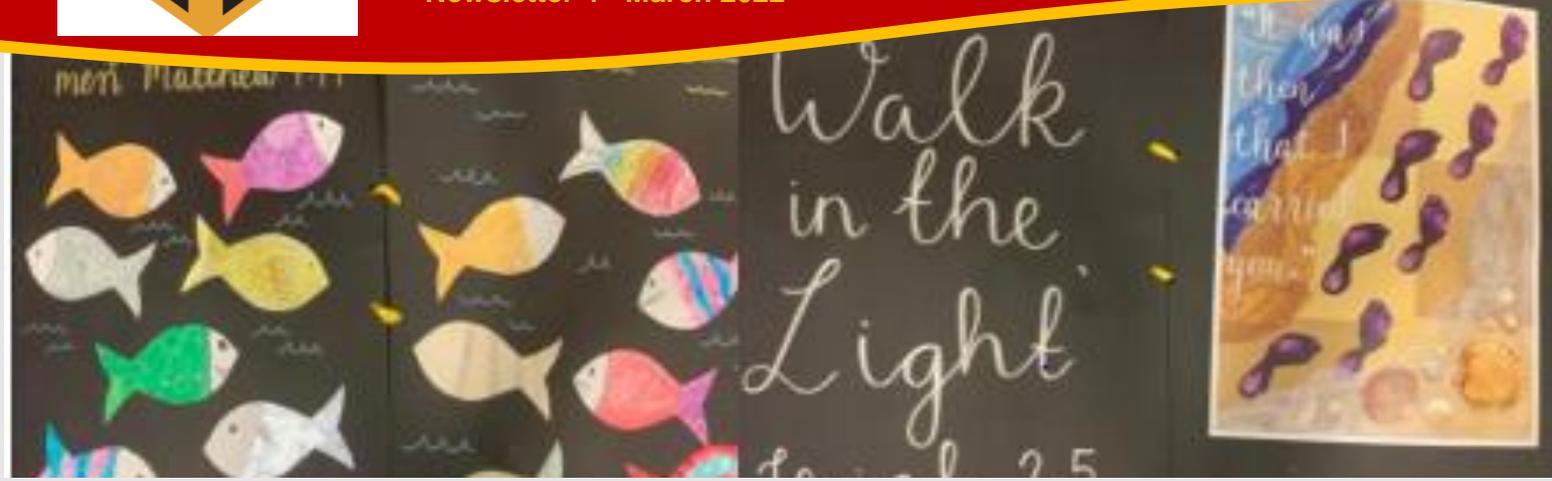


St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Newsletter 4th March 2022



“Walking together in the Light of the Lord.”

A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed an incredibly busy week in school marking a whole host of events: discos, Ash Wednesday and World Book Day!

This term will continue to be a busy one. Next week, on **8th and 9th March**, we welcome parents to **Parents' Evening**. Thank you to all families who have booked an appointment. During the evening of **9th March**, our choir will be part of **NMPAT's Big Sing** event at the Derngate Theatre. On Thursday, we will **Walk Against Hunger** as part of our Lenten almsgiving. We have a [Just Giving page](#) to raise money for CAFOD as part of this. As well as this, a flyer has been sent from the PTFA for the annual **Mothers' Day Gift Room** event; please ensure all payments are received before the deadline. Our choir and Ethos Team have been invited to represent our school at the **Lent Reflection** at Northampton Cathedral on **15th March** at 5.30pm. We will also enjoy a day to **wear green** on **Thursday 17th March** – a letter will follow.

Whilst we enjoy lots of exciting events, the news reminds us to remember what others are experiencing across the world. Our Pupil Leaders are keen to ensure that we are supporting those in Ukraine and we will be collecting donations at the school gate to send until Tuesday 8th March. In school, we will continue to encourage each other to pray for those affected by the situation and remember that our faith, our hope and our God is 'for such a time as this'. (Esther 4:14).

We hope you enjoy the weekend with your families.

**Best wishes,
Mrs Yuen**

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World Book Day!

We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday by dressing up as book characters and basing our learning around particular picture books. Nursery and Reception explored 'Lula gets a Cat'; Year 1 and 2 worked together in their House groups and investigated the story of 'Beegu'; our Year 3 and Year 4 classes read 'The Dark' and Year 5 and 6 studied the aptly named 'Gregory Cool'. At the end of the day, the whole school came together for a special assembly where each class shared a poem they had learned, this was a great opportunity to see everyone's costumes too!

Thank you to all the families who supported by providing costumes for their children and also those who made such generous donations to the St Thomas Centre Food Bank, which operates from the Cathedral. Please see some photos of our day on the third page of this newsletter.

