

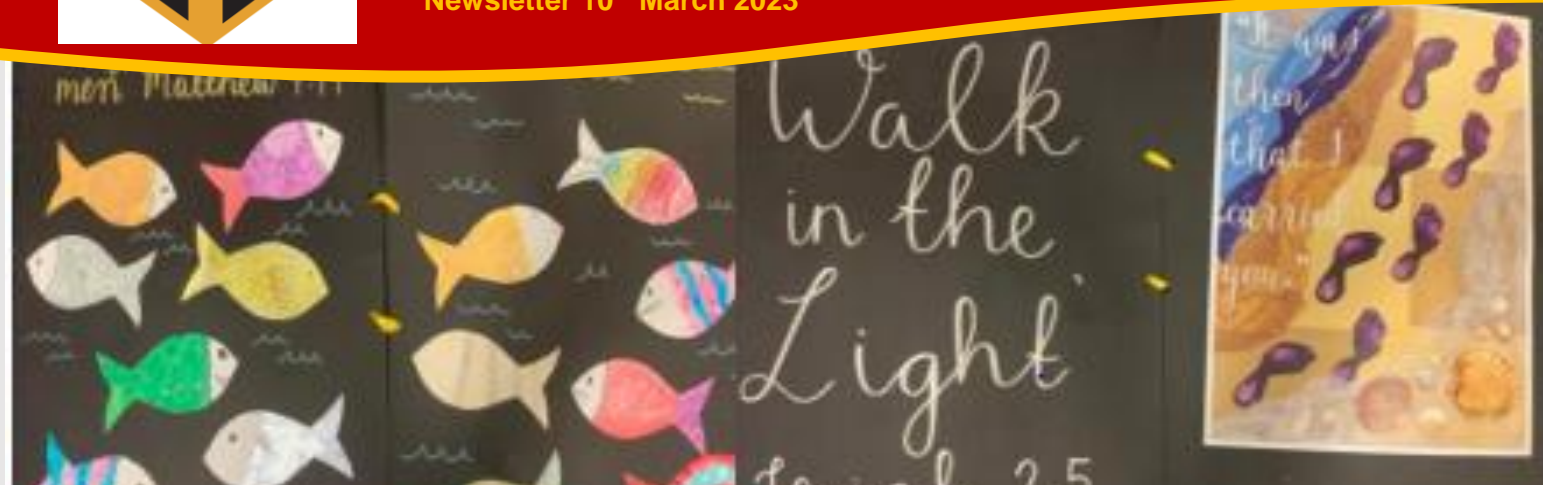


St Gregory's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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"Walking together in the Light of the Lord."

A Message from Miss Marum...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We seem to have experienced all the seasons this week! The children have had a brilliant time playing outside – particularly today, when children with wellies in school were splashing in the puddles. It is wonderful to see some sunshine this afternoon. A big thank you to Mr Clarke who has worked tirelessly over the past two days to ensure our school site has been safe for pupils and staff to access.

Thank you to all families who took the time to attend Parents' Evening this week. It was great to see you all. Class Teachers really appreciated the time to talk to you about your child's effort and progress. Thank you for all of your supportive and complimentary comments too – St Gregory's is a very special place.

We were really pleased to welcome Miss Fowkes to our staff team this week. Miss Fowkes joins us as a Teaching Assistant and is based in Key Stage One. We are also delighted to share that Mrs Johnson has been employed as a permanent member of staff in our school.

You will have received information today via ParentMail about the school's arrangements for Wednesday and Thursday next week.

We have now received the official report from our recent CSI Inspection and this has been sent to parents along with a letter from Mrs Yuen today. There are many parts to celebrate so we hope you enjoy reading it!

We hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss Marum

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Perfecting painting skills with planets...

Children in St Catherine of Siena class practised their colour mixing knowledge and painting skills whilst learning about the planets in the Solar System today. They considered the size of the different planets as well as any distinguishing features as part of their learning.



Term Dates

Lent Term

Term ends: Friday 31st March 2023

Pentecost Term

Term starts: Monday 17th April 2023

Term ends: Friday 26th May 2023

**Half Term: Monday 29th May 2023-
Friday 2nd June 2023**

Term starts: Monday 5th June 2023

INSET Day: Friday 30th June 2023

Term ends: Friday 21st July 2023

Find the calendar [here](#).

