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World Book Day Thursday 7th March

The children had a great day celebrating World Book Day on Thursday. They dressed in some amazing costumes including Matilda, Willy Wonka, Snow White, Winnie the Witch, Zog and many more. Y6 participated in an online workshop run by The Premier League and National Literacy Trust, where Premier League footballers, including Leah Williamson, asked questions about football and books. Nursery had a special visit from Mary Poppins. Lots of classes paired up with their reading buddies from another year group and enjoyed sharing a book together. Here are some photos of the children in their amazing outfits.







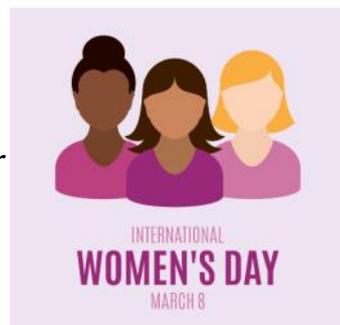




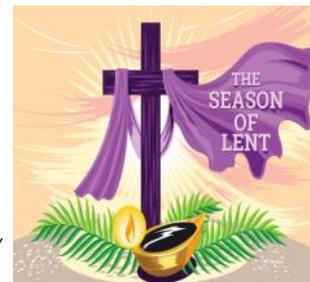


MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER, MR. LANE

Today, Friday 8th March is International Women's Day. This event occurs globally on the **8th March** every year in honour of the amazing women who campaigned for women's rights and those who continue to do so today. At Sacred Heart, we learn about inspirational women in our curriculum at different times of the year and the impact they had on society at the time. All our classes are called after Saints, seven of them after female Saints - St. Brigid, St Teresa of Calcutta, St Bernadette, St Catherine, St Elizabeth, St Faustina and St Josephine. Happy International Women's Day!



This Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent and in this Sunday's Gospel, we read about the 'light' that has come into the world. Pope Francis reminds us, "Jesus is the light who brightens the darkness." Letting Jesus' light shine in our lives provides a secure foundation for our lives and for the lives of our children too. This Gospel also reminds us that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us. Jesus' great act of love, of self-giving, on the cross, has paved the way for us to share in the true richness of God's love in this life, and also in the life to come.



It was lovely to see so many of you at our parent-teacher meetings this week. I know you appreciate and value the time you get to meet with your child's teacher to find out how they are getting on in school. Thank you too for the many kind comments you made about your children's teachers. We have an incredibly committed team of teachers who want nothing less than the very best for your children. I know they appreciate and value your continued support.

We had a wonderful celebration of World Book Day yesterday. We had an amazing array of book characters come to life in our school which brought about much excitement. Earlier in the week we enjoyed a visit from the children's author, James Campbell, which the children really enjoyed. Children in reception reliably informed me they were so inspired they haven't stopped reading or writing since. Thank you everyone for your continued support. A BIG thank you also to our English Leader, Miss Spurgeon, for organising the author visit and such a great World Book Day.

I read a research article this week ahead of World Book Day tomorrow which found that the number of children reading for fun has fallen to its lowest level since monitoring began 20 years ago. The research, which was undertaken by the children's insight consultancy Beano Brain, found that over half of children were put off reading by their screen-addicted parents. Just 25% said their parents relaxed by picking up a book, while 56% said their parents would rather scroll through social media than read for pleasure. This is certainly food for thought for adults and the influence we can have on our children's reading habits.

Earlier this week on Tuesday 5th March it was Mars Day. To mark this important day our Science Leader, Miss Huddart, ensured all our pupils engaged in this important STEM subject. The whole school shared the same focus - to design and create a Mars Rover - which the teachers used as a basis to organise fun and engaging lessons for our children to learn about.