Term Dates 2021-22

Lent Term

Term ends: Friday 1st April 2022

Pentecost Term

Term starts: Tuesday 19th April 2022

Term ends: Friday 27th May 2022

**Half Term: Monday 30th May 2022-
Friday 3rd June 2022**

Term starts: Monday 6th June 2022

Term ends: Thursday 21st July 2022

(Please note this revised day, which takes into account the extra day given for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee)

Find the full calendar [here](#).

DISCO delights!

The school was alive with excitement on Tuesday, in great anticipation of our first school discos since February 2020!

The number of attendees was phenomenal and it was wonderful to welcome Nursery to their first disco! The children's attitude and behaviour was excellent and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Thank you to the PTFA and all of their helpers – we hope to have raised lots of money while having a brilliant time!

Fun at the DISCO...



Ash Wednesday



We were delighted to welcome Fr David on Wednesday to help us mark the season of Lent, by celebrating Mass for us. During his homily, Fr David told us about a camping trip he had been on and linked this to the campfire he and his friends built. The wood became ash and this was blown away in the wind; the same way that Jesus takes away our sins. This was a beautiful moment which helped the children to understand why we receive ashes on Ash Wednesday. The children participated very well in Mass. Thank you to Fr David and our readers: Benjamin, Brianna, Miranda, Paris, Aoife, Aman, Chichetaram, Chinechetam Helena, Sienna, and Mr Boshell.



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World Book Day 2022



St Faustina Class



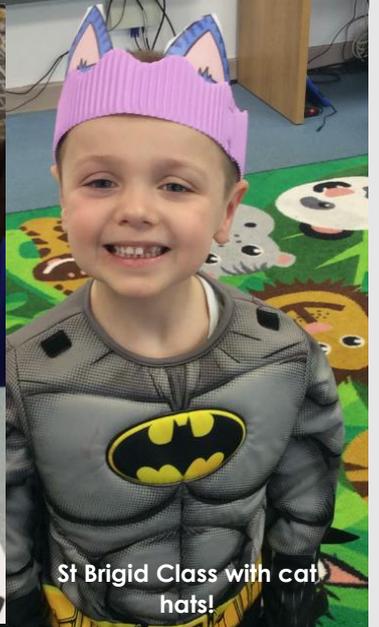
Some Year 3 and Year 4 pupils



Year 1 creating 'Beegu'



St Brigid Class – painting cats



St Brigid Class with cat hats!



St Oscar Romero Class



Staff used the Little People, Big Dreams series as inspiration for their costumes.

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RE:NEW Catholic Mission

Saturday 5th March sees the next instalment of RE:NEW Catholic Mission at the St Thomas Centre, NN2 6AG from 10am until 12pm. This is led by Fr David and he says: 'We are excited to have Fiona Furman speaking on the theme of trust. Her talk is titled: 'A Tale of Two Weddings'. Fiona is a gifted speaker and woman of God. Working in the world of communications and joined with her faithful love of Christ and His Church, this talk is sure to be a treat for us all!

There will be the usual generous hospitality, passionate worship music, moving testimony and the opportunity to sit with the Lord in the Throne Room with Eucharistic Adoration. We are also excited to host First Saturday Pop-up Shop, which is a creative Catholic Gift shop.'

All are welcome to this wonderful event.



The Children of the Future

With Easter fast approaching, St Gregory's Church (NN2 7RT) would like to offer parents and children the opportunity to join them for two sessions followed by coffee and treats!

Thursday 14th April at 10am - Fun activities exploring the Last Supper and what it means as Catholics, followed by refreshments.

Friday 15th April at 10am – On this day, the young people will be taken on a journey learning about the Stations of the Cross followed by refreshments.

St Gregory's Church would be pleased to welcome you at these events.

Alpha

St Gregory's Church (NN2 7RT)

You are invited to join them as they explore the Christian faith by listening to talks, enjoying a delicious meal and partaking in discussions. Find out more [here](#).

Taster Evening: 8th March 2022 @ 7.30pm.

Course Starts: 26th April 2022 @ 7.30pm.

Lent Reflection

The poster for the Lent Reflection event has a purple background. On the right side, there is a wooden cross with a purple cloth draped over it, and a green palm frond is visible in the foreground. The text is white and reads:

Lent Reflection

We invite you to join us, along with the other Catholic schools in the town of Northampton, for an evening of prayer and reflection.

On: Tuesday 15th March

Time: 5.30pm (performers to arrive at 4.30pm)

At: The Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate and St Thomas of Canterbury

We look forward to welcoming you.

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