

Newsletter 7

Cheadle Catholic Infant School

22nd October
2021



Love • Respect • Shine

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School we **love** and **respect** each other.
We **love** to learn and let our inner light **shine** brightly in all that we do.

Gospel Assembly:

In Assembly on Monday we listened to how Jesus taught his disciples how to be truly great. Being kind, self-giving, thoughtful and helpful are all great qualities. We thought about how it is not always easy to live our lives in this way but it is the way that God wants us to live, to be the best that we can be.

We thought about the word 'greatness' and our mission this week has been to show true greatness in our words and actions.

Outstanding Behaviour Awards:

Today in our Celebration Assembly we congratulated the children who have received an outstanding behaviour award from their class teacher.

Well done to the following children who have been a great example to their friends and shown excellent behaviour both in the classroom and at playtimes. We are very proud of you all!



N: Erin C & Jack
R1: Hudson & Grace
R2: Evelyn & Thomas S
R3: Ethan & Heidi

1O: Kai & Sadie
1DW: Alfie & Mallory
1BM: Harrison & Ada-Mae
2L: Marta & Sonny
2ON: Daisy & Dillon
2W: Connie & Logan



Mrs Deborah Dodd

This half term Mrs Deborah Dodd has made the decision to step down as Chair of Governors after many years of service at our school.

Mrs Dodd has been a huge support to me, especially during these unprecedented times. I am proud of what we have achieved together and I will always be grateful for her guidance and advice.

Thankyou Mrs Dodd for all of the love, care, guidance and friendship you have shown the children, staff and parents at Cheadle Catholic Infant School.

We will miss you but we wish you well and we send you on your way with our love and prayers.

A huge thankyou to Mrs Anne-Marie Nugnes who has taken on the role of Acting Chair of Governors. I look forward to working with Mrs Nugnes in the months ahead

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

Year 1 Visit to Bruntwood Park

On Monday Year 1 visited Bruntwood Park and spent some time exploring the local area as well as looking for signs of Autumn. They were able to identify and name lots of different trees and even managed to dodge the rain!



Black History Month

I have seen some fabulous work this week linked to Black History Month. Each class have been learning about inspiring sporting heroes.

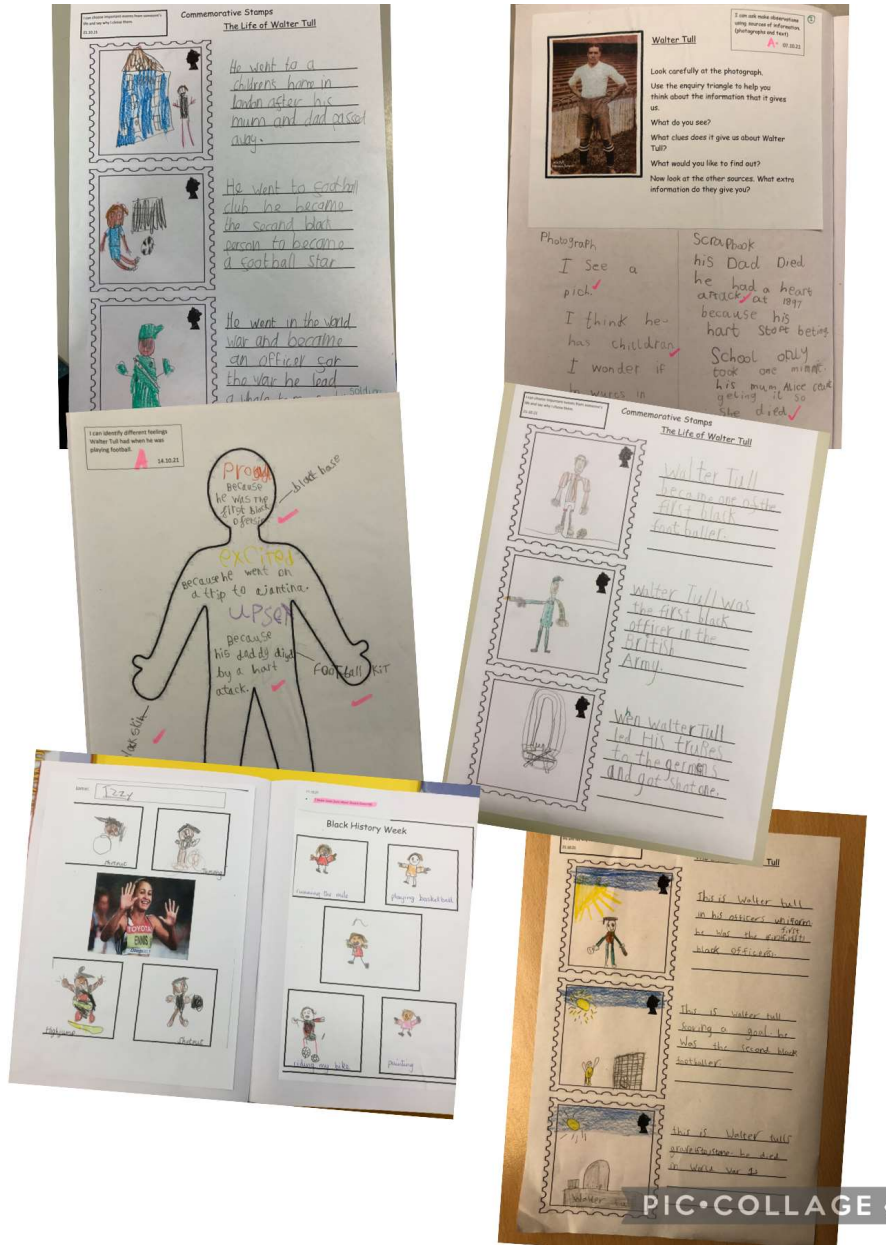
Nursery have been learning about Mo Farah
Reception: Jessica Ennis-Hill
Year 1: Marcus Rashford
Year 2: Walter Tull & Dame Kelly Homes

