



St Gerard's Primary Newsletter

February 2015

Lent

Lent within the school is well under way. Our Lenten assemblies as well as class work focus children on renewal. This is an opportunity to grow and develop by examining ourselves and engage in honest self-reflection. This is a difficult task for adults so it is with much pride that I tell you that the boys and girls have been very responsive to their Lenten commitments. Our Lenten charity fundraising has started and we raised £417 at the fair trade Coffee morning. Many Thanks to all the parents who sent in or baked lovely cakes etc, your efforts were greatly appreciated. All money raised during Lent will be shared between St. Andrew's Hospice, Missio, SCIAF & Fair Trade.

Lenten Mass

During Lent mass will be celebrated at 8.15am on Tuesday on Thursday at St. Gerard's Church. Please encourage your child to attend mass at these times. They can then come to the school for the breakfast club.

Homework

I hope the new pilot arrangements for homework are operating effectively. If there are any problems or concerns please let your teacher or myself know. We will review arrangements in



the summer term ready for full implementation for August 2015.

Cross Country Running

St. Gerard's took 40 children from P5 to P7 to Coatbridge Sports Centre on Thursday 26th February to take part in North Lanarkshire Cross Country. Each race had nearly 120 children. The brave runners had a distance of 1200mtrs around the Sport Centre perimeter. It was cold, wet and windy but St. Gerard's runners were fantastic. All of our runners kept going to the end and were a credit to

the school. I was exceptionally proud of them all. We await to hear who will qualify for the finals but with many of our children coming in the top 20 in each race, I am hopeful of a big team for then.

Parent Council

I am delighted to introduce the members of our parent council. Mark Lunny, Hazel Marley and Clare Parsons are existing members with Karen Hunter, Clare Lindsay, , Rosalind Crilly and David Lyons joining the council.

School Kitchen Facilities

Many of you will be aware that the the school has new kitchen facilities for our children. This includes a new serving counter where children can receive hot or cold meals as well as the till area to register their meal costs. Please drop in and view our latest attraction. The kitchen staff and children are very excited about it.

New Primary 1

We enrolled 21 children who will start at St. Gerard's in August 2015. We will be holding two induction days for our new starts soon and we wish them well in their final stages of nursery learning.