This week I received notification from Islington Council that the improvement work taking place on Geary Street will start on Monday 18th March. A reminder of this work is included on the next page.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr. Lane

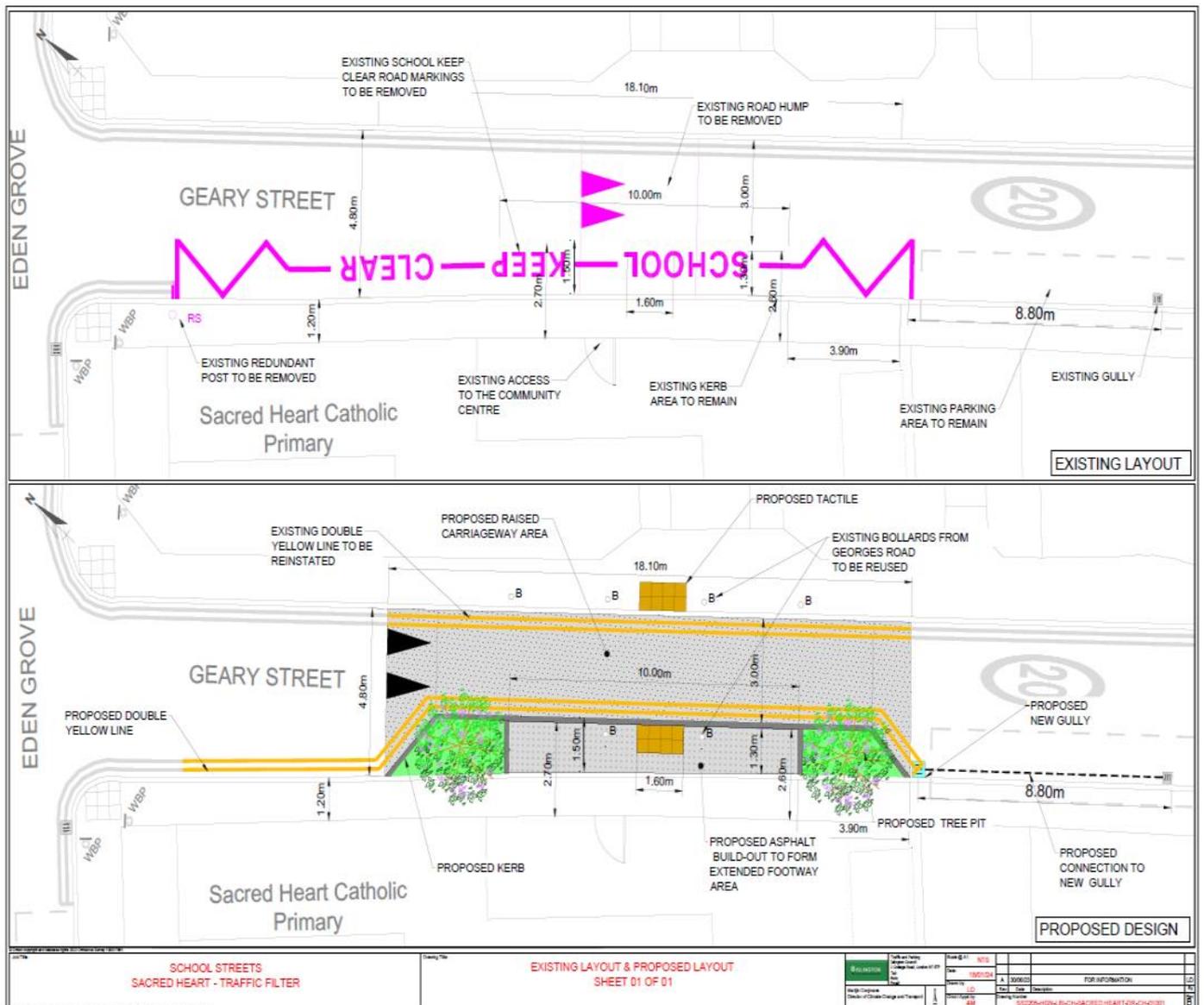
Improvements to Geary Street (Islington Council)

We were informed this week by Hannah Leslie, the School Streets programme manager at Islington Council, that the work on Geary Street is set to begin on Monday 18th March 2024.

