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ST. WINEFRIDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

It has been a wonderful start to our academic year and I cannot believe at the time of writing this, we are fast approaching half term. I want to express how incredibly proud I am of all of the children at St Winefride's for settling back to school so well; becoming familiar with their new teachers, classes and routines and showing motivation and dedication to their learning. It has been wonderful to celebrate assemblies in our school hall, as well as celebrations such as Harvest. Achievement Assemblies are back and it is a joy to see so many children receiving awards and family members able to join us and celebrate these achievements. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know families better this half term and chatting to you on the school playground. Thank you for your continued support in following our guidance to ensure that we manage the spread of Covid 19 in our school community and keep everyone safe and well. It is positive that there has been little disruption to the education of our pupils.

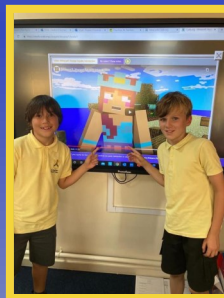
I know that parents are updated regularly about school events via our School Dojo, Facebook and Parent Mail but I wanted to share some of the many highlights this half term.



Thank you to all of the parents, carers and family members who came to our coffee mornings. It was lovely to see you and spend some time getting to know you and learn more about you and your family.



National Coding week



Achievement Assemblies



It was National Coding Week 13th—19th September and all of the children, throughout the school, practised their coding skills using a variety of programmes. They thoroughly enjoyed it and they showed commitment to applying the skills, that had been taught, to their tasks. In all computing lessons, the children are taught about the importance of internet safety and how to ensure that they are using their devices safely.

It has been a joy to celebrate achievements of children in our Achievement Assemblies and listen to their teachers share with us all how well they are working. We have welcomed parents, carers and family members to share in these achievements and we are thankful that this has been able to happen. Well done to all of the children, who have received an achievement award so far and keep working hard. I can see from Class Dojo what children are receiving their Dojo points for. This is wonderful to see and the staff and I are very proud of the children. Keep up the wonderful work!



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Happy Harvest Celebration

On Wednesday 13th October, the whole of St Winefride's school came together for the very first time in a long while! They gathered in the hall and each class shared a song, poem, research about harvest; what it is and how we celebrate it and how other faiths celebrate it also. It was a joyous occasion for many reasons. We would like to thank all of our families for generously donating food items and parcels which were given to the local food bank to help those in need. The volunteers from the foodbank were overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community and asked us to pass on their gratitude.

On this same day, the children filled the school with shades of green as they took part in '**GO GREEN FOR CAFOD**' raising **£140.72** for people in need all over the world. The staff are extremely thankful for the support received from families to help make a difference to the lives of others.

Hello Yellow - World Mental Health Day

On Friday 8th October, World Mental Health Day, the children, staff and community of St Winefride's wore tones of yellow to raise awareness of mental health. Children are aware of the importance of good mental and physical health and this permeates through the curriculum delivered at St Winefride's. On this day, the children took part in a variety of fun and engaging activities raising awareness of their own mental well-being, as well as the well-being of others around them. It was a positive experience for all.



Sporting Success

Our sporting activities have started again and we are delighted. Mr Mills is enjoying leading the football sessions for children in KS1 and KS2. Dodgeball on Wednesday is extremely popular and it is lovely to see children enjoying their extra curricular activities once again. Further to this, we have been able to take part in competitive sport within our cluster and this has been fantastic. Recently, we have enjoyed participating in the local hockey and football competitions. All of the children, who took part, represented our school extremely well and we are proud of their enthusiasm and teamwork. There are more competitions planned for this academic year. We will be offering more extra curricular activities to our pupils after half term (a letter explaining the clubs on offer will be sent out separately). All classes took part in National Fitness day on 22nd September by taking part in physical activity - promoting physical and mental well being.