Please see term dates for next academic year [here](#).

First Friday Rosary

Last Friday, St Bernadette Class and St Claudine Class gathered in the Emmaus Room to pray the rosary together to mark the first Friday of the month. There are always so many pupils keen to lead their friends in prayer.



Big Lent Walk

Every child in the school will be participating in the **Big Lent Walk** next **Friday, 17th March**. We are aiming to walk at least 200km collectively.

This will also be a **non-uniform day** where the staff and pupils may wear non-uniform containing the colour **purple** for CAFOD and/or **green** for St Patrick's Day. Clothing should be appropriate for a day at school and comfortable shoes should be worn – trainers might be the most appropriate.

We will be raising money online for CAFOD from our Big Lent Walk and non-uniform.

Please donate [here](#).

Mr Boshell's Marathon Message!

I am running the London Marathon in aid of Headway East Northants, who are a charity which provides support and services to survivors of brain injury, in addition to their family and carers. This is a charity close to my heart as they looked after my Grandma when she suffered a brain injury, giving invaluable support to both her and my Grandad. If you are able to donate and would like to, I would be very grateful; every little truly does help!

The link to donate at is: <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/Eddie-Boshell>, or you can use the QR code below to take you to my page as well. You can also help by sharing the link with all your family and friends.

Thank you for your support so far!



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Still Life in St David Class

The children in Year 2 have been studying Still Life this term. At the beginning of their project, they visited Mrs Cowell's special Art Gallery in school, which housed artwork from several artists. The children have studied a variety of artists and still life pieces, developed their colour mixing skills and sketched 'still life' too. We are amazed at the children's results. Their final pieces will soon be displayed in their St Gregory's Gallery.



Number sense in Nursery

Our Nursery children have been practising their numbers up to and including the number five. They have made different representations of the number. They are always keen to have a go and show their skills!



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Our CSI Inspection – February 2023

We are so pleased to have received the report from our recent CSI inspection – we are only the second school in the Diocese of Northampton to have had an inspection under the new framework. There are many highlights in the report including:

'Walking together in the Light of the Lord is at the heart of the school, guiding the actions of the whole community. It has a profound impact on the attitudes and behaviour of pupils, motivating them into a serious commitment to the social teachings of the church.'

'Staff at all levels are inspired by the charism of the school and have a strong desire to ensure pupils know they are loved and valued by God.'

'Pastoral care is delivered through the lens of Chaplaincy and is an outstanding provision.'

Chaplaincy work has a 'dynamic impact on the Catholic character of the school, evident in the physical environment and moral development of the community.'



Staff are 'dedicated to the value of religious education for pupils and can articulate how it underpins the whole curriculum.'

'The richness and variety of prayer and liturgy encourages deep engagement and reverence and results in pupils taking their faith beyond this school.'

Lenten Reflection






We warmly invite you to join us at this year's Lenten Reflection where pupils from the four Catholic schools in the town of Northampton will lead us in prayer and worship as we journey with Jesus to the cross.

LENTEN REFLECTION

Based on the Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 22nd March 2023
5.00pm
The Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of Canterbury
NN2 6AG

You are invited to join pupils from the Northampton Catholic Schools on their Lenten journey: take time to be with Jesus to relive His suffering through the eyes of our young people in reflection, prayer and music.



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On **Friday 17th March**, as part of our **Lenten almsgiving**, St Gregory's will be participating in a **Big Lent Walk** on the school field to raise money for CAFOD.

Please sponsor your child (or anyone in our school!) by visiting our [fundraising page](#) which is live now.

We aim to walk at least 200km collectively and raise at least £200 to aid CAFOD's work.

Use our QR code to donate!



Non-Uniform DAY

Pupils may wear non-uniform on this day, wearing either **purple** to mark the Lenten season or **green** as our walk falls on the feast of St Patrick.

Pupils must wear comfortable shoes (trainers recommended) and bring a coat with them to school.

Year 6 pupils will have PE on this day. Their clothing must be suitable for a PE lesson please.

No onesies, fancy dress or Heelys please!

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