



# St Ursula's Convent School

# The Weekly

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of our second week of Lateral Flow testing in school. The twice weekly testing now needs to be carried out at home using the kits provided by the school. The kits are very simple to use and the result can be seen in 30 minutes. I ask you to please supervise the testing on your child/children in order to help keep everyone in our community safe.



We had a brilliant team of testers provided by Greenwich Council and the whole process went smoothly and I am pleased to tell you we had no positive cases. A big thank you to the volunteers who have given up their time over the last two weeks to help with the registering of the students for the tests.

FOSTUR, our fantastic Parents Association have provided doughnut treats for all of the students to say well done for all their hard work and perseverance during the most recent lockdown.

A big thank you to FOSTUR for this incredibly generous gesture. FOSTUR raise a lot of money for the school and I am very grateful for everything they do.

Please see the letter from FOSTUR on page 3 of this newsletter.

I wish you and your families a lovely weekend. Take care and stay safe.

My best wishes as always,

Catrina Hamilton  
Headteacher

### Attendance Reminder

Please ensure that holidays are not booked during term time. This includes during lockdowns when children are learning from home.

**Miss Brown**  
Attendance Officer

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

If at any point in the future your child tests positive for Covid, it is essential that you inform the school as soon as possible, even if it is after school hours or at the weekend. In the event that your child does test positive, please email: **[covid@stursulas.com](mailto:covid@stursulas.com)**

This email will be checked regularly and a member of the Senior Leadership Team will contact you as soon as the email is picked up. We will have to gather information from your child about who they have been in contact with. This information is required by Public Health England, they will then advise us on the next steps.



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## DISCERNING & JOYFUL – even in difficult times

This week we have celebrated some notable feast days; St. Patrick on 17<sup>th</sup> March and St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 19<sup>th</sup> March. We ask both of these saints to intercede for us.

### St. Joseph,

#### Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Patron saint of fathers, workers, travellers, immigrants & unborn children.



Pope Francis has declared this Church year to be the year of St. Joseph. In his letter *Patris Corde*, the Holy Father describes St. Joseph as a person who listened, accepted difficult news, trusted, obeyed, worked hard, lived simply and lived quietly. He is an example for us all.

*Blessed Saint Joseph,  
God trusted you with his only Son, Jesus.  
Mary placed her trust in you.  
You protected both Mary and Jesus in the most difficult of times.  
Blessed Joseph, guide us in the path of life,  
That we may be people who listen to and trust in God.  
Help us to follow your example and work hard in the service of others.  
And to live simply. AMEN*

### St. Patrick

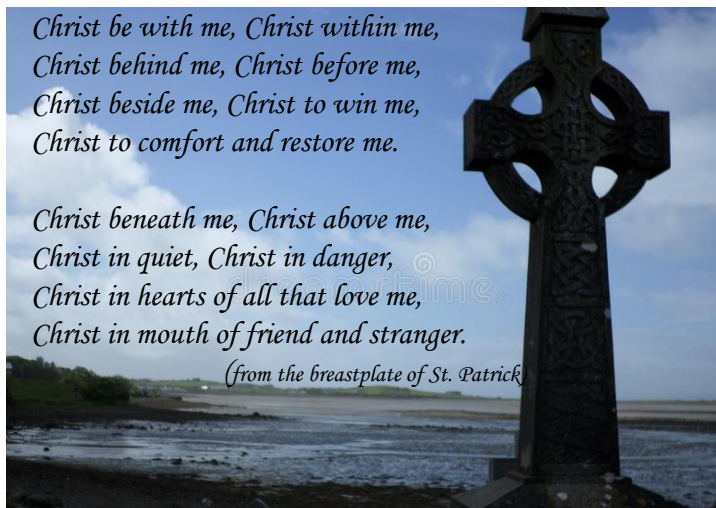
Bishop, Missionary and Patron Saint of  
Ireland  
(385 – 461)



*Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.*

*Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

*(from the breastplate of St. Patrick)*



A reminder that during Lent we are walking for water.

