

Great Crosby Catholic Primary School

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Mental Health Month

Great Crosby are launching a Mental Health Month starting 15th January, running until February half term, 9th February. The themes are Let's Connect and My Voice. Good mental health and wellbeing is essential for our students. It helps them to learn effectively, cope with day-to-day challenges, and develop into resilient young adults. We have outside agencies coming in to talk to the children on a range of topics. There are many resources available on our school website under the Wellbeing tab and there are attached sheets to help parents and carers start open/honest conversations with their children around good mental health.

Wednesday Word

Please take some time to read the Wednesday Word on our Community > Gt Crosby Catholic Life page. This week's theme is 'New Start'. Regardless of our past, God is always ready to help us to begin again.

<https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/gt-crosby-catholic-life>

School Gateway

As we have mentioned before, we have introduced the School Gateway app for payments for school dinners, school trips and other fees. At the end of this term we shall only be sending communications through the School Gateway app and will not be sending emails from Groupcall. Please download the free app by searching 'School Gateway' in your App store. Currently only 49% of parents/carers have registered and 40% of parents/carers have downloaded the app. We need parents and carers to have registered to continue receiving school notifications.

Online Safety

Remember to visit our Online Safety for Parents page for guidance about digital devices and apps, particularly if children received new devices over Christmas.

<https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/online-safety-1>

New Contact Details

If you have changed your mobile phone number recently, please remember to inform the school office.

Year 6

Next week Year 6 will have five daily sessions with James Riley who runs the 'Get Away and Get Safe' Prevention Programme. He visits many schools across Sefton and the north-west including Great Crosby for a number of years. He will educate and inspire our young people to take control of their futures by rejecting the gang lifestyle. James's twitter page is: <https://twitter.com/TheGangsMan>

Diary Dates

January

Fri 26th - Y6 to The Plaza
Cinema - 9.45am
Tue 30th -
9.05am 6T Rejoice
Wed 31st -
9.05am 5D Rejoice
10am 1L, 1M Pantomime

February

Thu 1st -
9.05am - 2WL Rejoice
10am - 1L, 1M Pantomime
Tue 6th -
9.05am RM Rejoice
Safer Internet Day
Mon 12th - Fri 16th -
Half Term Holiday
Tue 27th -
9.05am 1ZF Rejoice
Wed 28th -
9.05am 2B Rejoice
Thu 29th -
9.05am 4B Rejoice

March

Tue 5th - Y5/Y6 to
Liverpool Philharmonic
3.30-5pm Parents Evening
Wed 6th -
3.30-7pm Parents Evening
Thu 7th - World Book Day

Mass Times

Regular Sunday Mass
times for our churches are:
St Helen's: Sunday 10am
Ss Peter & Paul
Sat 5.45pm, Sun 10.30am
St Joseph's
Sat 6.30pm, Sun 11.15am

September 2024 Reception Applications

Parents and carers of children applying for September 2024 Reception places need to complete their application on the Sefton Citizen Portal by 15th January. There is more information on our Key Info > Admissions page including a link to the Sefton Admissions page.

<https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/admissions>

Lunchtime Welfare Assistant Vacancies – 2 Posts

The Governors are looking to appoint 2 Lunchtime Welfare Assistants to start asap, on fixed term contracts until 31st August 2024. Details are on our website Key Info > Staff and Vacancies page and https://ats-seftonschools.jgp.co.uk/vacancies/266760?ga_client_id=a0fdf209-575b-4b5b-bb18-22a9545cdb8f

Mapac

One of our uniform suppliers, Mapac, is offering a 10% discount on clothes and bags during January using the code JS2024. Visit our Key Info > Uniform page or

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/greatcrosbyprimaryL23>

Names in Clothes

Please check that all winter coats and school jumpers have your child's name clearly labelled inside, so that they can quickly be returned if they are mislaid. We want to ensure that children are warm when they go outside.

Attachments

This week's attachments are: 24 Children's Mental Health Week top tips for parents and a poster for St Luke's Players production – Saving Pantoland. It runs from 23rd – 25th Feb, with profits going to: Alzheimer's Society, Mencap Liverpool & Sefton, and Sefton Baby Baskets. The 2023 pantomime raised £400