St Dunstan's RC Primary School

'We journey with Jesus beside us'

Headteacher's Message

What a wonderful week it has been in school!

This week, our children have been learning about **anti-bullying**, exploring what bullying actually means and, importantly, understanding the difference between bullying and someone simply being unkind. We have been discussing how, at times, people may say or do things that upset others, and whilst this behaviour is not acceptable and should always be addressed, not every disagreement, falling out or unkind moment is necessarily bullying. Bullying is generally behaviour that is repeated and intentional, where someone deliberately hurts, intimidates or targets another person. It can take many forms, including physical, verbal, emotional and online bullying.

Above all, we want our children to understand that **kindness is a choice we make every single day**. A kind word, a friendly smile, an invitation to join in or simply noticing when somebody is feeling left out can make an enormous difference. This also links beautifully with last Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 25:14–30, the Parable of the Talents. Jesus reminds us of the importance of using the gifts and talents we have been given and making the very best of them. The words, *"Well done, good and faithful servant!"* (Matthew 25:21) remind us that we should use our gifts positively and make a difference to the world around us. Every child has something special to offer. Whether it is their kindness, compassion, courage, friendship, creativity or ability to help others, we want our children to recognise the wonderful gifts within themselves and within each other. We can use these gifts to build one another up rather than bring one another down.

And what wonderful children we have! We are incredibly proud of the way they continue to grow, learn, develop and show such enthusiasm in all that they do. Their questions, their conversations, their achievements and the little acts of kindness we see every day remind us what a privilege it is to be part of their journey. As we move into another week, let us all remember that our words and actions matter. Let us celebrate our differences, look after one another, show compassion and make sure that everyone feels they belong.

Have a lovely weekend, and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Headteacher's Award

Yemariam – always being so kind and friendly to everyone around her.



"No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion."

— Nelson Mandela



The link below is to this week's edition of the Wednesday Word. Please continue to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting:

The Wednesday Word | The Sunday Gospel | Catholic Church

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Forest School

This week, our pupils that attend forest school have had a wonderful session this week, creating tree-faces. These faces will remain in our forest for years to come.







DECEMBER:
21st 22nd 23rd 28th 29th 30th 31st

- 10AM - 2PM
- HOT AND COLD LUNCHES AVAILABLE
- ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
  (SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS, SATEY EQUIPMENT)
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Financial & Energy Support

Help is available if you are struggling with the cost of living.