Year 6 Residential



Children in Year 6 along with Miss Ellis, Mrs O’Gorman and Mrs Dee had a wonderful time away at the Conway Centre on the Isle of Anglesey. After not being able to take part in residential visits to the centre over the past two years, it was a momentous occasion for children, staff and parents. The children enjoyed a variety of activities such as paddle boarding, raft building, high and low ropes, canoeing, abseiling, zip wiring and art. The staff at the centre said that the children were a joy to work with and that their behaviour, manners and attitude towards the activities was excellent. Overall, it was a fantastic experience and one that the children and staff will definitely remember. Well done to our year 6 children and thank you to Miss Ellis, Mrs O’Gorman and Mrs Dee for dedicating their time so that the children could enjoy their residential trip.

Sacramental Preparation

Thank you to all children and families from Years 3 and 4 who attended family mass at St Winefrides on Sunday 17th October. It was a lovely Mass and it was wonderful to fill the church with our children and their families as they begin their sacramental journey. A letter has been sent out to families explaining the sacramental programme and the expectations. Please contact us if you need any further information and we will be happy to help.

Volunteers



It is wonderful to welcome our volunteers back into school and we would like to thank them for their ongoing support. Mrs Millar, Mrs Williams and Dr Branch, our Chair of Governors, have been dedicating their time to come into school and listen to children read. During the summer break, Mrs Millar was instrumental in making the new seating area in our Lantern, which is being used by the children throughout the school to celebrate Liturgical prayer. It is a peaceful space and the children enjoy coming together here, with their class teacher, to reflect upon the Gospel of the week and share in silence, discussion and prayer.



The Lantern

Traffic outside of school.

We have sent many messages expressing our concern regarding the traffic and parking outside of school. Schools are very busy places at drop off and pick up times and it is important that we all adhere to the rules in place to keep everyone in our school community safe. I urge all parents to ensure that they park safely; the entrance to the school carpark should not be used as a place to drop off your child and I would like to remind everyone that the Pharmacy carpark **should not** be used at drop off and pick up times. We have received complaints from the pharmacy and it is important that we respect that this car park is not used at school drop off and collection times. Mellock Lane is a 20mph road and it is important that we adhere to the speed limit to keep everyone safe.



PTFA

A huge thank you to the members of the PTFA who have held meetings and planned events for our children in the Autumn term. These events are enjoyable for all of our children whilst raising money for our school. The children enjoy the events organised and they benefit from projects and visits that the PTFA fund. This half term, the PTFA have organised an Autumn Raffle (raising approximately £150) and the selling of Krispy Kreme doughnuts which raised £165. After half term, there will be an Autumn disco and this will be held after school on Thursday 4th November 3.30pm—5pm. If you can help at any of the events or help to prepare for events, please offer your support. Speak with the school office if you are able to do so.



Our PTFA need your support. If you are able to offer your time at events or you can support in anyway, please speak to our school office.

St. Winefride's Catholic Primary



Stay and Play

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At St Winefride's Catholic Primary school, we provide a happy, safe, and stimulating environment where every child is valued, respected and encouraged to achieve their full potential. Our dedicated and caring staff deliver a rich and broad curriculum which is inclusive of all abilities and needs. We nurture each child's gifts and talents so that they become happy, confident, independent and social members of society. We welcome all children of faith and non-faith backgrounds.

Is your child due to start school in September 2022?
Please take advantage of visiting our school on the following day and join in with 'stay and play'

Come and visit our school and join in our 'Stay and Play' session in our EVFS setting on **Friday 19th November 9.15am—10.15am**. This will give you and your child the opportunity to experience our caring ethos and high quality learning environment first hand; develop an understanding of what it will be like for your child starting school in Reception and meet our experienced and dedicated staff. Please contact school to book a place at this session. 0151 832 5012.

We look forward to welcoming you to our happy school.

Important dates for our first week back after half term:

Tuesday 2nd November—Children return to school. Doors open at 8.45am and school starts at 8.55am.

Thursday 4th November—Autumn Disco—PTFA EVENT—3.30pm—5pm. This is for the whole school and we ask parents of children in Reception to attend if their child would like to come to the disco.

Sunday 7th November— Family Mass at 11am at church followed by enrolment mass.

On behalf of all of the staff at St Winefride's, I would like to wish you an enjoyable and restful half term and we look forward to welcoming all of our children and families back to school on:

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