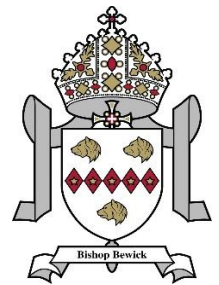


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Iona Star – 12th July 2024

St Columba's Families,

Our penultimate week of the academic year has been full of busy! As many of you will have seen, we are surrounded by boxes as we prepare for our moving day. We will continue to leave items outside school each evening for families to take if they wish.

This week, Year 6 have begun their series of activities to mark the end of their time at St Columba's. On Tuesday, they had Mass on Holy Island with St Aidan's, St Bernadette's and Fr David. They then enjoyed fish and chips at Seahouses – a huge 'thank you' to Fr David and the parish for this. On Thursday, they celebrated Mass with the other Catholic primaries in North Tyneside – well done to our readers, singers and dancers for making the Mass so special.

On Wednesday, Year 3 and Year 4 spent the day in Tynemouth where they visited the Watchhouse and the beach. Watchhouse staff and life brigade volunteers praised the children for their behaviour and sent an email to school stating "it was our pleasure to show such well behaved and attentive pupils around our watchhouse. The pupils were a credit to the school and to the staff who accompanied them. Please pass on our feedback as such good behaviour should be recognised." Well done Year 3 and 4!

This morning, Reception class led us in a wonderful Buddy assembly for their parents, Year 6 special friends and their parents. Well done, Reception – we especially loved your 'BELONG' song.

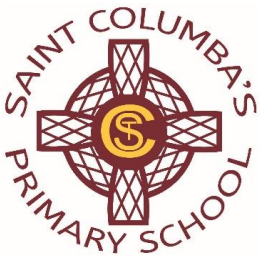
This afternoon, we have enjoyed a performance from the children who take guitar lessons with Front Row – well done to all our performers!

Finally, 'THANK YOU' to everyone who supported our school disco. It was a great night in our school hall with face painting, dancing, teddy bears and lots of sweets! A huge thank you to the staff and PTA volunteers who made it all possible.

Below, you will find key messages and information. Attached to the Iona Star is a parental guide – this week's focus is on Mental Health – Conversation Starters.

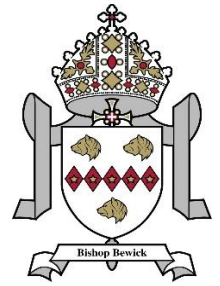
If you have any queries about anything in the Iona Star, or anything else that we can help with, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Take care, Miss Quinn



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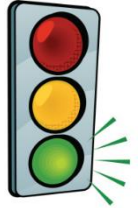
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Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance from Reception to Year 6 for this week has been 95.2%. This means that we are in the amber zone and we are not meeting our targets set by the Department for Education.

However, we are delighted to announce that Year 2 are the winners of our attendance trophy with an overall attendance of 99.3%. Congratulations!



Congratulations – Staff Roles

Congratulations to Mrs Maddison who was successful in her interview and will be acting Deputy Headteacher for St Columba's Catholic Primary from September 2024.

School Games Mark

We have achieved the 'Gold' standard in our application for the School Games Mark award. Well done to all of the children who have participated in events this year. A special 'thank you' to Mrs Iliadou for her hard work and dedication towards this award.

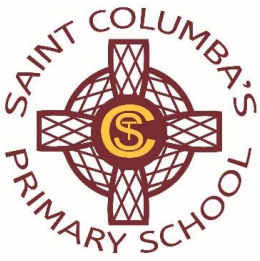


School Menu Changes

Next week, there will be a change to the menu:

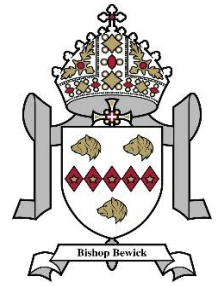
Wednesday – Meatballs

Thursday – Fish Fingers



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Donations



We are still accepting clothes donations in the white clothes bin which is situated outside of the Activity Centre. Each full bin means that we receive money to spend in school, so please continue to fill with unwanted clothes or shoes!

We are NOT accepting donations of school uniform at this time whilst we prepare to move school site. However, we will greatly accept any uniform donations from September, once we are settled in the new building.

TenTen Parental Newsletter

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/>



Feeding Families – Support is Available



We know that many families are struggling financially with the cost of living crisis at the moment. As a school, we have joined up with 'Feeding Families'. It means that we will be able to offer emergency food boxes and support packages from school. If you need any support, please email familysupport@stcolumbasprimary.co.uk and we will be able to help you.

Please be assured that all emails will be treated confidentially.

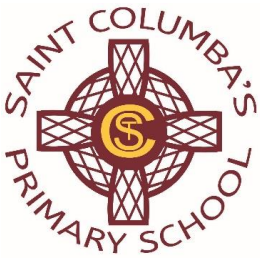
Diary Dates – Summer Term

Monday 15th July – Transition morning. Children get to meet their new teacher and get to know them before September

Monday 15th July – Year 6 and Reception buddies to visit Richardson Dees Park together

Tuesday 16th July – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly at 6pm in the school hall. Year 6 family members are welcome.

Tuesday 16th July – Year 2 visit to the Lifeboat Centre at Tynemouth



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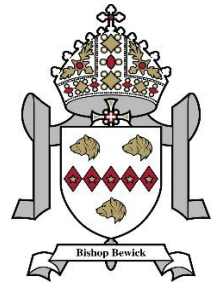
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New - Wednesday 17th July – Please send your child to school with a strong, large bag to bring home their books from this academic year

Wednesday 17th July – Whole school mass with Fr David in the school hall. Family members are welcome – please book a space through the school office

Thursday 18th July – Year 6 Obstacle Challenge, award ceremony and final goodbyes from 2pm. Year 6 family members are welcome.

Friday 19th July – school is closed to all pupils for staff training day

