

Friday 26th April 2024 - Newsletter 28

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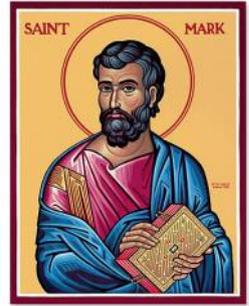
St Mark's Feast Day Mass

On Thursday, our Key Stage Two children attended a special mass to celebrate St Mark's Feast Day. A special thank you to Mrs Skinner's class - Year 5 St Benedict- who led the service and read beautifully.



MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER, MR. LANE

This week, our KS2 children attended Church to celebrate Mass with Fr. Spencer to mark the beginning of term. It was also the feast Day of St Mark the Evangelist who along with Matthew, Luke and John wrote the four Gospels in the New Testament. Mark's Gospel was written first and it is the shortest description of Jesus' life, Death, Resurrection and Ascension. His Feast Day is celebrated on 25th April when we remind ourselves to share the Good News about Jesus with others.



Many thanks to those Year 6 parents/carers who were able to attend the KS2 SATs information meeting earlier this week. Our Year 6 pupils will be sitting their Key Stage Two SATs the week beginning Monday 13th May. These tests are more formal and will take place from Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May. The children have worked really hard for these tests and have been busy revising recently. We expect to receive the results of these tests in early July and will include them with the children's end of year report. If you were unable to attend the meeting the information shared has been emailed to you.

Last year, The Department for Education announced that assessments in KS1 (Year 2) are no longer statutory so there will not be a meeting for parents/carers this year. Like all other year groups these pupils will still undertake assessments this term which are less formal and will take place in either their classroom or a familiar teaching space with a familiar adult. The outcomes of these assessments will be considered alongside the children's work during the year and reported on in the children's end of year school report.

Children in Year 1 and Year 4 will also be undertaking assessments in June. Children in Year 1 will undertake a phonics screening assessment and children in Year 4 will undertake a times tables assessment. Again the outcomes of these assessments will be shared with parents/carers in their end of year reports in July.

Some children can worry about tests and assessments and, if they do, we reassure them that all we expect is for them to do their very best - like they do in school every day. The children have worked really hard this year. We are really proud of them and of course wish them the very best in these assessments. I know parents/carers will also reinforce these important messages when talking to your children at home.

I hope you have the date of our Summer Fair - Saturday 8th June - in your diary. FOSH are very busy organising this important event and we need your support to make it a success. We need volunteers to help in the weeks before and also on the day. If you are able to help, please let the school office, Claire, Miss Palmer or a member of the FOSH team know. FOSH are also busy organising other events this term including Cultural Diversity Day, Sacred Heart Feast Day, and Year 6 Leavers events and we appreciate your continued support.



Have a lovely weekend.
Mr. Lane



One child per class is awarded a VIP certificate in our celebration assemblies. They also get lunch on a specially decorated table with table service!

Child's Name	Key	Reason
Aiden St Francis	Hunger to Achieve	Aiden has shown he is ready to learn by completing his work independently using the features he has been taught.
Aaron St Brigid	Hunger to Achieve	Aaron did an amazing job with his writing, even though it was a bit tough for him. He didn't give up and kept working hard until he got it right. I'm so proud of him.
Milliann St Teresa	Power of Me	VIP this week is for Milliann who has been setting an excellent example of being safe and responsible around the school! Keep it up Milliann!
Endryas St John Paul	Hunger to Achieve	Endryas has been working so hard on his writing recently and has made some wonderful progress. This week he has written an excellent diary entry as Mary Anning. Keep up the hard work Endryas!
Mason St Bernadette	Power of Me	Mason has shown the Power Of Me in all of his learning. He has worked really hard to listen on the carpet and share his ideas with others. Well done!
Khalil St Martin	Community Unity	Khalil is such a kind and thoughtful friend, always thinking of ways to help and support others. He is a great role-model of how we should treat others. Keep it up!
Diego St Catherine	Hunger to Achieve	Diego works hard in all lessons to make sure that he produces excellent work, especially in his written work! Well done!
Maria St Elizabeth	Hunger to Achieve	Maria has worked extremely hard on her writing skills and produced a brilliant piece. She has used a dictionary to check her spellings, included capital letters and full stops and persuasive language. Keep up the good work Maria!
Marissa St Benedict	Curiosity and Wonder	Marissa for showing 'Curiosity and Wonder', she is always curious and wants to know how to improve her learning and is not afraid to ask questions! Marissa consistently has a positive attitude towards her learning and is always Ready, Respectful and Safe! Well done.
Rico St Faustina	Power of Me	Rico has demonstrated the Power of Me and a Hunger to Achieve this week, he has been on the recognition board every day, he has been trying his best in all of her learning and understands the importance of making the right choices! Keep it up Rico!
Elsie St Maximillian	Power of Me	Well done Elsie! This week you have shown a real commitment to your learning and been very engaged with class discussions on different topics. Keep up the effort!
Thiago St Josephine	Community Unity	A big well done to Thiago who has demonstrated 'Community Unity'. Thiago always helps with handing the books out and is a fantastic help to myself and his peers.

