



22nd October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

Mark 9:30 -37

The Request of James and John

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

³⁶ "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

³⁷ They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

³⁸ "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

³⁹ "We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

James and John wanted to have the places of honour for themselves. How often even the followers of Jesus get caught up seeking honours, titles and other material things, thinking that in this way they are honouring God! Jesus was interested rather in their willingness to drink the same chalice he was going to drink. We ask for the grace to be able to drink the chalice when it is offered to us, and not to be distracted by the attractions of prestige.

Black History Month Celebration

As part of our Black History Month celebrations, we are concluding our focus on "History Makers" with an exciting Careers Day on Friday, 25th October 2024. We want to inspire our children to think about how they see themselves as adults and how they want to make their own mark on history in the future. As a result, we are asking children to come to school dressed as their **future self**. The children will need to think about how they see themselves making history, in either art, music, sport, education, politics, activism, religion, media, law, science, business, technology. **They do not need to wear their school uniforms, however they must be wearing suitable and appropriate clothing for school including appropriate footwear i.e. no heels or shoes that would pose a risk to their health and safety during the school day.** The children need to be able to talk about what they aspire to be and who or what inspired them.

Mini Vinnie Cake Sale

The Mini Vinnies would like to invite friends and family of St Michael's to a **Bake Sale on Friday 25th October 2024 at 3:15pm**. All proceeds will go to the St Vincent De Paul Charity. If you are able to donate cakes for this (baked or bought), please ensure they are in school by the 24th October 2024. Baked goods must include allergen information e.g. nuts, egg etc.

Half Term Break

The school will be closed for the half term break from Monday, 28th October to Friday, 2nd November.

The school is also closed on Monday, 4th November for a training day. The school will re-open as normal on Tuesday, 5th November.

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy (OLOG) Newsletter

Please see the link below to some exciting news about what is happening in our multi-academy trust.

Class Assembly

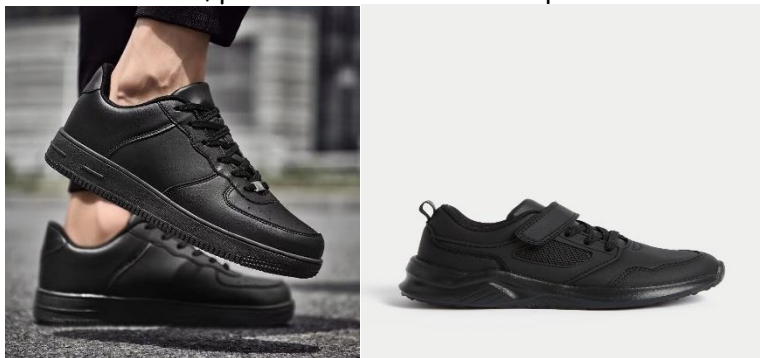
We will celebrate the work that **Class 6** are doing in Religious Education with a class assembly on **Friday, 15th November at 9:15 am**. Parents of children in this class are warmly welcome to attend.

SENDCO Availability

The SENDCO is generally available to meet with parents on Thursdays and Fridays, by appointment only. She is in class for the remainder of the time. Please book an appointment with the office if you would like to meet with Ms Alexander.

School Uniform

We have made some changes to our school uniform policy. Children in KS2 (year 3-6) are able to wear plain black low top trainers for their PE lessons. The trainers must not have any other colour but black, please see below for examples.



In addition, girls may wear small flat stud earrings to school, but not on their PE day. Please be reminded that the hair accessories for girls should be in the school colours of maroon and white; colourful hair accessories are not permitted

God Bless



N. Scott

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