



St James' RC Primary Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

I hope that everyone was able to make an appointment for the Goal Sharing Evenings next week. Parents and children should make their way through the hall to the classroom to look at the children's work. The class teacher will then come and collect you from the classroom when they are ready. Please remember that siblings can be booked into After School Club which is open each night until 5:55pm.

During our Monday whole school assembly, I shared St Francis' Canticle of the Creatures. This hymn of praise demonstrates how St Francis of Assisi felt about our life beings connected to God's creation. St Francis offers praise and gives thanks for God's artistry. The Canticle of the Creatures is now displayed on our Eco Committee board in the hall.

As you know, we started the week with three Bromley school nurses giving the flu vaccinations to the children. They commented on the fantastic behaviour of all the children.

On Monday, Year 3 took an exciting trip to Morrisons to explore packaging. They were given a tour of the bakery and learnt how different types of bread are prepared and cut into shapes. Then, Simon gave them an informative talk on how fish is prepared and packaged for customers. Thank you to all the staff at Morrisons. The children now have some great ideas on packaging for their DT topic.



On Tuesday Y5 visited the Parish Memory Café. The children enjoyed chatting to everyone, asking questions about people's lives and what they liked to do when they were young. The children enjoyed a drink and a biscuit with their new friends. Everyone is looking forward to the next visit.



Arlo visited Y3 on Wednesday and took part in some science.



The school photographer visited on Thursday. Hopefully the proofs will soon be sent home to you so that you can order any photographs that you want ready for Christmas. Thank you to the parents who volunteered on the day to ensure everything run smoothly.

Year 4 planned and led the KS2 prayer and liturgy this week. Their theme was being generous. The children reflected on how we can all be generous to one another.



Thank you to Y6 Class for presenting a wonderful assembly all about their PGL trip. They obviously made memories to treasure.



This week I attended the Southwark Diocese Headteacher Conference on the theme of Catholic *Education: Valuing the Individual* which opened with Mass celebrated by Bishop Philip Moger. The first day focused on celebrating diversity and valuing inclusion through the lens of Fratelli Tutti.

Next week is Anti-bullying Week and the theme is 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. Too often, we dismiss bullying as 'just banter'. We will remind children that we do not have to be best friends with everyone and we do not always agree, but we can choose respect and unity. We will be asking children to wear school uniform with odd socks on Monday to show that we are all unique and different and that we should be kind to each other and respect each other's individuality. No money is being collected as the day is about awareness.

On Friday 17th we will be supporting 'Children in Need Day' by asking children to come to school in their own clothes and wearing spots if they have any. The children can bring in a suggested donation of £1 for Children in Need on that day.

Please see the attached information about the Knights of St Columba's Christmas Art competition.

Please also read the following information about the Y6 Junior Travel Ambassadors competition. As it is near Christmas time, the competition is about colouring an elf using bright colours to make it stand out. The competition is call 'Elf and Safety' and it consists of an image of an elf and a poem. All KS1 have to do is colour in the elf, whilst KS2 also have to write about the materials they will use for the clothing as it is getting colder and darker. The winner will receive a prize goody bag and the entries will be entered into the Bromley competition. Please hand in all entries to class teachers by Monday 20th November.

Can I please remind you that girls should be wearing black tights or white socks with their winter uniform.

God Bless.

Mrs Weeks

Word on Wednesday

The Wednesday Word is WISDOM. Wisdom is a gift from God which helps us to see things more clearly and make the right choices in life. We spoke to the children about how God loves us and sent Jesus to help us to grow in wisdom. We explained that true wisdom is discovering what God wants us to do, then trying our best to do it. It's about using knowledge well and having good judgement.

Safeguarding

Defined as ongoing hurtful behaviour towards someone online, cyber-bullying makes its victims feel upset, uncomfortable and unsafe. In the digital world, it has numerous forms – such as hurtful comments on a person's posts or profile; deliberately leaving them out of group chats; sharing embarrassing images or videos of someone; or spreading gossip about them. Cyber-bullying can severely impact a young person's mental health. Please always alert us to any cyber-bullying that you are aware of.