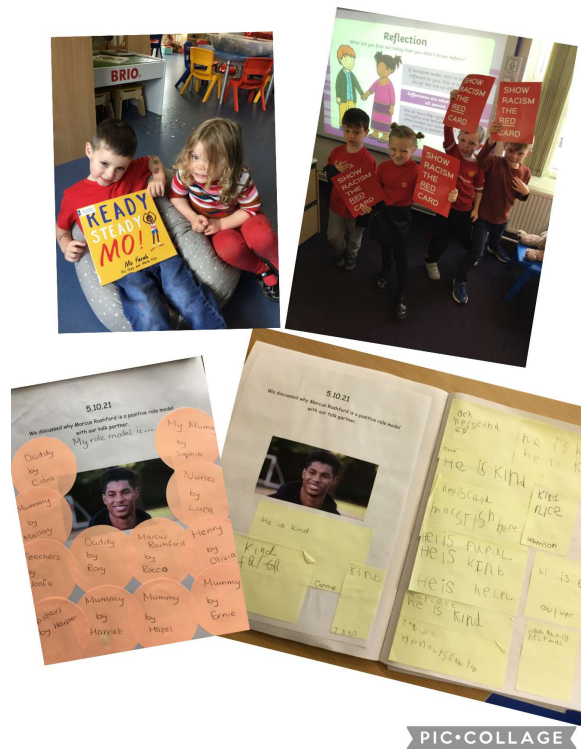
'Walter Tull joined the army. He was the second black man to play outfield for Tottenham Hotspur.'
Oliver 2ON

'Walter Tull was the first black officer in the army.'
Harry 2ON

'Marcus Rashford is a footballer. He is very kind to people and has helped to get food for children who need it.'

Emma 1DW





PIC-COLLAGE

Show Racism The Red Card

Today we showed racism the red card by wearing red to school. We spent the day thinking about respect, dignity and kindness regardless of colour, race, religion or gender.



'Racism is bad and we want to try to stop it.' Eliza 2ON
'It would be nice if we could all kind to each other and get along together.' Hannah 2ON

Save the date!

We are delighted to announce that both schools have been allocated a number of trees as part of a carbon footprint tree planting scheme. The allocation is the result of a bid made by Mrs Wroe who is one of our Junior mums.

At the Infant School we will be using the trees to develop a Forest School area that we hope to have up and running for all children in the new year.

We plan to have a tree planting day involving all children on **Thursday 25th November** and in order to do this we will need as many volunteers as possible to pull on their wellies and come to the school field to help!

After half term we will be sending out more information about how to you can book a tree planting slot.

Our covid risk assessment guidelines will be followed and, of course, the tree planting sessions will be outside.

A huge thankyou to Mrs Wroe for submitting and winning the bid for us!

Parent Questionnaire:

Thankyou to those of you who have filled in our online questionnaire, we really do appreciate your feedback. There is still time to fill it in if you wish to.