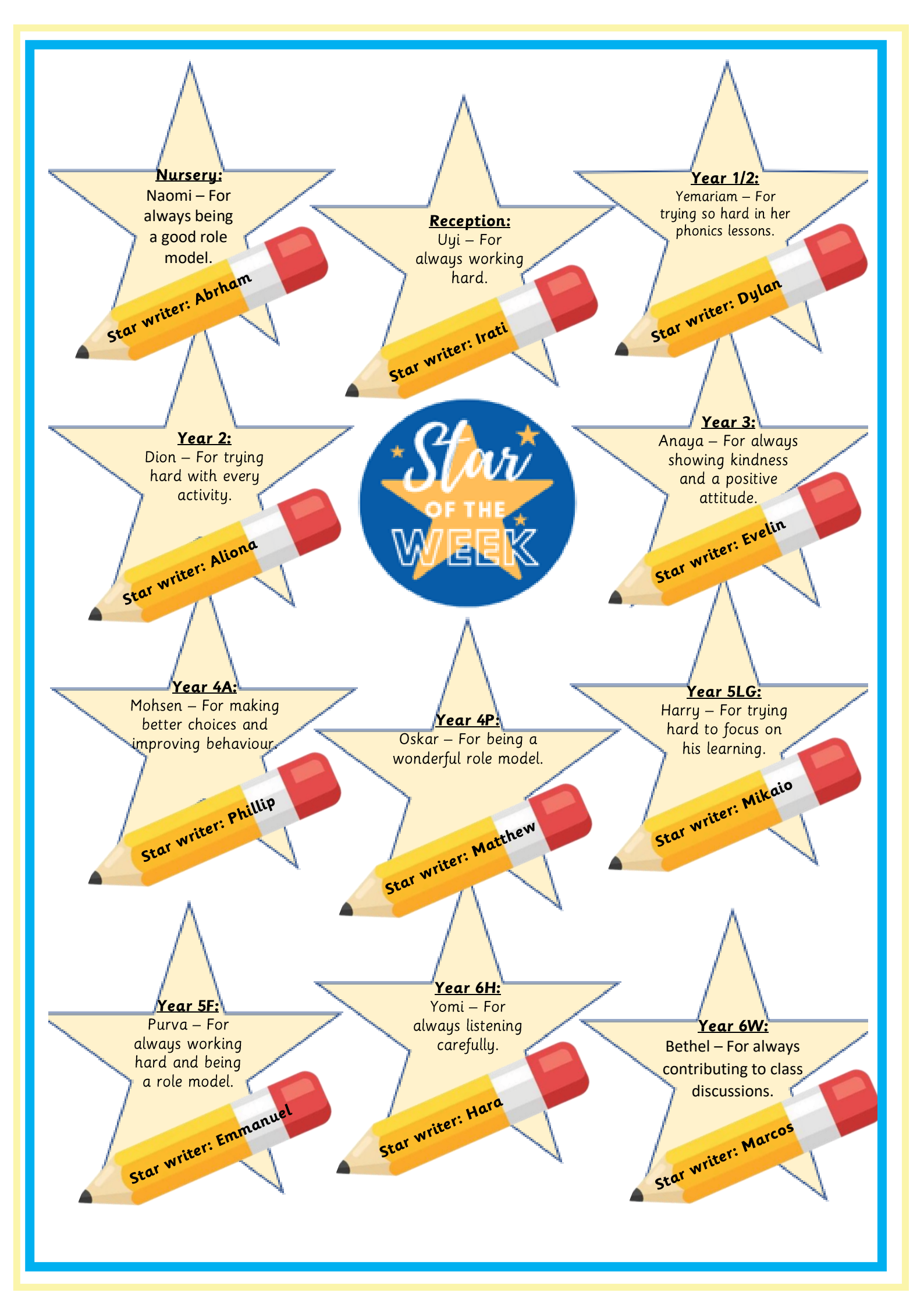
Welfare Provision Scheme
- Apply via Manchester City Council for quick £30–£60 cash grants if you are in an immediate financial crisis.

LEAP Energy Advice
- Get free, friendly phone or home-visit advice to lower your energy bills and stay warm.
- Call: **0800 060 7567**

Warm Home Discount
- Eligible households receiving benefits like Universal Credit or Housing Benefit can get a **£150** discount on their electricity bills.

Warm Homes Network
- Access debt advice, household cost help, and home energy efficiency tips through the Citizens Advice Manchester Warm Homes Network.

We are here to support you.
Stay warm. Stay well.


Nursery:
Naomi – For always being a good role model.
Star writer: Abrham
Reception:
Uyi – For always working hard.
Star writer: Irati
Year 1/2:
Yemariam – For trying so hard in her phonics lessons.
Star writer: Dylan
Star
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WEEK
Year 2:
Dion – For trying hard with every activity.
Star writer: Aliona
Year 3:
Anaya – For always showing kindness and a positive attitude.
Star writer: Evelin
Year 4A:
Mohsen – For making better choices and improving behaviour.
Star writer: Phillip
Year 4P:
Oskar – For being a wonderful role model.
Star writer: Matthew
Year 5LG:
Harry – For trying hard to focus on his learning.
Star writer: Mikaio
Year 5F:
Purva – For always working hard and being a role model.
Star writer: Emmanuel
Year 6H:
Yomi – For always listening carefully.
Star writer: Hara
Year 6W:
Bethel – For always contributing to class discussions.
Star writer: Marcos