Our target is **£1,450** (£2 each)

So far we have raised **£396.71**

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY**





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## Serviam task winners this week

Week beginning 15th March 2021

*'No matter how rich, talented or great you think you are... How you treat people ultimately tells all'*

Reflect on today's scripture reading from John. The lame man called out to Jesus saying, '**someone always gets there ahead of me**'.

Our life is a journey and for the most part, there will always be people '**ahead of us**'. How we adapt to this is the making of us!

### TASK: 'You have to do something'

Doing something is better than doing nothing. Our next UEC virtue is '**Leading for Justice**'. Deciding to do something can cause a great deal of change for the better.

Create a poster on google docs/slides that outlines ways that you '**have done something**' good or worthwhile to help those in your home, school or wider community.

Tuesday 16th March

## SERVIAM TASK



Challenge: can you relate in any way to the man in the story that was struggling because there was always someone ahead of him?

### Year 7

Michelle A	Alicia M
Sofia C	Chinyere M-I
Maisy A	Samanta Diaz J
Chloe-Ann R	Foyin D
Lucy S	Hadizah H
Iwiza K	Jeneesha J
Niamh O'C	Geovanna S
Elizabeth O	Chiara C
Betty B	Erin W
Shauna-Rose K	

### Year 8

Keji A  
Hannah A  
Alice H  
Miya B  
Grace T  
Nomshu J-J  
Emily O  
Lara P  
Iguisa C  
Davina T

### Year 9

Freya F  
Niamh L  
Claire-Isabelle R  
Amelia S  
Mildred U  
Natalie F

### Year 10

Elizabeth F  
Zahrah S-C



## March 2021 Update

# Well done to all our girls for working hard and showing resilience in Lockdown

The Friends of St Ursula's (FOSTUR) would like to say a very big

## WELL DONE

to all the girls for working hard in lockdown and having to be so resilient through so many changes in circumstances. Today we have sent a treat to school for each child that we hope they enjoy at the end of the school day.

A special thank you also to all the staff who continue to support our girls through this most unusual time.

### Fundraising Update

We have received several generous donations to our FOSTUR funds over the school year so far and would like to thank everyone for their kindness. This money has been used so far to buy additional Chromebooks, visualisers and science goggles. If you are able to help in this way, donations to FOSTUR can be made on our Virgin webpage as below. **We really value your support.**

[www.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/stursulas](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/charities/stursulas)



We have now raised over £1,000 through easyfundraising and Amazon smile! If you do online shopping, please think to click on the links first – all the small amounts add up in no time!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstursulas/>

We are looking for ideas for covid-safe, remote fundraising.



Please get in touch on [fosturatse10@gmail.com](mailto:fosturatse10@gmail.com)

Thank you,  
FOSTUR



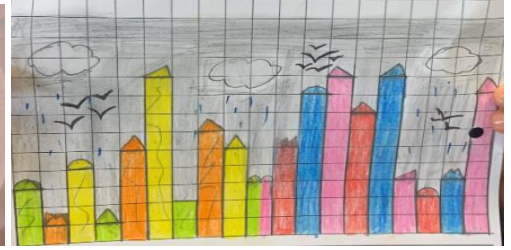
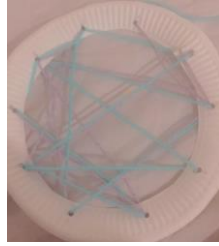




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Pi Day is celebrated on March 14<sup>th</sup> around the world.

Pi (Greek letter  $\pi$ ) is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant- the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter- which is approximately 3.14159.

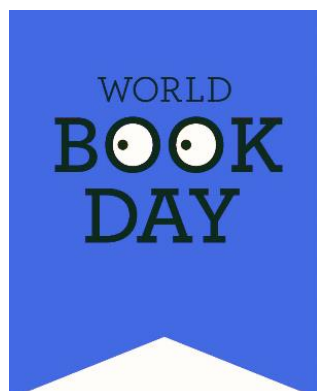
The Maths Department celebrated Pi day in Key Stage 3 this week with Year 7&8 students creating a Pi dream catcher and Year 9 creating a Pi cityscape.

