



Iona Star

Friday 22nd October 2021
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Wallsend

Walking With Project

A tremendous **THANK YOU** to you all for your incredibly kind donations to the Walking With Project. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness.

All of the heavy bags were delivered by representatives from our Mini Vinnies group yesterday. Your donations will make such a difference to those in our community who are struggling at this difficult time. **THANK YOU** from everyone at St. Columba's School, Parish and the Walking With project.

Wallsend Children's Community Survey

The Wallsend Children's Community, together with the Wallsend Schools' Partnership, have prepared their Autumn Parent/Carer Survey. The aim of this is to support insight into our community so together we can support families across Wallsend.

We'd be very grateful for your input. **The survey closes on Sunday. We would encourage as many parents as possible to complete this.** Thank you for your time and support.

The link for Survey can be found on our Facebook and Twitter pages, or by clicking [here](#).

Letters Attached to the Iona Star

Please see two important letters attached tonight:

- 1 - Updates from North Tyneside's Public Health
- 2 - Pastoral letter from Bishop Robert

Seesaw

A reminder that staff are continuing to use Seesaw to post pictures and videos of the work that children have been completing in class. We would encourage parents to login and have a look at your child's account over half term. If parents need another copy of the QR code, please don't hesitate to email your child's class teacher. Photographs are not posted everyday, but where possible, staff are trying to capture the fun and creative lessons that take place in school. Don't forget to leave a comment if you can!

Y3 Maternity Cover

We are delighted to announce that Mr Gillie has been appointed as the Y3 maternity cover for Mrs Harman. Mr Gillie will begin his year's contract on 1st November, after half term. We wish him all the best and welcome him to our community at St. Columba's. We would like to take this opportunity to send our best wishes to Mr and Mrs Harman as they prepare for the birth of their new baby.

Ten Ten Resources

October is the Month of the Rosary. Please click on this link: [Rosary](#) to access prayers and resources that can be used as a family to pray the Rosary at home.

Congratulations

Well done to Maya and Finlay in Y2 who played their first rugby match this weekend against Northern. Congratulations to Maya who was awarded 'Player of the Week' across the tournament. They play for Wallsend Rugby Club Under 7s.

Well done to Isobel in Y3 who has a magnificent trophy to celebrate her achievements in Judo. She came in 1st place in a competition last weekend.

Congratulations to Ruby in Y2 who made her Girl Guide Rainbows Promise to 'always do her best and be kind and helpful'. What a wonderful promise to make Ruby!

Well done to Oliver S in Y1 who has a superb medal for playing so well in his football team. Oliver plays for Little Messys.

A Message from Catering Services

After half term there will be a slight change to the published menu. Please see below:

Monday 1st November

Sweet chilli chicken wrap or pizza

Dogs on the Premises

Please could we remind parents that dogs are not allowed on the premises. We have seen a number of dogs being walked around school at pick up times. Where possible, please could parents try to leave their dog at home, tie your dog to the main gates at the front of school, or carry your dog if absolutely necessary. Thank you for your understanding.

A Polite Reminder

Please could we ask parents to fill children's water bottles, that remain in the classroom, with water only. If bottles contain juice and spill, this can make a very sticky mess on desks and children's work. Thank you

COVID Updates

As parents are aware, the current rates of transmission in North Tyneside are high with many children and adults testing positive for Covid-19. Parents of pupils in Y3 and Y6 will know that we have seen an increase in positive cases in these classes this week. Please could we ask all parents to be vigilant and take your child for a PCR test if they have been identified as a close contact, or are showing symptoms of Covid-19. Please continue to let us know the outcome of any PCR tests by emailing: covidalerts@stcolumbasprimary.co.uk particularly over half term. Thank you very much.

Half Term Holiday

A reminder that school closes tonight - **Friday 22nd October** for the half term break. The children will return to school on **Monday 1st November**. Have a wonderful break and a good rest.