The final traffic management plan related to these works are being finalised and will be shared with us when they are ready; we will share them with you when we receive them.

A plan of the work taking place is outlined below which was shared with you earlier this term.

Thank you for your co-operation.



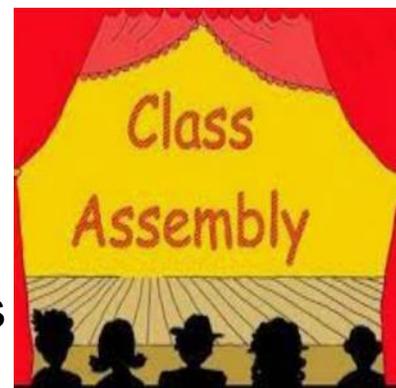


One child per class is awarded a VIP certificate in our celebration assemblies. They also get lunch on a specially decorated table with table service!

Child's Name	Key	Reason
Tommy St Francis	Curiosity and Wonder	Tommy asked thoughtful questions on Mars Day to find out more about Space.
Noor St Brigid	Hunger to Achieve	VIP is awarded to Noor for her awesome work on Mars Day! She helped make an ExoMars rover and was super kind and patient. Well done, Noor!
Harrison W St Teresa	Power of Me	Our VIP this week is for Harrison W for being an excellent helper in the classroom and setting a super example for others showing Ready and Respectful!
Eliza St John Paul	Community Unity	Eliza has really shown Community Unity this week by being super helpful in our class and the playground, always being a good role model to her peers. Well done Eliza!
Eliana St Bernadette	Hunger to Achieve	Eliana has shown a Hunger to Achieve. She constantly strives to do her best in class and in her homework. She works hard at her table and will always take on board any advice given to her. Keep up the good work!
Mia St Martin	Power of Me	Mia is an exceptionally polite girl who is has a strong thirst for learning. She always put 100% into every lesson and regularly contributes her ideas to the class. She is also extremely helpful to others and a great role-model to her peers.
Omer St Catherine	Power of Me	Omer has shown 'Power of Me' across all lessons but especially in English and PE. He has showed that he is ready to learn, has worked really hard and has approached tasks with enthusiasm. Well done Omer, keep it up!
Gabriel St Elizabeth	Hunger to Achieve	This week is Gabriel for his amazing can-do attitude in swimming! Gabriel has wowed us all by turning up every day and giving his best, even when it gets tough. He doesn't give up, he doesn't give in and he always gives 100%. Keep it up Gabriel!
Viola St Benedict	Community Unity	Viola knows she can make a difference in people's lives and has been extremely vocal and passionate about how we can make the planet a better place. She cares about her community and wants to do all she can to help.
Nathan St Faustina	Community and Unity	Nathan has demonstrated Community Unity and the Power of Me. He always tries his best in all of his learning and wrote an amazing, informative and persuasive leaflet and has been helping with organising and DT perpetrations in his own time! Well done Nathan
Lulia St Maximillian	Hunger to Achieve	Well done Lulia for trying your hardest with your work. You have published a lovely piece of work for our Year 6 display. Keep up the great effort!
Leandro St Josephine	Hunger to Achieve	A big well done to Leandro who has demonstrated 'A Hunger To Achieve' this week in Writing and Maths. Leandro wrote a very impressive persuasive speech and has been working hard on multiplying decimals. Keep up the hard work!

