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Social Justice at St Finbar's

Dear Parents,

Last year the children and teachers at St Finbar's identified the need to create a social justice group within the school. The purpose of this group is to promote awareness about "social justice" and what this means in action. In addition, we would like to create an understanding of the many ways we can support others who are less fortunate than us, to make a difference to others lives and explore ways that we as a community can reach out to others just like Jesus did.

Every child at St Finbar's was given the opportunity to become a member of our social justice group. Thirty children have volunteered to join our group and are very keen to make a difference in our world and support those at the margins.

We are very proud to announce that our new social justice action group will be called, **The Justice League**.

Social justice is about seeing the world in a way that aims to make life equal for all people. It involves respecting all people and creating a life of opportunities, regardless of their circumstance.

Our first initiative for the year will be launched during Catholic Schools Week - **St Finbar's Rice Day**. The Justice League has recognised that there are some children and adults who do not have the same access to fresh, clean food and water like we do. Many are left wondering about where their next meal will come from.

We would like to put ourselves into these peoples shoes. On Tuesday, 20th March, we will be hosting a rice day at school. Children and teachers will come to school with their regular crunch and sip and recess for the day. At lunch time, all the children and teachers will sit down together in their classrooms and think about the people who only have plain rice to eat and how that must feel. As we think of them, we too will eat a bowl of rice with our classmates.

This initiative aims to raise awareness about social justice and to get the children talking about how others who are less fortunate than us live on a regular basis. The children will reflect on this experience and how they felt, as they only had rice to eat for lunch. The rice for the children will be provided by the school. All we ask is that you talk to your children about the purpose of this day and how we as a community can reach out and help others in need.

Thank you for your support,
The Justice League, Mrs Borg and Mrs Platt

Please complete and return the slip below.

St Finbar's Rice Day

I would like my child _____ in grade _____ to participate in St Finbar's Rice Day.

I understand the purpose of this day is to raise awareness about social justice.

Parent's Signature : _____

Parent's Name : _____

Dated : _____