

We learn and pray, in faith and love



12.1.2024

St. Kentigern's Day

We have been celebrating St. Kentigern's Day this week with a wonderful mass led by Year 4 Maple. We then had a brilliant assembly presented by Year 6 Sycamore, telling us all about the story of St. Kentigern. The actual feast day is Saturday 13th January. Why not ask your children to explain the miracles associated with St. Kentigern and why he is so special to our school?



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Year 4 Maple worked together to create the following poem. I think it fully reflects the St. Kentigern's ethos and culture and shows why we are so very proud of our school:

St Kentigern is our Parish, our school, our family
It forms part of us; it is our home away from home.
What does St Kentigern mean to you?

St Kentigern is love
St Kentigern is kindness
St Kentigern is the warmth we feel when we are with our friends
St Kentigern is the faith we share knowing we all respect one another

St Kentigern is not English, or Scottish, or Irish. It is all the languages we
speak
Polish, Tamil, Urdu, and so many more
St Kentigern's is all of our families- Mums, Dads, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles,
Step parents, Foster Parents, brothers, sisters and everyone you can think of
who loves you
And don't forget the teachers- they love you too, they wouldn't make you work
so hard if they didn't!

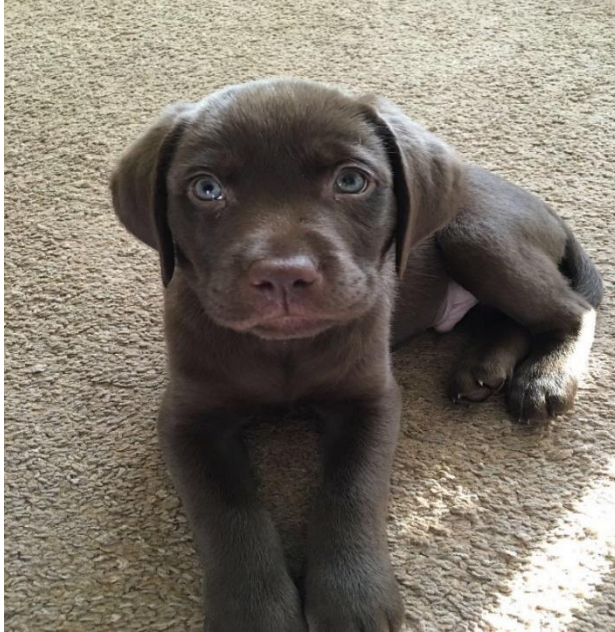
When you sit in this church, or when you pray at home,
The community of St Kentigern's prays with you
For your safety
For your success
For your happiness

Wherever you go, whoever you become
We will be a home for you
And you can come back anytime
Tomorrow, in a year, when you are old and grey
Like a robin returning to its nest
St Kentigern's will be waiting for you with open arms and a loving heart.

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Happy 8th birthday, Chester!

Our amazing school dog, Chester, celebrated his 8th birthday this week. As you all know, Chester is an invaluable member of our school team and a vital member of the Senior Leadership Team!



Fund Raising Book Sale

The Vatican has announced that a new translation of the Bible is required in all churches. Each copy will cost in the region of between £250 - £300 each and numerous copies are required. We would like to support St. Kentigern's church's fundraising activities by holding a book sale on Friday 26th January. All books will cost £1 each and will be available from 8.30am - 8.50am and from 3.15pm - 3.30pm. This is a great way to support our parish and to encourage reading at home and in school.

First Holy Communion Meeting

Fr. Michael will hold a meeting for all families who intend for their child to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion. This meeting will take place on **Thursday 18th January at 2.30pm in school** and will provide families with all the key information required. Please note, children **MUST** be Catholic in order to receive this sacrament which means that they must be baptised into the Catholic church.

Collective Worship for families

Please find below, the link to this week's Collective Worship newsletter.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Right of the Week

Article 16 Protection of Privacy

Every child has the right to privacy. The law must protect children's privacy, family, home, communications and reputation (or good name) from any attack.

Pupil Voice

As you know, we regularly seek the views of families and children about a range of matters relating to school life. This week, the children have been sharing their thoughts on Catholic Life and Mission in our school. Here are a few examples of what they had to say:

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"Our school Mission Statement is important and we can live it in every day life by using manners and being kind and polite."

"Our school is a special school because we are all one family."

"We are close to Fr. Michael. We go to church a lot because we are a Catholic school."

"What makes our school special is that it has a loving environment and teachers are supportive."

"School is a special place because it makes me happy."

"We can be involved in lots of clubs like the Eco Team, the Bible Club, the Mini Vinnies..... all the clubs are really good.!"

"A lot of things make our school a special place. Some of these things are the teachers, the dinner ladies, the cleaning ladies and the sports coaches."

Caritas in Action Award

This week, our Caritas in Action Award has been given to Aleia for showing great kindness and consideration to someone in their class who was poorly. This is a wonderful way of demonstrating the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Family and Community.



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Welcome to Kickstart!

A very warm welcome to Kickstart, our new Breakfast and Afterschool club provider. You will recognise a few familiar faces in their team!



A Message from Fr. Michael

Hello and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all celebrated a wonderful Christmas and let us all pray this New Year of 2024 will be great. It was a wonderful school mass this week, so well prepared, to celebrate our patron Saint, St Kentigern. It is through the example of the Saints that we can learn more about our journey of faith, our daily pilgrimage to be God's faith people. Maybe that can be our new year resolution: "let us do all we can to be the person God wants us to be." Have a good weekend.

St Kentigern, pray for us.

With continued best wishes,

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