

# St. Columba's Catholic Primary School

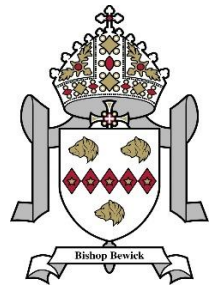
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Iona Star – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

St Columba's Families,

It has been a busy week at St Columba's for the end of this half term!

We have had a 'Break The Rules' day today and we all enjoyed the Halloween Disco last night. Thank you to everyone who supported both events as it means that we have raised a great amount of money for our PTA. A special 'thank you' goes to Mrs Rowan and our PTA supporters. Final pennies are still being counted and we will share the total amount after half term.

Also this week, Year 4 enjoyed a Fairtrade Breakfast and raised a fabulous amount of money for MacMillan Cancer Research – thank you for your generosity. Special thanks must go to a Year 4 parent and their place of work, Warren Access, who donated a cheque of £100 to this worthy cause!

Our School Council pupils have taken their new roles very seriously this week and tasted an array of foods from our new school menu – they were all impressed with the food that will be available from Mellors after half term.

Today was also a national day of recognition for 'Show Racism the Red Card'. Pupils in all year groups have taken part in appropriate age related activities throughout the week to support this.

Below, you will find key messages and information. Attached to the Iona Star is a parental guide for helping to keep your child safe online – this week's focus is on helping your child to deal with any upsetting content that they may come across online. If you have any queries about anything in the Iona Star this week, or anything else that we can help with, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for all of your support over this half term, school reopens to all pupils on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October and we hope that you all enjoy the week's break!

Take care,  
Miss Quinn



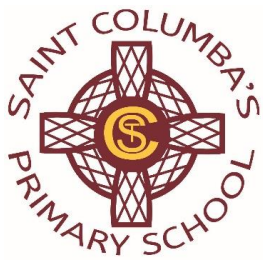
Year 4 Fairtrade Breakfast



School Council Menu Tasting

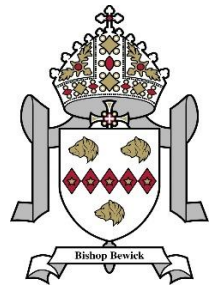


Show Racism the Red Card

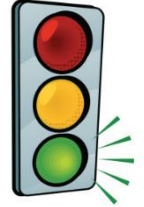


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Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this week has been **91.9%**. This means that we are in the amber zone and we are not meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.



Although, we are delighted to announce that Year 4 are the winners of our attendance trophy with an overall attendance of **98%**. Year 4 are also the overall attendance winners for this half term! Congratulations!

## St. Columba's School Website

Our School Website is currently undergoing maintenance. If you need any information in the meantime, or are finding anything difficult to find, please contact us and we will be more than happy to help.



## Tempest Photography

All pupils will have a school photograph taken on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November (the first Wednesday after half term).

## Year 4 Class Assembly

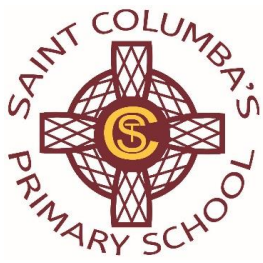
Year 4 Class Assembly will take place in the school hall on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 9.10am. All family members are welcome. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards. We hope to see you there.

## Breakfast Club – Change in Admission Cost

After half term, the cost of Breakfast Club will be rising from £3 to £4. Families who are in receipt of income based free school meals (not universal free school meals) can still access the club for free. This increase is to cover our rising costs. At present, After School Club is remaining at the same cost of £6, however, we have been advised by our local governing committee and advisors at the Trust to review this for January 2024.



## School Car Park



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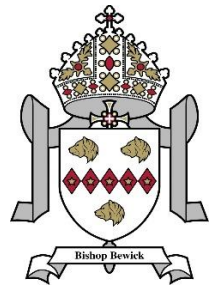
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Please could we ask parents using the school car park at breakfast club to be mindful of staff arriving. There have been a few near misses or incidents where staff have been unable to park due to parent's cars. Thank you.

## Pedestrian Crossing Update

Thank you to everyone who has supported our current conversations and reporting of incidents following difficulties with our pedestrian crossing on Station Road. We are pleased to be able to tell you that this hard work has paid off and the lights are being upgraded to an LED system. This should be completed in time for us returning to school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you to the staff, governors and family members who have supported with this. A special thank you must go to Mrs Craggs who has been working hard to make this change for the safety of all of our pupils.



## Ten Ten Parent Newsletter

**Ten:Ten**  
Resources

You can access the latest parental newsletter from Ten Ten which shares the key messages, prayers and opportunities for worship at home by clicking this link <http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

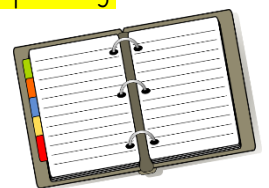
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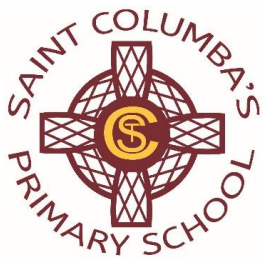
**\*New\*** - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 9.10am in the school hall Year 4 class assembly

**\*New\*** - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November Flu Vaccinations

*Parents' Evenings:* Please save the date to attend appointments with your child's teacher to hear about their academic achievements and progress. Appointments will be available to book closer to the date, via SchoolCloud.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November (3.45 – 6.00pm), with the exception of Year 3 – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November (3.45 – 6.00pm)





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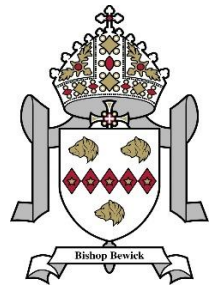
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## Christmas Performances

Please see the list of dates for class performances for Christmas. All will be held in the school hall and will last approximately 20 – 30 minutes.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Year 2 Performance

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Reception Performance

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 10am - Nursery Performance

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Year 4 Performance

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Year 3 Performance

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Year 5 Performance

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Year 1 Performance

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm – Year 6 Performance