Parish Updates

Baptisms at Sacred Heart Parish:

Are you planning to baptise your child?

Please get in touch with the parish office for details about the upcoming Baptismal preparation meeting for parents and god-parents on Saturday, May 18th.

Parish Office opening times are Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
9:30 am- 3:00pm

Foodbank!

The next foodbank is Saturday 4th May from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. It's first come, first served, and everyone is welcome!

MEET SACRED HEART PARISH TEAM



Fr. Gideon Wagay
Parish Priest



Fr. Samuel T Amponsah
Assitant Priest



Fr. Spencer J Nyendwa
Zambian Chaplain



Aileen Austria
Catechetical Coord



Elizabeth Ocampo
Parish Administrator

Concerns

If at any point you have concerns or are unhappy with any aspect of your child's educational experience, we recommend you speak with your child's class teacher. Open communication is essential for us to address any issues promptly and effectively.

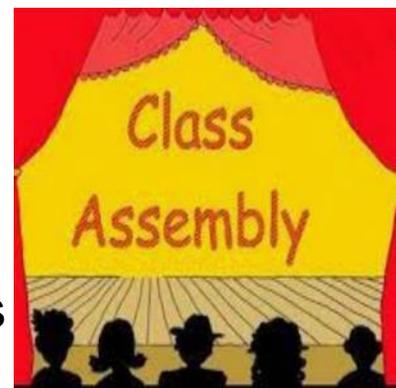
St George's Day

On Tuesday we celebrated St George's day, who is the patron saint of England. The children wore red clothes and accessories and enjoyed a traditional English lunch of sausages and mash.



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Each class will be having one more class assembly this academic year, some will be this term and others in the Summer Term. We look forward to seeing you at your child's class assembly.



All assemblies start at 9:45am.

- Friday 10th May Y1- St Francis
- Friday 17th May Y2-St Teresa
- Friday 24th May Y3-St Martin
- Friday 21st June Y3-St Bernadette
- Friday 28th June Y1- St Brigid
- Friday 5th July R-St Jude
- Friday 12th July R-St Peter
- Friday 19th July Y6- St Maximilian and St Josephine

WEEK 1
15/04/24, 06/05/24,
03/06/24, 24/06/24, 15/07/24

MENU

Eat the **Rainbow**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mains <small>HAPPY TUMS</small>	Mild Chicken Curry	Beef Bolognaise Pasta Bake (G, Mk)	Roast Chicken, Stuffing and Gravy (G)	Sweet and Sour Stir Fry Chicken (G, So)	Fish Fingers (G, F)
Veggie <small>MEAT FREE</small>	Mild Vegetable Curry	Macaroni and Cheese (G, Mk)	Butternut Squash, Leek and Onion Wellington (G, E, Mk)	Sweet and Sour Stir Fry with Julienne Vegetables (G, So)	Cheese, Pea and Spinach Quiche (G, Mk, E)
veg <small>EXTRA GOOD</small>	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Chef's Seasonal Salad Coleslaw (E)	Roasted Carrots Steamed Cabbage	Steamed Cauliflower Green Beans	Garden Peas Baked Beans
Carbs <small>FUEL FOOD</small>	Steamed Rice		Roast Potatoes	Egg Noodles (G, E)	Oven Baked Chips
Dessert <small>SOMETHING SWEET</small>	Baked Lemon Pudding (G, E)	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt (Mk, So)	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt (Mk, So)	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt (Mk, So)	Banana Cake (G, E)

Jacket Potatoes, salad bar, cold desserts and fresh fruit available daily.