<https://forms.gle/HhCstYxH9uCWnqAo8>

I will aim to respond to as many of your comments as I can each week.

Website & Curriculum: Over the next few weeks we will be redesigning our website and making it much more modern and easier to navigate.

In the meantime our current website will continue to provide important information about our curriculum and what we will be teaching throughout the year.

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School we offer a broad, balanced and creative curriculum.

Our aim is to provide secure foundations for future learning, We want to ensure that our children acquire skills, knowledge and understanding through a love of learning. We want to nurture a belief that nothing is impossible and that all barriers to learning can be overcome.

Our ambition for all our children is for them to be happy, respectful, loving, caring, confident and resilient learners who will grow up to be inspirational adults who will 'shine' in all that they do.

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/curriculum/>

Each year group have their own overview page and each week they add to it in order to inform parents what children will be learning each week.

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/class-pages/>

Assemblies & School Celebrations: As a school we have to follow very strict covid guidelines from Stockport Local Authority. At the moment we are unable to hold large group gatherings which means that once again our assemblies are online in school and unfortunately we cannot have large groups of parents in the school building. Please be assured that as soon as we are able to we will be welcoming parents and families back into school.

Covid 19 update

Letter from Tim Bowman – Director of Education for Stockport

Dear Parents/carers

As you will be aware Covid-19 case rates in Stockport remain high. Despite everyone's best efforts, currently we have very high case rates in our secondary schools, and they are rising in our primary schools.

Like you, we at school and within the Local Authority are very keen to minimise any disruption to your child's education.

*Having considered our local situation carefully with our public health team we would like to ask for your support in respect of two issues. The first refers to **face coverings**. It would be very helpful you would wear face coverings if you need to come onto our school site, particularly as you drop off and collect your children.*

*The second request is to increase the use of **lateral flow tests**. People who live with someone who currently has COVID-19 have the highest risk of catching and passing on the virus. Should anyone in your house get COVID-19, It would assist us in reducing infection rates in school, if you could test everyone else in the household, **including any child who is in Year 3 or above**, daily for 10 days. If the test is positive, we would ask you to keep whoever has tested positive away from school (self-isolate) and book a PCR test.*

Please be assured that requests are in addition to all the existing measures that are in place in our school. Our public health colleagues have also asked that we take this opportunity to remind you to continue with regular testing, regular handwashing, social distancing and meeting outdoors or in well-ventilated spaces whenever possible, and of course to consider carefully the offer of a vaccine.

Whilst we recognise that this is a largely unwelcome message, we would really appreciate your support. We will keep these measures under review, but it is likely that we will need to ask you to continue following these recommendations until the end of the Autumn Term.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Tim Bowman
Director of Education (Stockport and Tameside)

PSA FUNDRAISER - 5th NOVEMBER

*Our brave headteachers have decided to throw away the rule book - for one day only. On **Friday November 5th**, children can break a selection of school rules in return for a donation to the PSA. From crazy hair to football kits, pupils will be able to put their own spin on the school uniform policy to help raise funds for the school's new outdoor education provision.*

Please see attached poster.

50/50 Cub

Due to covid restrictions, Jack and Sam have been unable to draw this month's 50/50 before half-term, however all winners will be announced for the draws that have yet to take place, shortly after the children return to school.



November Intentions

During the month of November we remember those who have died- family, friends, and neighbours. We will remember them all in our assemblies, especially those who have in

some way been part of our school family. Please bring in your November intention slip if you wish for us to pray for a loved one during November.

I have attached the slip to the end of this email.

Helping others...

CHILDREN IN NEED

On **Friday 19th November (Wednesday 17th November for Nursery 1 children.)** we will be having a non- uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. The children can wear their own clothes, teddy ears, spotty clothes and make a £1 donation. Please use our online Pay 360 system for your donations.

Site Security:

Over the half term break we will be improving the security of our school grounds by extending our boundary fencing. Boundary fences will be erected at the front of the school between the playing field and the school grounds. This means that there will no longer be any access to the playing fields via the school site.

Sad news:

Please keep the family of Mrs Diane Duckworth in your prayers. Mrs Duckworth is a former parent and sadly passed away last week after a short illness. Mrs Duckworth was a huge supporter of our schools and helped to arrange and run many fundraising events for our PSA and other charities.

She will be greatly missed by us all.



*'Eternal rest grant unto her oh Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon her,
May she rest in peace.
Amen.'*

And finally.....