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 15th March Y4-St Catherine
 Friday 22nd March Y2- St John Paul
 Thursday 28th March Y5-St Benedict
 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 3
22/01/24, 19/02/24,
11/03/24

MENU

Eat the
Rainbow

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Mains	Mexican Beef Chilli Con Carne with Crushed Nachos and Sour Cream (Mk)	Creamy Chicken Korma Curry (Mk, Mu)	Roast Pork, Stuffing and Gravy (G)	Italian Beef and Mozzarella Pancake Bake (E, G, Mk)	Fish Fingers (F, G)	Green JANUARY 18th - Hungry Caterpillar Day
Veggie	Mexican Chilli Con Veggie with Crushed Nachos and Sour cream (G, Mk)	Potato and Chick Pea Southern Indian Curry (Mk, So)	Cheesy Leek and Carrot Crumble (G)	Roasted Vegetable and Mozzarella Pancake Bake (E, G, Mk)	Cheese and Onion Puff Pastry Patty (E, G, Mk, So)	Purple FEBRUARY 9th - Chinese New Year
veg	Sweetcorn and Peppers Cauliflower	Roast Carrots Green Beans	Braised Red Cabbage (G) Leeks	Italian Marinated Coleslaw (E, Su) Chef's Salad	Garden Peas Baked Beans	Red MARCH 7th - World Book Day 15th - Red Nose Day
Carbs	Steamed Rice	Bombay Potatoes or Turmeric Rice	Roasted Potatoes	Accent Garlic Focaccia Fingers (G, Mk)	Chips	Orange APRIL 23rd - St George's Day
Dessert	Upside Down Pineapple Cake (E, G, Mk, Su)	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt (Mk, So)	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt (Mk, So)	Fresh Fruit or Yoghurt (Mk, So)	White Chocolate and Raspberry Cookies (E, G, Mk, So)	

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

ALLERGENS

Ce = Celery
Cr = Crustacean
E = Eggs

F = Fish
G = Cereals
containing Gluten

L = Lupin
Mk = Milk
Mo = Molluscs

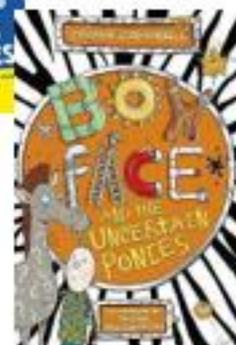
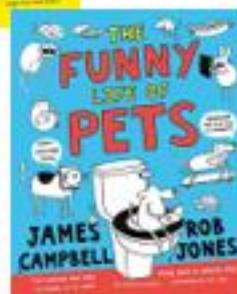
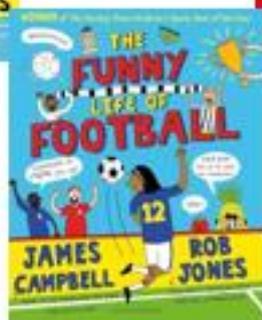
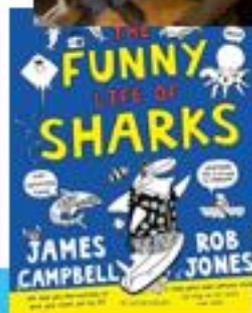
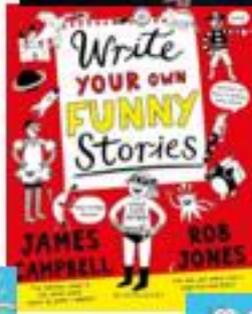
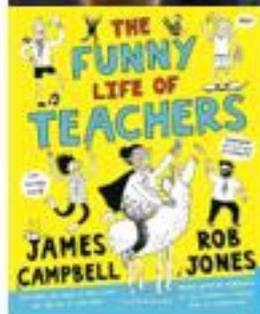
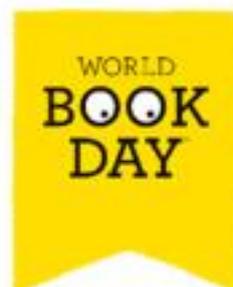
Mu = Mustard
N = Nuts
P = Peanuts

Se = Sesame Seeds
So = Soya
Su = Sulphur Dioxide

World Book Day 2024

On Monday 4th March, James Campbell came to our school to celebrate World Book Day.