Well done to everyone for their enthusiasm.





## STU World Book Day Form Quiz Winners 2021



The scores have been counted and the winners of the St Ursula's World Book Day Form Quiz are!

**KS3 Winner: 8 Elizabeth – 21/25**

**KS4 Winner: 11 Elizabeth – 24/25**

These forms have received house points and some lovely magnetic bookmarks with inspirational phrases! Well done to everyone that took part!

All pupils received a free £1 World Book Day voucher last week that can be used to purchase one of the specially published World Book Day £1 books, or to take £1 off the price of a regular book at participating retailers in store and online until **28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**.

Check out the choices here:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>





## eBooks of the Week

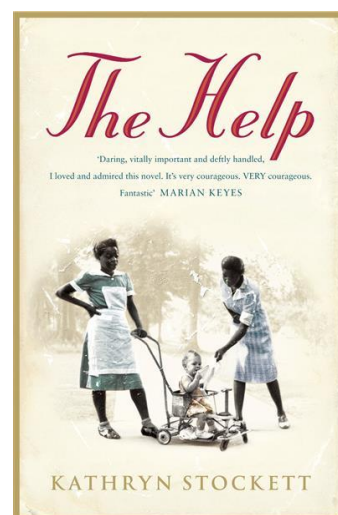
### Historical Fiction



This week's eBook highlight is on Historical Fiction, an amazing and entertaining way to learn more about the context of the past.

#### **'The Help' by Kathryn Stockett** **Historical Fiction, 13+**

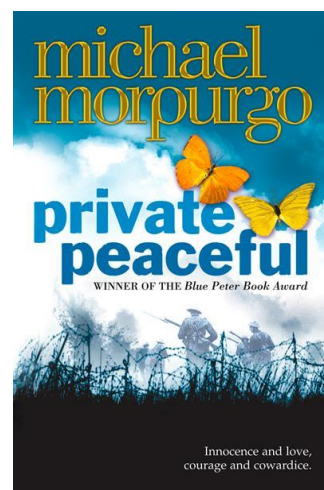
It's Jackson, Mississippi, 1962. Miss Skeeter, Aibileen and Minny. No one would believe they'd be friends; fewer still would tolerate it. But as each woman finds the courage to cross boundaries, they come to depend and rely upon one another. Each is in a search of a truth. And together they have an extraordinary story to tell...



Find it on Oliver:  
<https://tinyurl.com/ygf8kzgn>

#### **Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo** **Historical Fiction**

A stunning edition of this modern classic of World War One, featuring an introduction by the author and insightful testimonies from soldiers. Told in the voice of Private Tommo Peaceful, the story follows twenty-four hours at the front, and captures his memories of his family and his village life - by no means as tranquil as it appeared. Full of vivid detail and engrossing atmosphere, leading to a dramatic and moving conclusion, Private Peaceful is both a compelling love story and a deeply moving account of the First World War.



Find it on Oliver  
<https://tinyurl.com/yfwz49rb>



## Improving Literacy at Home

Is your child a reluctant reader? Do they avoid sitting down with a book? Do you struggle to get them off streaming services? Make this work for you!

Did you know that a recent scientific study has shown that turning the subtitles on when children watch videos doubles their chance of being a good reader? Many children have taken a step backward in their literacy during lockdown and using subtitles could improve their reading without them even realising! Luckily, TV services and streaming platforms such as Netflix, Amazon Prime and Disney+ all come with subtitle options!

Learn more below...

The science of turning on the subtitles:

<https://youtu.be/DK51uVm91vk>

Learn more with Stephen Fry!

<https://youtu.be/l-zISnJ-oao>

And the official website:

[www.turnonthesubtitles.org](http://www.turnonthesubtitles.org)

