

Mount Carmel RC Primary Newsletter



Truth, Love, Life to The Full



Autumn Week 6- 9/10/26

Message from the Headteacher

A huge thank you to all our families for your wonderful support with our Harvest food donations. We are still collecting donations until half term, so it is not too late to contribute. Your generosity is very much appreciated and will make a real difference to others in our community.

Thank you also for your support with our Rosary bead sale for Mary's Meals. It is not too late to get involved, so if you would still like to donate, please do so.

It was lovely to see so many of our children wearing yellow today to raise awareness of mental health. The children have taken part in a range of activities in their classrooms to help them think about the importance of looking after our own mental health and supporting others.

A big thank you to the parents who attended our Phonics Workshop yesterday. We hope you found the session useful and informative. If you were unable to attend, the PowerPoint presentation and useful links can be found on our school website.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school and our children.

Mrs Seaborn

Not able to donate a shopping voucher this time?

Thank you for choosing from the following list to help restock our store cupboard.



Breakfast cereals & porridge oats



Coffee, sugar, 'long-life' milk



Bottles of squash/ cordial



Individually wrapped biscuits/cakes



Tinned meat - tuna, corned beef, ham, meatballs, stews



Tinned veg - peas, carrots, potatoes



Tinned complete meals - stews, curries



Tinned chickpeas, baked beans



Stock cubes (meat or vegetable)



Condiments



Rice and pasta



Cook-in sauces



Tinned fruit, rice pudding, custard



Washing powder



Dishwasher tablets



New men's and women's underwear, socks, deodorants, shower gels, period products, disposable razors

We also need to make daily purchases of perishable items. To contribute towards this, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/donate/> and type 'Harvest' in the comments box.

We are unable to arrange pick-up, so politely request that any donations are dropped off at your nearest Caritas project:

Caritas Cornerstone Day Centre, 104b Denmark Road, Manchester M15 6JS Tel 0161 232 8888

Red Door, St Joseph's Presbytery, Peter Street, Bury BL9 6AB Tel 0161 272 0771

Lalley Centre & Allotment, St Malachy's School basement,

Eggington Street, Collyhurst, Manchester M40 7RG Tel 0161 205 2754



In the Curriculum

After School Clubs

Our Year 1 Gardening Club has been busy this week! The children planted their own bulbs to take home and care for, learning how to look after them and watching them grow. They also enjoyed a visit to the Peace Patch in KS2, where they got stuck in and did some much-needed weeding! They worked hard and are looking forward to planting bulbs in the planters next week.

Our Year 2 pupils have been thoroughly enjoying their after-school Yoga Club. It offers a wonderful opportunity for them to unwind and relax after a busy day of learning. This week, the children were challenged to design their own alphabet-inspired yoga poses. They came up with some incredibly creative ideas, putting a lot of thought into both the moves and their excellent explanations of how to perform them.

Our KS1 and KS2 choirs have been working hard in preparation for their first school performance at our Harvest Festival in a couple of weeks. They are sounding amazing, and we are so proud of the progress they are making! Letters will be sent home to parents and carers of choir members with further information about attending the performance.

Our Year 5 and 6 Basketball Club continues to be very popular. The children are really enjoying developing their basketball skills, working as a team and, most importantly, having lots of fun!

A huge thank you to the teachers and governors who make these after school clubs possible.



Nursery

The nursery children used their senses to explore different smells and tastes. They enjoyed smelling a variety of foods and ingredients, describing what they could smell and sharing their ideas about whether they liked or disliked. The children also had the opportunity to taste different foods, noticing the different flavours and textures. It was a fun and exciting way for the children to develop their senses and learn more about the world around them.



Reception

Reception have been busy celebrating their families! Inspired by Quentin Blake's famous illustration style, the children used a mix of charcoal, felt-tip, pencil, and biro to create their lively portraits. You will be able to see your child's portrait displayed in the classroom.



