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Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below our school reflection, important information and celebrations of work and achievement across the school from this week.

### **Gospel Reflection Mark 4:24-36 – The Parable of the Mustard Tree**

Last Sunday's Gospel reading is an important one that we can reflect upon and use to strengthen our faith.

Jesus tells two short parables. One is of seed which is sown; growing quietly and mysteriously until it is ready to be harvested. The second is of a mustard seed, tiny and insignificant when planted, yet becoming, in time, a large magnificent tree that all life may shelter and flourish within. We use these parables as examples of our own spiritual and physical growth and God's loving plan for all of us.



"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."

### **'Running Out of Time' Event**

Last Friday we were very fortunate to be involved in a national initiative that raised awareness about the significant challenges posed by climate change. This included a relay event across Great Britain, which started at Ben Nevis and is currently working towards London, to arrive on the 4<sup>th</sup> July. We were chosen as one of only a handful of schools within Greater Manchester to be a part of this and on Friday, all pupils across the school lined the playground to welcome and cheer the cyclists on, as they progress towards London. Pupils made banners highlighting the effects and dangers of climate change and enthusiastically supported the group. Pupils from St Margaret Mary's took part in the relay and passed the baton around the playground before handing it on. A special word of thanks to Miss Dobie for helping to coordinate our involvement in this very important initiative.



### PTA Donations for Summer Fayre

A special word of thanks for your generous donations of bottles and chocolate, over the last two weeks, towards our Summer Fayre. Your support really is appreciated.

The PTA are asking if any parents/carers or members of the community would like to donate any prizes to our Summer Fayre raffle. Please contact the school if you think you can help.

As shared previously, our Summer Fayre will be held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm. We will share further details regarding this over the coming weeks.



### MfL MMU Collaboration:

Last week we completed a collaborative project with MMU, to celebrate the diversity and identity of our school community. This involved undergraduates and postgraduates from the University working with staff and classes on a range of curriculum areas and aspects of their identity.

We held a celebration of the work and activities completed through the week with a lovely assembly on Friday afternoon. I would like to say a special thanks to Miss Ganley who coordinated the event, and all staff and children across the school who welcomed the students so warmly.



### Sports Days

A reminder that next week we will be hosting our Sports Days for all pupils across the school. Please see the note that has been sent home with all children earlier this week, outlining details regarding this. We look forward to seeing you all next week.



### Class Photo Day

A reminder that on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June we will be taking class photos across the school. Please ensure that all pupils bring their school jumper/cardigan on this day, as well as their full uniform, including school tie. As these photos include children standing up please also ensure that children have the correct, plain black school shoes on. Thankyou.



### Great Science Share

A group of children attended this year's Great Science Share at the University of Manchester. The children showcased their own science learning and had the opportunity to learn from other children from across Greater Manchester.

Year 5 worked with other Year 5 children from a local primary school to share some of their favourite science investigations. The children enjoyed discussing their learning and taking on a lead role. To celebrate the Great Science Share, the children participated in a science show that provided lots of 'wow' moments.



## Y6 Residential to Ambleside

This week our Y6's have been on a residential trip to Ambleside. They have been so busy taking part in many activities which have included ghyll scrambling, scavenging, swimming and canoeing. Here are some pictures of their week...



For more photos please have a look at our X (formerly Twitter) account!



5C are this week's 'Class Attendance Winners' with an excellent attendance 100%!

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| <b>NurW</b><br>97.6% | <b>Nur/RecW</b><br>95.8% | <b>RecK</b><br>96.1% | <b>1T</b><br>96.1% | <b>1/2M</b><br>96.4% | <b>2M</b><br>98.1% |
| <b>3S</b><br>92.1%   | <b>3/4D</b><br>95.6%     | <b>4C</b><br>90%     | <b>5C</b><br>100%  | <b>5J</b><br>94.5%   | <b>6G</b><br>99.1% |
| <b>6W</b><br>97.3%   |                          |                      |                    |                      |                    |

### Dates to remember

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – EYFS Sports day 9.30am

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – Y1 & Y2 Sports Day 1.30pm

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** – Y3 & Y4 Sports Day 9.30am

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June** - Y5 & Y6 Sports Day 1.30pm

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Class Photo Day

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Summer Fayre 3pm

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** – School closes for Summer

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September** – Children return to school



Thank-you again for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton