



Rewards and Praise System

At St. Patrick's Catholic Primary School, we strive to ensure a happy and secure community with Christ as our centre, working, celebrating and worshipping together. Our Mission is to seek and build a Kingdom of God.

In order to encourage pupils to behave well and have healthy self-esteem, teachers will let pupils know when they have seen them behaving well and suitable rewards of praise and acknowledgement will be given. The reward system recognises social and academic achievements and effort and we strive to catch the children being the best versions of themselves.

- Favourable comments can and should be entered on pieces of work, (see Marking Policy).
- Written School Reports should comment favourably on good work, behaviour, involvement in and general attitude to school life.
- Recognition can be given to success of differing kinds in assemblies, e.g. presentation of swimming and cycling proficiency awards etc.
- Children's work can/should be displayed as much as possible both in the classroom and corridors of the school
- A visit to the Headteacher for commendations.
- Specific privileges can be awarded to individuals/groups of children, e.g. in the use of school facilities, (computers, library, games equipment, etc.).
- Opportunities for giving children greater responsibility in school should be fostered e.g. Prefects, Eco Warriors, Class Chaplains, Sports Crew, Arts Ambassadors, School Council etc.

Above all, praise and encouragement in and out of lessons should be used as much as possible and have genuineness and authenticity.

When the children are rewarded and presented certificates, we will publish it on Twitter, our school Twitter is viewable on the school website home page. [St Patrick's Catholic Primary School \(@StPatricksRCTho\) / Twitter](https://twitter.com/StPatricksRCTho)

Golden Rules

All members of our school community know it is important to follow our 'Golden Rules' which underpin our ethos and aims and ensure that we have a happy and safe place to learn, play and grow. These rules are displayed in each classroom.

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To further promote and embed the school mission 'Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God' we have our own values based rewards system inspired by the teaching of our special saint St.Patrick. He taught us to see Christ in each person and all things-below, above, around and within us. We reward pupils when they share and promote our values and show the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Stickers are presented by both staff and pupils in class collective worship time.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit



Love

Strawberries are thought to be the fruit of love. Show that you love God and your neighbours-even when sometimes it may be difficult to love those that have upset you.

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Peace



Watermelon – you can't eat a whole one but you can have a "piece." Show peace to those around you. When you do something wrong, say sorry and if people say sorry to you- forgive them also. This will all help to bring peace into our world.

Faithfulness



Blackberries are a hardy fruit and will grow even in the thorniest of hedgerows! When you are faithful to God, you become a child of God. When you are faithful to friends and family, you become someone who they can rely on trust.

Joy



Oranges are bright and cheerful. Be happy in all that you do and bring happiness to others- make them proud of you. Pope Francis wants everybody to be happy and bring joy to others. Remember to always be thankful for what you have.

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Goodness

Bananas have been voted as the country's favourite fruit. Always try and do good for others as well as seeing the good in others.



Gentleness

Peaches are soft and gentle. Always try to say and do gentle things at home and at school. Always have gentle hands and words to others.



Patience

You can't eat a lemon quickly! Wait patiently for people and things—good things always come to those who wait. Don't be grumpy and bad tempered with your friends and family.

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Self-Control



Apples were the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden – Eve didn't have enough self-control. Always try to behave well and stay on the right path, even though it might be difficult to do at times.

Kindness

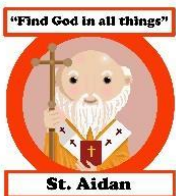


Grapes are many on a vine and can be easily shared with others. Be kind and share the things that you have with others- especially our brothers and sisters around the world that are not as fortunate as us.

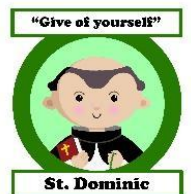
Each week we celebrate the achievements of our children during our Wednesday assembly.

House System

At St Patrick's Catholic Primary School there are four houses named after notable saints of mixed gender to reflect the equality of society today. The qualities of these saints also reflect the Catholic ethos and culture of the school.



St. Aidan (Find God in all things),
St. Bernadette (Be gentle and kind),
St. Clare (Let Your Light Shine)
St. Dominic (Give of yourself)



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House Points

Each child is allocated a certain house and they can then earn house points for excellent work, polite manners, high standards of behaviour and general helpfulness around the school. Each week, house points are collected and totalled. During the Wednesday Praise whole school assembly, the winning house is announced and at the end of the year the House with the most points are presented St. Patrick's House cup of the year. Each week, the winning house fly their House colours from the school flag pole.



We believe that the House System allows for a positive contribution from each child and promotes a sense of belonging and self-discipline. When House Points are awarded by adults, children will receive a coloured token of their house to put in the Token counter in classrooms. Each token is worth a house point. If a child receives 3 house points for a piece of work, they receive a certificate in the Praise Assembly.

Certificates

We have subject specific certificates linked with the different areas of the curriculum and general "Star of the Week" certificates which can be awarded for general good attitude and behaviour. We also present certificates/stickers and medals for the following:

- St. Francis Awards-presented to pupils who demonstrate good ecological merit
- St. Patrick's Star Badge-presented to pupils who consistently show good attitudes towards their work and friendships with others.
- Attendance Certificates- presented half-termly to pupils with 100% attendance for that half-term.
- Headteacher Awards- nominated by staff to receive a certificate, special pencil and a golden token worth 10 houspoints.

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Cups and Trophies

- Key Stage Cup- presented weekly to a pupil in each Kes Stage for excellence.
- St.Veronica Cup- for the legacy of parishioner Veronica Allinson. Presented weekly to a pupil who shows the qualities of gentleness and friendship.
- Rose Walsh Cup- for the legacy of long serving governor Rose Walsh. Presented annually to a Year 6 pupil who has consistently displayed “The Spirit of St.Patrick’s” throughout their time with us.
- The Joe Cuthbert Sports Cup-for the legacy of governor Joe Cuthbert who promoted sports and competition during his tenure.

Lunchtime Awards

Lunchtime Supervisors can award stickers and house points to pupils who demonstrate good behaviour during lunchtime periods.

Dining Hall Rules

- ❖ We queue calmly.
- ❖ We stay in our seat.
- ❖ We face the table.
- ❖ We use our indoor voices.
- ❖ We keep food on the plate.
- ❖ We finish our food before leaving.
- ❖ We clean up after we have finished and leave the table as we would like to find it.

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