Dates for your Diary

Please see the dates below. We will send out more details over the course of the term.

November

Monday 13th Anti bullying Odd sock day

Monday 13th Y5 to Houses of Parliament

Monday 13th 3:30-6:30 Goal Sharing Meetings for parents and children

Tuesday 14th 3:30-6:30 Goal Sharing Meetings for parents and children

Wednesday 15th Bromley Y Parent Consultations (To be booked via Bromley Y)

Thursday 16th 9:15 Open Morning for 2024 Reception Intake

Thursday 16th pm Wind in the Willows Performance for all children

Friday 17th Children in Need (Wear own clothes and spots)

Friday 17th Rec Library visit

Saturday 18th Cross Country Competition for Y5 and Y6 at Crystal Palace (All welcome)

Monday 20th HSBC Money workshop with Y5

Monday 20th HSBC Money workshop with Y1

Tuesday 21st PTA Break the Rules Day

Wednesday 22nd HSBC Money workshop with Y3

Wednesday 22nd HSBC Money workshop with Y4

Thursday 23rd HSBC Money workshop with Rec

Thursday 23rd HSBC Money workshop with Y2

Friday 24th HSBC Money workshop with Y6

Friday 24th Hindu Assembly and Workshop

Friday 24th Christmas PTA Cracker Assembly

Saturday 25th 12-3 PTA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 28th Y2 Visiting The Golden Hinde

Thursday 30th Art Day

December

Wednesday 6th 9:05 Y6 Class Mass (Parents welcome)

Thursday 7th Y6 Carol Singing at Southmore Court

Thursday 7th 3:40 LAMDA Performance for parents

Friday 8th Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

Friday 8th KS2 Reading Passports returned

Saturday 9th Orpington Christmas Concert for Y5 and Y6 Choir

Monday 11th 6pm KS2 Carol Concert at church

Tuesday 12th KS2 Reading Passport Assembly

Wednesday 13th Christmas Lunch for all children

Wednesday 13th KS1 Nativity 9:15 (Babies and Toddlers are welcome)

Thursday 14th KS1 Nativity 9:15 (No Babies and Toddlers please)

Thursday 14th pm KS1 Party for children

Friday 15th pm KS2 Party for children

Tuesday 19th End of term for children at normal time

OTHER NEWS

Can children please not ride their scooters or bikes in school at drop off and pick up. The scooters and bikes need to stay in the racks and should be collected when children leave. Thank you for your co-operation and helping us to ensure everyone stays safe.

OAKIES

The club has been very busy this week playing board games, completing puzzles, using the construction toys and having a lot of fun inside. Rumikub and scrabble are firm favourites.

We will be starting our Advent arts and crafts soon, so please look out for those.

Have a wonderful weekend from the Oakies team



AWARDS

KS1 AWARDS

Year	Gold Sticker Award		Golden Promises
Rec	Tommy	Lorcan	Max
Year 1	Amelie	Henry	Elsie
Year 2	Freddie	Leonard	Ninoshka

KS2 AWARDS

Year	Respect in class	Pride in work
Year 3	Mark	Amy
Year 4	Callum	Rory
Year 5	Daniel	Aadhanya
Year 6	Chloe	Teddy

Well done to Lonnie who was the winner of the Courtesy Cup this week.

ATTENDANCE

	Attendance (%)	Occasions Late
R	100	1
1	100	0
2	99.0	0
3	99.06	0
4	99.69	0
5	97.19	0
6	97.5	0

Congratulations to Reception and Y1 who had the best attendance last week. Reception are still in the lead and could be winning an own clothes day before the end of term.

Weekly Winners

Year	Number of wins
Rec	5
Y1	3
Y2	0
Y3	0
Y4	0
Y5	0
Y6	1