Orange
APRIL
23rd - St George's Day

Yellow
MAY
16th - Outer Space Day
23rd - National Biscuit Day

Green
JUNE
18th - Teddy Bears' Picnic

Purple
JULY
4th - World Chocolate Day
The Olympics

ALLERGENS

Ce = Celery	F = Fish	L = Lupin	Mu = Mustard	Se = Sesame Seeds
Cr = Crustacean	G = Cereals containing Gluten	Mk = Milk	N = Nuts	So = Soya
E = Eggs		Mo = Molluscs	P = Peanuts	Su = Sulphur Dioxide

THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Parents/carers are emailed the Wednesday Word every week. Please take the time to read it with your child(ren). There are some lovely activities which you can do with your child(ren) and also link in with your child's Religious Education lessons in schools and with the liturgical year.

THE Wednesday WORD SHARING SUNDAY'S GOSPEL **A Gift to You & Your Family from Your Catholic School**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wednesday 24th April 2024

All parents want to help their children to grow into the best people that they can be. Growing in goodness is for parents and children alike.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses an image that would have been familiar to people of his time and he reminds us that we all depend on God for life. We all make mistakes, but God is loving and patient and gives us time to grow into the people we were created to be.

God loves us, and wants us to live and grow in him – just like a branch grows on a vine – to be full of God's own energy. Keeping lively contact with Jesus helps us to grow in goodness and to live fruitful family lives, filled with peace, kindness and love.

Enjoy your week together **GROWING** in God's love.

Don Henry Wimbrough

Good News for Families TOGETHER TIME

1 READ & REFLECT! Listen & Learn with Jesus, the Word!

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine and you are the branches. But just as a branch cannot produce fruit unless it remains joined to the vine, you cannot produce fruit unless you remain in me. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away. But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will produce much fruit to the glory of God."

Which word or words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why? Spend a few relaxing moments pondering the picture together. Share any thoughts before moving on.

2 SHARE & CARE! Growing in Goodness & Love: This Wednesday's Word...

"We cannot grow up by ourselves; rather, we journey and grow in a community, in a family." Pope Francis

GROWING

Ask your child what the word 'growing' means to them (other than increasing in height or weight). Ask them which one of the above 'fruits' (see the 'Good News for Families' section at the top of this page) would they particularly like to grow in. Why did they choose that 'fruit'? In what ways could growing in that fruit help them? Then tell your child how they've grown as a person (and in goodness) in recent months.

Each new day is an opportunity to grow in goodness. Regularly praying together is a powerful way for the family to keep growing in love. What else can we do to keep growing in goodness in this coming week? Perhaps we can always try to be fair with others; avoid doing wrong and always try to do what's right; spend some time reading the words of Jesus in the gospels; try to be better listeners and more patient with the people around us.

3 Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for the people who help us grow in your love and please help us to keep growing in goodness. Amen.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTSEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS EITHER ACROSS OR DOWN

JESUS VINE PEOPLE BRANCHES REMAIN JOINED MUCH FRUIT

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **hbs** in the jumbled words below to find 8 real words.

frubhitsu srehmabin Gsohbd ghloisrby

Jesus said, "If you _____ in me you will produce much _____ to the _____ of _____"

Growing in goodness helps us to be happy together. We keep growing in goodness when we act upon what we learn about following Jesus. As we grow, we become more like Jesus: patient, loving and full of forgiveness.