I want to say a huge thankyou to all of the staff, parents, governors and children for such a wonderful start to the school year.

This half term has once again been challenging but we have really worked together as a community to make our school welcoming, safe and happy for everyone.

I have seen wonderful learning in every classroom and more importantly, very happy and contented children in school. Every single member of staff has worked incredibly hard and thoroughly deserve their half term break. Thankyou parents for supporting us, for following the rules and for helping your children to settle back into school life. Your children are now tired and, they too, deserve a break from school. Please enjoy your time together at home as a family.

Half Term 2 will look very different this year. It is unlikely that we will be able to have the usual Christmas productions or the Christmas fair but we will ensure that Christmas in school is a special and magical time.

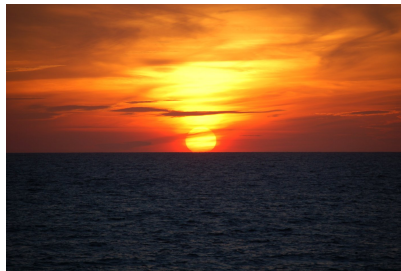
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about anything in this newsletter or any concerns about your child in our school.

Please continue to keep our Cheadle Catholic family in your prayers, Have a lovely half term break.

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Pause for Reflection



'Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that . Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.'

Martin Luther King Jr

Congratulations to all of our new stars of the week!

Nursery: Issac B & Imogen

R1: Nell & Musa

R2: Isabelle & Kieron

R3: Ella & Tommy

1O: Lorenzo & Janiah

1DW: Harriet & Luca

1BM: Caleb & Nancy

2L: Jessica & George

2W: Teddy & Evie

2ON: Noah & Emily

Provisional Diary Dates

Friday 22nd October	School closes for Autumn half term
Monday 1st November	School re opens for Autumn half term 2
Friday 5th November	Break The Rules Day
Wednesday 10th November	Individual School Photographs
Wednesday 17th November	Children In Need Day for Nursery 1 children. Wear your own clothes to school and make donation on Pay 360
Friday 19th November	Children In Need Day Wear your own clothes to school and make donation on Pay 360 History Workshop Year 2
Thursday 25th November	Tree Planting Day

Reminders

Midday Assistant Required

We are currently recruiting for a midday assistant in the Infant School. The role is for 1 hour 15 minutes per day.

If interested please click on the link for more information.

Admissions. If you have a child due to start school in September 2022 (born between September 1st 2017 and August 31st 2018) you need to apply on-line direct to Stockport Local Authority for a school place. May I also remind you that you are advised to make 6 selections of schools. The closing date for Reception applications is **15th January 2022**

Applications for nursery places for September 2022 are also being accepted online. (born between 1.9.18 and 31.8.19) Closing date is **31st March 2022**

www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you have any queries please email the admissions team at admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk

Open Evenings

We will be hosting two Open Evenings this year for prospective parents.

They will be held on:

Tuesday 9th November 6-7pm

Tuesday 30th November 6-7pm

If you know anyone who may be interested in a Reception or Nursery place for September 2022 please let them know. Social distancing rules will have to be followed and all visitors will be asked to wear a face mask.

Universal Infant Free School Meals. The children are enjoying the delicious meals cooked by Mrs Humphries and her team in the kitchen. You may choose daily if you wish your child to have hot dinners or sandwiches. Menus can be viewed on our website.

<https://www.chedle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/school-dinner-menus>

Building Fund

As a Catholic school the majority of our income comes from state funding. However, in return for the right to promote the Catholic Faith, 10% of the cost of all building work, repairs and maintenance must be met by the Diocese. At one point, donations through collection at mass were enough to meet this cost, but funding from the 'plate' has fallen well short of the bill for many years now.

In 2000 the Shrewsbury Diocese introduced a building fund in order to meet the 10% cost of all works on its Catholic schools with all those parents choosing Catholic education for their children asked to make the voluntary contribution of **£15 per child, per year**.

Whilst this is a suggested donation, Cheadle Catholic Infant School has to make a payment for each child to the Diocesan fund - regardless of whether parents opt to pay or not.

Last year we had to pay the shortfall from the school budget - money that was much needed for resources, energy costs etc.

I do appreciate that this has been a difficult couple of years for families but I would ask parents to consider why choosing a place at a Catholic school was so important to you and make a donation if you can.

I have attached a leaflet with details of how to pay. Alternatively you may pay using our online Sims payment (**pay360 Education Payments**) system.

Thankyou for your support.



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Please pray for _____



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