James Campbell spoke to us about his childhood and dreams of becoming an author. He told us that he used to create imaginary worlds in his head on his way to school and was often found in a corner writing stories. James Campbell also shared some of his stories to us- they were very funny! After school, we had a book sale where we bought signed copies and spoke to James Campbell some more!





Top of the table clash's bring mixed results for Sacred Heart



This Tuesday evening saw the resumption of games for our football teams at Whittington Park in the Arsenal Football League. It was 2 top of the table clashes for the teams, who were both sitting no.2 on the table and playing Yerbury, who were sitting first in both leagues.

The girls kicked off first and from the outset it was obvious they were going to have a tough game on their hands. Yerbury played very expansive football, stringing together multiple passes to create opportunities but our defence stood tall to start and were able to hold out their raids, with Sophia, Ruby and Maisy playing great defence. Melanie played her usual starring role creating an opportunity for herself that just missed. Yerbury went on to



score 4 goals to our nil in a very well-deserved win.



Next up the boys who were also playing the top of the table Yerbury boys team were up against it from kick off with Yerbury scoring a very early goal. From there Sacred Heart dominated, led by team Captain Joshua who had an outstanding game, holding up multiple defenders and creating numerous scoring opportunities. Ezana opened the scoring and then Nabel had 2 fantastic finishes, all of which were assisted by Joshua. The defence was strong with Nehemiah, Jake, Alfie and Kayden all having great games and holding off the scoring threats of the

competition leaders.

This week's best and fairest goes to Nabel for the boys, using his speed and finishing ability to score his 2 goals and for the girls Ruby, who showed great resilience, enthusiasm and had a team first attitude switching from defence to goals when the team needed to make a change.

Good luck next week to both teams!



Walk and Talk

On Wednesday we enjoyed a lovely Walk and Talk around Highbury Fields. It was great to see some new parents and to be able to chat and get to know them. We all enjoyed a hot drink and biscuits and one parent said how supportive and enjoyable she found it. Keep an eye out in future newsletters for our next Walk and Talk date.



Year 1 Parents Phonics Meeting

We are hosting a phonics meeting for Year 1 parents from 3:45-4:45 on Wednesday 13th March. The meeting will cover how to support your child with phonics in preparation for the phonics screener in June. The meeting will take place in Y1 St Francis.



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 Weekly Gift to Your Family
from Your Catholic Parish School

Wednesday 06th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about the 'light' that has come into the world. Pope Francis reminds us, "Jesus is the light who brightens the darkness." Letting Jesus' light shine in our lives provides a secure foundation for our lives and for the lives of our children too.

This Gospel also reminds us that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us. Jesus' great act of love, of self-giving, on the cross, has paved the way for us to share in the true richness of God's love in this life, and also in the life to come.

See overleaf to enjoy a very special time together this evening, exploring this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **SELF-GIVING**.

Don Henry Wimbrough

A Word from Pope Francis

"Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others."

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH
Sunday 10th March 2024

Nicodemus, a teacher of the law, came to Jesus one night. Jesus said to him, "The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. Everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear their actions should be exposed; but whoever lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what they do is done in God."

Adapted from John 3:14-21
The 4th Sunday of Lent, Year B

Everyone can learn more about this Gospel in church: all are very warmly invited.

Good News for Everyone

God wants us to live like Jesus, to be 'self-giving', which is the opposite of being 'selfish'. To be 'self-giving' is to be aware of others' needs or interests, and to put their needs before our own. Let's bring peace and joy into our community by sharing God's love, through our self-giving.

To find out more about the Catholic Faith, see: wednesdayword.org and ebcew.org.uk

Good News for Families

Listening & Learning Together

Jesus said, "There has never been anyone like me before, and I shall be there with them."

