

ST. AMBROSE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Weekly Update - 23rd February 2024

Message from the Head

What an exciting first week back we've had. We are looking forward to the reconciliation service on 5th March and I'd like to thank Father Tom for coming to speak to both parents and children in preparation for this special day.

20 pupils from the juniors represented the school at Cross Country at Scarisbrick (AKA tough mudder!) and performed brilliantly battling the mud and rough terrain, showing great tenacity and good old-fashioned grit!

It is always sad to say goodbye to a member of the St Ambrose family but we also celebrate when a member of staff moves on to pastures new as it is another step on their career path.

We would like to wish Mrs Clarke well in her new role in a high school which she starts at the beginning of March. We will miss her but we know that she is excited for this next chapter. Good luck Mrs Clarke!

Have a peaceful family weekend.

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 29th Feb - Open Evening, 6-8pm

Fri 1st March - Prep 3 Waxworks, from 2pm

Fri 1st March - Prep 4 vs Hale Prep, home game, kick off 2pm

Tues 5th March - First Reconciliation, Holy Angels, 6pm

Thurs 7th March - World Book Day - come to school dressed as your favourite character

Fri 8th March - Early Years Mother's Day Assembly, 9am

Sat 9th March - Cross Country, Wythenshawe Park, Prep 1-4

Tues 12th March - Story Explorer Drama Workshops

Sat 16th March - Open Morning, 10am-12pm

Thurs 21st March - St Ambrose Music Festival

Fri 22nd March - School closes for the Easter holiday, 12pm



Stars of the Week



Here are this week's Stars of the Week enjoying hot chocolate with Ms Heron.

Mrs Clarke couldn't pick just one Star this week and so all of Pre Prep were recognised for giving 100% in all areas of school life and making so much progress as a class. Ishaal was Reception's Star for her independent working and excellent results in her recent spelling tests.

Infant 1's Myra was commended for making excellent progress in her addition and subtraction skills and Azaan in Infant 2 was praised for making brilliant contributions during class discussions and learning sessions.

Joses in Prep 1 has written an incredible piece based on Mount Vesuvius. He made sure to include all the features and dazzled Ms Aldridge with a newspaper report.

Jude in Prep 2 was commended for his beautiful descriptive work about the Winter's Child, as well as his amazing performance in cross country, whilst Jackson in Prep 3 has shown a continued commitment to his learning and has taken the next step in exam preparation in his stride.

Daniel in Prep 4 is this week's star for always working really hard, finishing his work to a high standard and marking independent improvements and Elodie in Prep 4A was praised for her sincerity in her support and encouragement of other children and putting others before herself - as we would expect from our Head Girl.





Sports News



What a week it has been for our Cross Country runners, who took part in the ISA Regional Cross Country finals, which took place at Scarisbrick Hall School on Tuesday.

Needless to say, the conditions were difficult and the race gruelling however that didn't deter our runners (even those that lost a shoe or two on the course!) and the results were magnificent all round.

Special mention however goes to Jude and Jacob who stole the show.. With approximately 100 entrants in their race, Jacob finished a fantastic 6th whilst Jude blew everyone away with his spectacular performance not only coming 1st, but also setting a new record for his age group, completing the race in under 5 minutes.

It goes without saying that we are immensely proud of Jude and Jacob who both now go on to represent the North in the ISA National final. Good luck boys, we are sure that you will smash it!

There is one last Cross Country fixture in the diary with the last race of the season taking place at Wythenshawe Park on Sat 9th March. The race is open to all from Prep 1-4. As another great opportunity to have some fun and represent the school, we encourage as many as possible to participate.



Highlights of the Week

Representing Edmund Rice England, Anne Nichols came in for her first workshop with Prep 4 to prepare them for an award that they are working towards over the next few weeks.

The award will involve developing leadership skills and an outreach project in the community. Ann's work centres around advocacy and during the first workshop the children learnt about charity and advocacy in relation to human rights and our Catholic faith.



Highlights of the Week

In Infant Science Club we investigated the best material to use for a hanky! We almost predicted the best one needed for absorbency and softness. Great fun was had!



Message from the PTFA

The PTFA was formed 2 years ago at the request of our school leadership team after years of having a joint organisation with the College. The decision was made after the College PTFA requested to change how any money raised would be split, and so it was decided that we could raise more money if we started our own organisation.

At the time we didn't know if it would be a success, but all agreed it was worth the challenge! We started off as a team of parents, friends and teachers; agreed a few events and set up our own bank account.

We're delighted to say that it's clear we can successfully run an independent PTFA for the Prep and as a result of this have decided to formalise our organisation by creating our own Constitution and holding our first AGM next month. We have not however hit the threshold requiring us to register as a charity at this time.

The PTFA would therefore like to advertise for the following roles*

Co-Chair

Treasurer

Secretary

For detailed job descriptions or to express your interest in applying for any of the above positions please email Denise Polak (PTFA Chair) at ptfa@stambroseprep.co.uk

The closing date for all applications will be the **24th February 2024**.

The AGM will be on **Friday 8th March** at 1.30pm and we will allow for voting in of the new positions and provide a summary of our 22/23 financial year and an update on our current year.

***All roles are voluntary and not remunerated.**