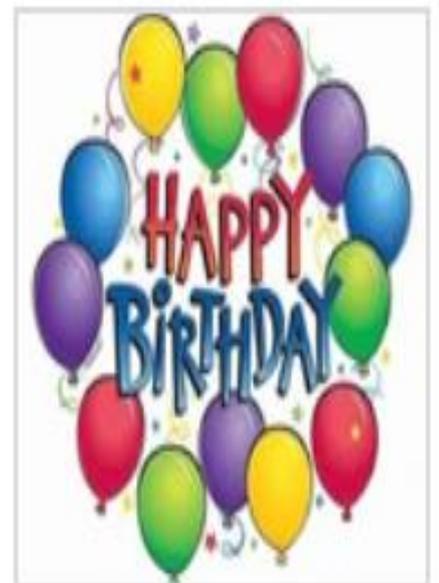
This week I will try my best to...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Smiley

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

We wish the following pupils a very happy birthday for the next week:

- Amarachukwu (Y3), Daniel (Y2),
- Maddie (Y2), Aaliyah (Y6),
- Robert (Reception), Noah (Y6),
- Austin (Y2), Nathan (Y2), Alisia (Y3)
- and Jonah (Y4).



P.E. LESSON DAYS

Thank you for ensuring your child/ren attend school in their PE kit on their PE days.

As a reminder, the PE uniform is:

- Standard white Sacred Heart PE top
- Blue Sacred Heart PE shorts
- Suitable trainers
- Plain grey or navy blue tracksuit bottoms

The children should not be wearing football kits or brightly coloured sports clothing. If your child does not have the correct PE kit, please ensure they do so as soon as possible. The uniform is sold at Rough Cut Casuals, [16 Chapel Market, London N1 9EZ](#).

There may have been some changes to your child's PE days from last year, so please look carefully at the below information:

The PE days are as follows:

Year 1 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 2 - Monday and Wednesday

Year 3 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 4 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 5 - Monday and Tuesday

Year 6 - Wednesday



Mrs Harney (Sharon) will send morning reminders on your child's PE days.



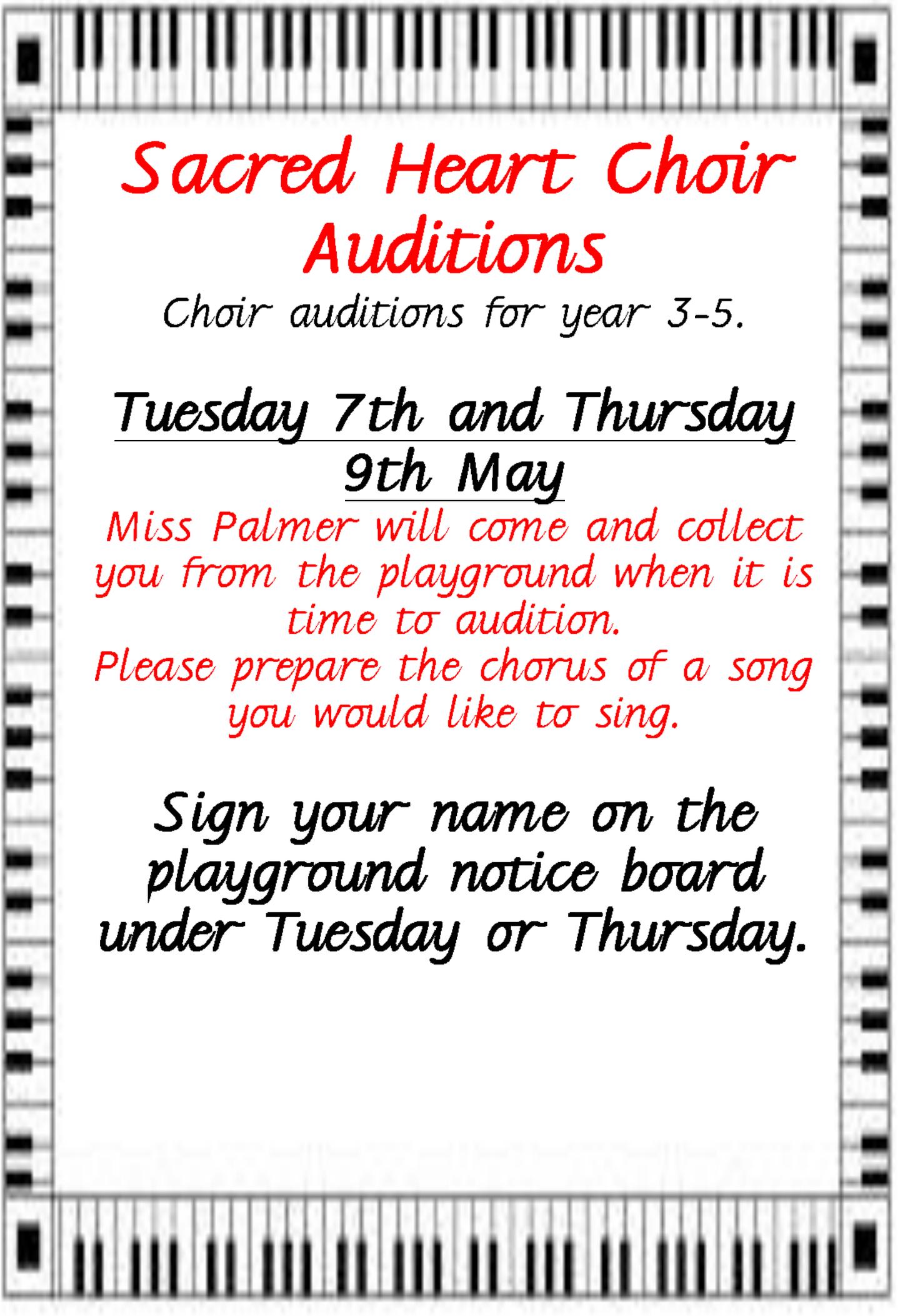
FOSH celebrate Cultural Diversity day!