1 Nicodemus, a teacher of the law, came to Jesus one night. Jesus said to him, "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have everlasting life. God did not send his Son to condemn the world, but to save it and everyone who believes in him is saved. The light of the world has come, but many people turn away from it and prefer darkness. But those who live by the truth are drawn into the light, so that it can be clearly seen that what they do comes from their life with God."

Why did God send Jesus into the world? Which word stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? See the Sunday Gospel picture opposite. What does it make you think about?

2 Wednesday's Word is ... **SELF-GIVING**

"Love each other as Jesus has loved us. He has given nothing less than his life for us."

St Teresa of Calcutta

It's our self-giving which helps to make the world a much better place. Ask your child what 'self-giving' means to them. Who are the most self-giving people that your child knows - that is, people who put others' needs first? In what ways are those people self-giving? Ask your child if they can remember the last time when they shared something or gave something up to help make someone else happy.

3 Loving & Growing

"It is in giving that we receive."

St Francis of Assisi

We all have gifts that we can give. How can we be self-giving, even in little ways, at home, at school or in the community in this coming week? Perhaps we can offer to help out at school or around the house before we're asked; give someone a smile or a friendly word to help cheer them up; be polite, resist pushing in, and let others go first instead; take time to offer praise where we can; be first to reach out and make friends again after an argument; give up some of our leisure or play time to be with God in prayer.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for giving your life for us. Thank you too for all the kind people in our community who show us your way of love and self-giving. Amen.

FINDING FIVE

Read and draw 5 differences, then colour the picture.

WEDNESDAY WORDSEARCH

SMARTS: SEARCHERS FIND THESE EIGHT WORDS OTHER ACROSS OR DOWN

GOD LOVED WORLD MUCH GAVE JESUS ONLY SON

SUPERSEARCHERS FIND THE WORDS BACKWARDS OR DIAGONALLY

Cross out the letters **u i d** in the jumbled words below to find 4 real words.

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Jesus said to Nicodemus, "God _____ the _____ so much that he _____ his only _____"

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that our daily lives are full of choices between good and bad - between light and dark (to be selfish or to be self-giving). As Easter approaches, let's choose to do the right thing - to 'live in the light' through being self-giving, just like Jesus.

This week I will try my best to ...

Write a promise & draw a big smile on Sunday

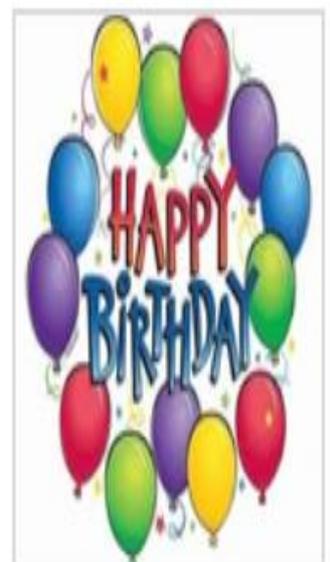
Share the Good News Print and complete the leaflet with your child & SHARE A DIGITAL COPY with your friends

A Free Weekly Gift to Everyone

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Ayaz (Y3), Matson (Reception),
Juan Jose (Nursery), Ayla-Christiana (Y1),
Aaron (Y4), James (Y4), Deliyet (Y3) and
Harry (Y6)



EYES Phase News

Nursery: St Anthony & St Nicholas:

This week in our R.E topic From Lent to Easter, we have been learning about the Last Supper. The children enjoyed re-enacting the story and took their roles very seriously. These pictures show Jesus washing the feet of the disciples before returning to the table to bless and share the bread and wine. Many of the children said they were going to watch out for when the priest blesses the bread and wine during Mass.



Reception: St Peter:

This week in R.E, we learned about what Jesus and the disciples did at their Passover meal on Holy Thursday. We roleplayed breaking the bread and drinking the wine, just as the disciples did. We thought about how we see the priest break the bread in church, and how this originated from Jesus at the Last Supper.