Year 1

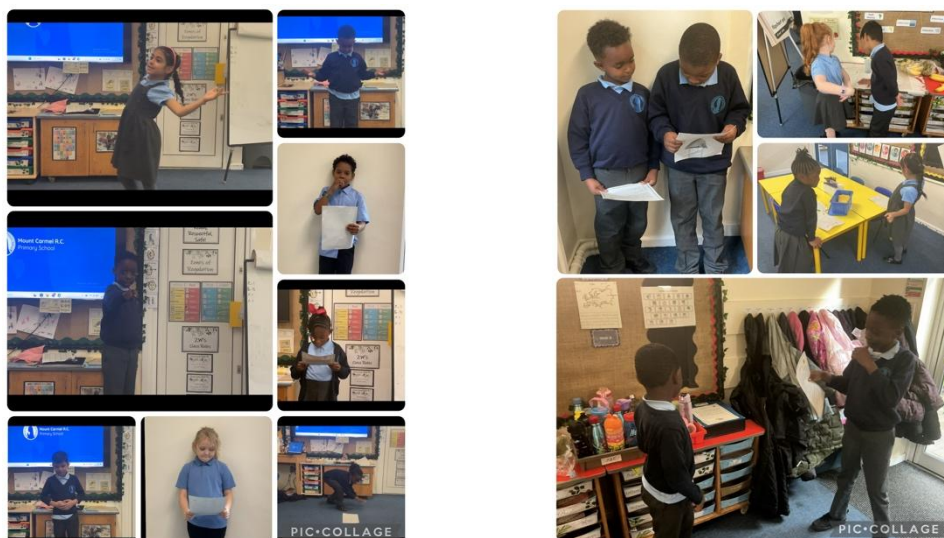
This week, our Year 1 class learned about the artist Andy Goldsworthy and explored how he uses natural materials to create beautiful artwork. We focused on spiral shapes and went outside to collect leaves that we could use to create our own artwork. Working in pairs, the children carefully arranged the leaves into spiral shapes, thinking about the shape, size and pattern they were creating. The children enjoyed working together and experimenting with different ways to arrange the leaves. To finish the lesson, we worked together as a whole class to create a large spiral shape outside, using lots of the leaves we had collected. It was wonderful to see the children sharing ideas, working collaboratively and creating a piece of art inspired by nature.



Year 2

Our Year 2 class have been developing their performance skills as they prepare to perform a list poem using expanded noun phrases. We explored how poets use their voices, facial expressions and body movements to bring poetry to life. The children practised performing with confidence, using actions and gestures to express the meaning of their words and make their performances engaging for an audience. They worked brilliantly together, experimenting with expression, volume and pace to create lively and memorable performances. Look at our fantastic poets on our school website.

<https://www.mountcarmel.manchester.sch.uk/blog/poetry-performance/108950>



Year3

Year 3 enjoyed an exciting trip to Pizza Express in Manchester, where they discovered how pizzas are made and had the chance to create their own. For some children, it was their first visit to a restaurant, making the experience even more special!

The children became pizza chefs for the day, adding passata, cheese and their choice of herbs and toppings before enjoying their freshly baked pizzas in Exchange Square.

They also learned about the history of pizza and enjoyed a short walk around Manchester, spotting landmarks that will inspire their Art topic next half term.

The children were a credit to the school, showing excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the day. A fantastic experience filled with learning, laughter and, of course, pizza!



Year 4

Year 4 have been developing their map-reading skills by using four-figure grid references to locate landmarks on an Ordnance Survey map. This was no easy feat, but the children worked brilliantly together to identify the exact grid reference for Mount Snowdon, as well as several other key landmarks. A fantastic example of teamwork and perseverance!



Year 5

Year 5 have enjoyed taking part in activities for World Mental Health Day. The children created their own Strength Stars, writing their name in the centre of a star while their classmates added positive qualities around the points. This was a lovely way to celebrate each other's strengths, recognise the importance of kindness and build confidence and self-esteem. It was wonderful to see the children sharing such thoughtful and encouraging words with one another!



Year 6

Our Year 6 children were excited to welcome some of our past pupils back to school for a special visit. The former pupils shared their experiences of life at high school, talking about the changes they had experienced, new subjects they were enjoying, friendships and the opportunities available to them. Our Year 6 children listened carefully and had the chance to ask questions about what to expect when they make the transition to secondary school.



Attendance

We have noticed a high number of late arrivals in the Infant School each week.

Please remember that the Infant School Day starts at **8:50am**, which is 10 minutes earlier than the Junior School, where children do not start until 9:00am.

If you have children in both schools, it is usually best to drop off your Infant child first to ensure they arrive on time. Even being a few minutes late can mean children miss important instructions and a settled start to the day.

If your child attends school every day this half term (100% attendance), their name will be entered into a raffle to win a prize. The raffle draw will take place on Thursday 22nd October. Every day counts!

Infant Department- £30 Asda Voucher

Junior Department- - Adopt an animal through WWF

Nursery	93.7%	Year 3D	97.9%
Reception L	90.5%	Year 3L	99.0%
Reception C	94.0%	Year 4H	95.3%
Year 1B	100.0%	Year 4S	97.7%
Year 1LB	94.7%	Year 5R	97.3%
Year 2W	100.0%	Year 5C	97.3%
Year 2LG	100.0%	Year 6S	95.7%
		Year 6C	95.7%

Dates for the Diary	
21/10/26	Flu Immunisations in school
22/10/26	Harvest Festival 1:30pm @ Church
22/10/26	School Closes for half term
3/11/26	Junior Parents Evening
4/11/26	Infants Parents Evening
20/11/26	School Photos
8/12/26	Pantomime Infants
16/12/26	Pantomime Juniors