Friday 17th May 2024

Children are welcome to wear their own
cultural clothes or their uniform.

Look out for the decorations in the hall and admire
everyone's cultural dress.

3:45-4:45 in the back playground come
and celebrate with FOSH by seeing
traditional performances from different
children and enjoy traditional food from
all over the world.



Sacred Heart Choir Auditions

Choir auditions for year 3-5.

*Tuesday 7th and Thursday
9th May*

*Miss Palmer will come and collect
you from the playground when it is
time to audition.*

*Please prepare the chorus of a song
you would like to sing.*

*Sign your name on the
playground notice board
under Tuesday or Thursday.*

EYFS Phase News

Nursery: St Anthony & St Nicholas:



In Phonics this week we have been learning about the capital letters that we use at the start of our name. First of all, we looked for the letter at the beginning of our own name and then we looked for the letter that is at the beginning of some of our friends' names. Meanwhile, out in the garden there was lots of building and balancing taking place.



Reception: St Jude & St Peter:

We have had the best week looking after our chicks! We had 10 eggs and ALL 10 hatched! We have enjoyed weighing them, changing their food and water, drawing them and keeping our chick diaries. We have all had the chance to hold them too! We gave them names including 'Ginger Marshmallow', 'Saka', 'Stripe' and 'Marshy'! Astra even noticed today: "Some of them are growing adult feathers on their wings!" We are writing goodbye cards to the chicks as we will miss them so much!



KS1 Phase News

Year 1-St Brigid

In St Brigid class, we had fun in Maths choosing a variety of numbers up to 100 and representing them by using place value resources like counters, Numicon and dienes.



Year 1-St Francis

On Monday, St Francis class visited Caledonian Park and talked about ways we can protect our planet. We made tree guardians from clay using different natural objects. We made them to remind us of the importance of trees.



Year 2-St Teresa

We have started our new history topic 'Dinosaur Dig'! In our first lesson, we researched information about fossils, dinosaurs and Mary Anning. To do this, we used lots of different sources, such as videos, websites, articles, books, photos and even some actual fossil artefacts! We found lots of interesting facts and can't wait to find out more this term!



Year 2-St John Paul
Year 2 had a wonderful lesson using different sources to research our new topic 'Dinosaur Discovery'. We used books, information leaflets, videos and photos to find out about dinosaurs, fossils and Mary Anning. Ask us at home what we discovered in our lesson!