Reception: St Jude:

Reception had the most fantastic trip to London Zoo on Friday 1st March! We absolutely loved the penguins and even found out from a zookeeper that the bracelets on their wings tell us if they are male/female, their name and their age!

This week has been full of lots of learning about our favourite zoo animals. The lions & gorillas were certainly the top animals!



KS1 Phase News

Year 1-St Brigid

We had a great time in St. Brigid this week! We participated in the Mars Day challenge and learned about the ExoMars Rover. In small teams, we created our own Mars rover.

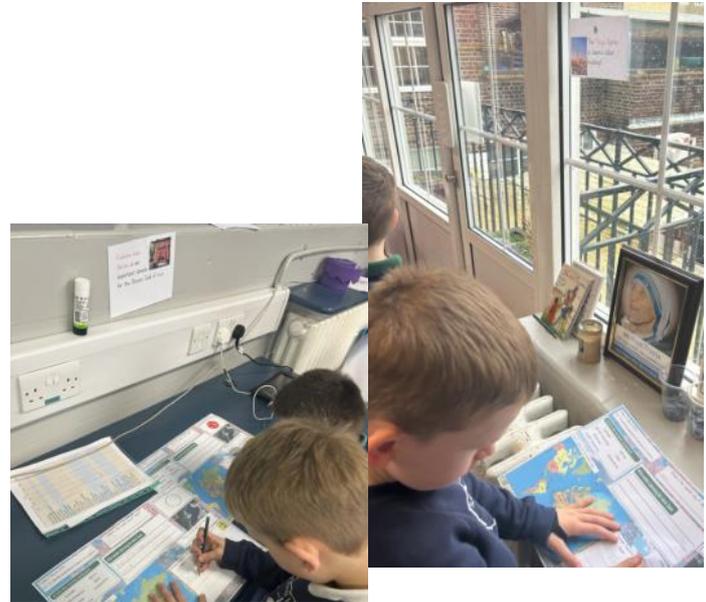


Year 1-St Francis

This week, St Francis class celebrated Mars Day. We had to complete a special project...to build a Mars rover to find life in our school playground! Take a look at our creations.

Year 2-St Teresa

In our Eyes on Our Planet topic, we have started looking at Japan and its geographical features. There were facts hidden around the room about different human and physical features you can find in Japan. We spotted Himeji Castle and the Tokyo Sky tree and learnt that the highest mountain in Japan is Mount Fuji!



Year 2-St John Paul

This week Year 2 have been enjoying our PE unit Hit, Catch, Run this half term. This week we have been practicing our bowling skills before we move on to hitting the ball next week.

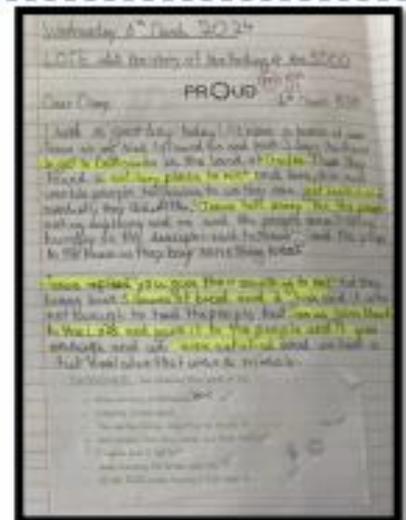
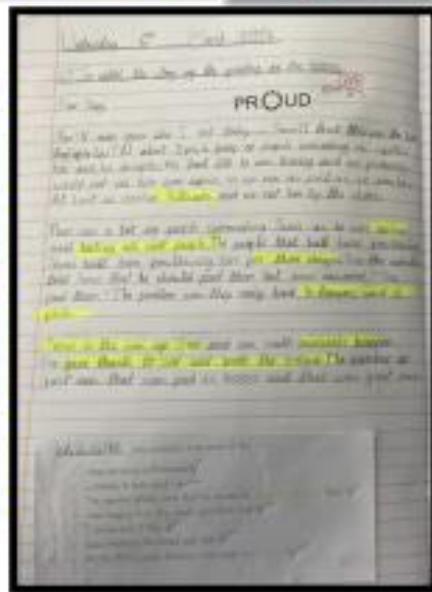
LKS2 Phase News

This week in St Martin de Porres, in DT we have been testing a range of different materials to see which poses the functional properties needed to make our planter boxes. Since plants need water to grow, we poured water into different containers made from different materials such as plastic, metal and cardboard to see which proved to be the most suitable to sustain plant life.



We have had a very busy week in St Bernadette. We have explored Mars and made prototypes to explore life on our school playground, we have tested materials for our planter boxes and enjoyed World Book Day as well as completing all of our usual lessons. Please have a look at our photos and ask us how our week has been.

Over the last two weeks, St Catherine's class have been learning the story of the Feeding of the 5000. They put themselves into the shoes of a witness of the event and retold the story. They produced some beautiful and detailed work and showed a fantastic understanding of the narrative!



This week Sacred Heart celebrated Mars Day on Tuesday 5th March. We learnt about the rovers that went to Mars on an unmanned mission to investigate the conditions on the planet's surface. It was great to hear about Mars in a bit more detail after our trip to the Institute of Physics! We had to plan our own Mars mission! In groups, we decided on the purpose of the mission, then designed and built a prototype of our own Mars rover to complete the mission. Take a look at some of our finished models!

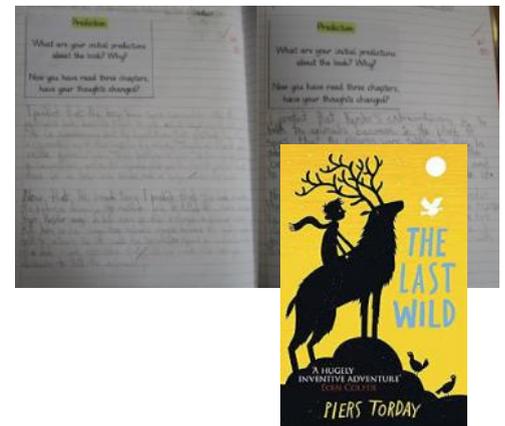
UKS2 Phase News

This week, Year 5 Saint Faustina took part in a sustainability workshop at Gillespie Park-linked to our 'Eyes on our Planet' topic. We discussed what it means to be sustainable and different things we can do to help the environment. We then explored the park and learnt how the Ecology Centre is an eco-friendly building. We saw lots of different plants, insects, birds and even a mouse!



On Tuesday, was Mars Day! To celebrate, Year 5 Saint Benedict created our own Mars Rovers (moving models). We used our scientific knowledge of pulleys and levers to help us design and test out our models.

This week, in Reading, Year 6 Saint Maximilian have been reading our new book 'The Last Wild'. We have made predictions based on the blurb and front cover, as well as from the chapters that we have read. So far, we know there is a raging disease, called 'Red Eye', infecting all animals, how long will it be before Kester is infected too!?



This week, Year 6 Saint Josephine have been learning about endangered species. With the help of a map, we were able to locate and identify that pangolins, African elephants and rhinos were endangered due to the illegal wildlife trade. We spent our first lesson researching about these animals and the impact humans were having on these species.



Will you be entered into our
Easter Attendance raffle
for your chance to win a
great prize?

Make sure you are in school
every day from March 4th to
March 27th to be in with a
chance of winning a prize!

Win!

A DRAMA WORKSHOP



Tuesday, 4th of April

10am to 3pm

Vibast Community Centre, 167 Old St. EC1V 9NH

Where imagination comes to life

A fun place for young people to make new friends,
become more confident and get more creative.



Registration required

For more info, please call 0207 527 4605 or email vibast@islington.gov.uk

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	
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