LKS2 Phase News

In St Martin de Porres this week, we headed over to Caledonian park for our third garden classroom session. Whilst there, we engaged in a number of activities to strengthen our understanding of the importance of nature and how it plays a vital role in sustaining a healthy environment. The children had lots of fun taking part in a quiz to test their knowledge, in which they had to move around the forest finding information to support their answers.



This week, in St Bernadette, we created tree charms to celebrate nature and added our own sustainability pledges. We had to work very carefully with our natural resources and think sensibly about what kind of pledge we were going to make as we wanted to make sure that we could keep them.

This week, Year 4 enjoyed a trip to Caledonian Park for a session with The Garden Classroom. We learnt why trees are heroes and the important role they have in maintaining our CO2 levels. We took part in a fantastic quiz and then played a super fun game that showed how trees take CO2 and replace it for oxygen. It was an incredibly informative session!



Y4 St Elizabeth also visited Caledonian Park for our third and final session with The Garden Classroom of the year. As well as hearing about why trees are vital for our survival, we learnt some facts about the true tree heroes of our Earth. Did you know that scientists believe the oldest tree in the world is more than 5000 years old? They can't check for sure because they'd have to cut it down! We also looked at identifying some of our most common trees by their leaves, like the Horse-chestnut tree, the Rowan tree and the London Plane (or Sycamore!). Maybe you will spot some of them when you're next in the park...

UKS2 Phase News



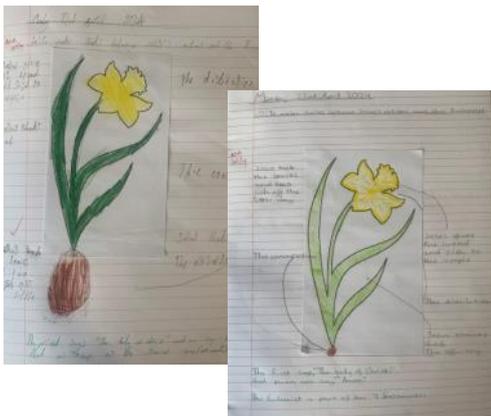
Last Thursday, Year 5 visited London Zoo.

We took the bus and looked at all the animals the zoo had! Some of the most exciting animals we saw were the giraffes, penguins, monkeys and a baby gorilla! Our trip linked to our Science topic 'Animals including Humans'. We were also able to link it to our previous Geography topic 'Eyes On Our Planet' and made the connection that climate change is having a negative impact on the animal's habitats.

Year 5 received many compliments from the zoo keepers on their good behaviour and respect of the animals.

Well done Year 5!

As part of our work on sustainability, Year 6 Saint Maximilian had a VR workshop about saving our planet. We met some different characters and explored a variety of lands as well as learning about how climate change has affected our planet over the last 30 years.



In RE, Year 6 Saint Josephine have been making links between Jesus's miraculous signs and the Sacraments. We learnt that Jesus did not develop the Sacraments as we know them now, but Jesus 'planted the seeds of the sacraments' in his work with people – in the way he welcomed, healed and saved people. We learnt that the Sacrament Eucharist is linked to when Jesus fed the 5000 – we represented this with a daffodil.

Summer Timetable for Courses and Projects

The Parent House is open from Monday to Thursday

	Morning	Afternoon
Tuesday	SEND Friends – 10am to 12.00pm Starts 23 rd April Every two weeks	Join us for a 1 to 1 support chat
Wednesday	Parents United -10am to 12.30pm Starts 24 th April Every week	We can help with children clothes, food bank vouchers, advice and support
Thursday	Stronger Together: Creative parenting support for parents of children under 3 years 9.30am to 12.30pm Starts 25 th April – weekly	ESOL ACL 1 to 2.30pm

SEND workshop

Marguerite Haye

The Big e

To book a place call: 0207 837 1383
or email Anita@theparenthouse.co.uk



Our SEND Friend group insisted that we ask Marguerite to run a workshop for Islington parents with children who have SEND.

Marguerite's mission is to support families through the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) journey. She supports parents to navigate the legislation and has successfully advocated for 1000s of families working in different roles nationally.

Day: Wednesday

Date: 8th May 2024

Time: 10am to 12.30pm

Place: Hugh Cubitt Community Centre
48 Collier St, N1 9BE

The Big e works to educate, empower, empathise, and engage families on their SEND journey.

Marguerite Haye is a neurodivergent teacher & consultant

“she helps you stand up for yourself because she knows what it’s like” Paulette: Islington parent

FREE SWIMMING LESSONS IN ISLINGTON

Throughout the school holidays and in partnership with Islington Council, we are proud to be able to offer a variety of free swimming lessons for children and families. Lessons will run during Easter, May Half Term, Summer and October Half Term. Sessions include:

- Adult and child swimming lessons: 6-week course for under 3's *Summer holiday only
- Swimming lessons for 4 -13-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Teen swimming lessons 13 -16-year-olds, intensive lessons, Monday - Friday for 1 or 2 weeks
- Family swimming lessons, 6-week course for up to 2 adults and 2 children to learn to swim together and enjoy the pool together *Summer holiday only

To apply please scan QR code or visit website at better.org.uk/free-swimming-lessons

You can email for more information at summer.lessons@gll.org



BETTER



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TEAMUKTS

5K FUN

FREE
REGISTRATION

RUN & WALK



SUNDAY MAY 12TH 2024

GROVELAND PARK

10.30 AM START

44 QUEEN ELIZABETH'S DR, LONDON
N14 6RD

REGISTRATION FROM 9.30 AM MEDALS FOR FINISHER

FOR INFORMATION VISIT WWW.UKTS.ORG

SPRING TERM 2024		TOTAL DAYS
<i>Monday 8th January 2024 – Thursday 28th March 2024</i>		54
Start Date	Monday 8 th January 2024	
Finish Date	Thursday 28 th March 2024	
INSET DAY	Monday 19 th February 2024	
Children return to school	Monday 8 th January 2024	
HALF TERM (Mon – Fri)	12 th – 16 th February 2024	
Last day of term for children	Thursday 28 th March 2024	
Last day of term	Thursday 28 th March 2024	

<i>Good Friday (Bank Holiday)</i>	<i>Friday 29th March 2024</i>
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	<i>Sunday 31st March 2024</i>
<i>Easter Monday (Bank Holiday)</i>	<i>Monday 1st April 2024</i>

SUMMER TERM 2024		TOTAL DAYS
<i>Monday 15th April 2024 – Tuesday 23rd July 2024</i>		66
Start Date	Monday 15 th April 2024	
Finish Date	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	
INSET DAY(S)	Monday 22 nd July 2024 Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	
Children return to school	Monday 15 th April 2024	
May Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May 2024	
HALF TERM (Mon – Fri)	27 th – 31 st May 2024	
Last day of term for children	Friday 19 th July 2024	
Last day of term	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	

TOTAL DAYS	75 + 54 + 66	195
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INSET DAYS (5)	
1	Monday 4 th September 2023
2	Friday 22 nd December 2023
3	Monday 19 th February 2024
4	Monday 22 nd July 2024
5	Tuesday 23 rd July 2024

THESE DATES ARE FROM SEPTEMBER

AUTUMN TERM 2024		TOTAL DAYS
<i>Monday 2nd September 2024 – Friday 20th December 2024</i>		75
Start Date	Monday 2 nd September 2024	
Finish Date	Friday 20 th December 2024	
INSET DAY(S)	Monday 2 nd September 2024 TBC	
Children return to school	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	
HALF TERM (Mon – Fri)	28 th October – 1 st November 2024	
Last day of term for children	Friday 20 th December 2024	
Last day of term	Friday 20 th December 2024	

SPRING TERM 2025		TOTAL DAYS
<i>Monday 6th January 2025 – Friday 4th April 2025</i>		60
Start Date	Monday 6 th January 2025	
Finish Date	Friday 4 th April 2025	
INSET DAY	TBC	
Children return to school	Monday 6 th January 2025	
HALF TERM (Mon – Fri)	17 th – 21 st February 2025	
Last day of term for children	Friday 4 th April 2025	
Last day of term	Friday 4 th April 2025	