



St John's Catholic Primary School



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Parents' Association Meeting

In the past there has been a Parents' Association who have organised events for the children and their families and also supported fund raising for the school.

There has been an interest in creating a new Parents' Association from a number of parents and carers. Therefore we have organised a preliminary Coffee Morning for those parents who might be interested in this. The date for this meeting is Wednesday 2nd March at 9am in the Playcentre and all interested parents/carers are welcome.



Year 6 SATS Information Meeting for Parents on Thursday 25th February at 2.45pm

You will have received a letter last term regarding this meeting. We hope to see as many as possible of you at the meeting as there have been significant changes to the end of KS2 assessments and the SATS Tests. Therefore, even if you have an older child who has been through the system, there will be important information addressed in the meeting which you will find useful.

Thank you for your support so far this year – the children in Year 6 are working hard and as we know when school and home work together we can be assured that your child will fulfil their potential.



Music Update

Children in Years 3 and 4 will be taking part in Class Recorder Lessons provided by Southwark Music Services. For Year 4 this will be their second year of lessons and they will be working at a more advanced level. Each child will be provided with their own recorder.

Events for this week

Thursday 25th February

A group of children from Year 4 will be taking part in an Intergenerational Art Project at The Time and Talents Centre. They children will work with local senior citizens in creating a large piece of art work.

The group that took part last year really enjoyed the sessions and their good manners, pleasant attitude and excellent behaviour was commented on. This has led to our school being invited back again this year and we are delighted to be part of this community project.

Save the Date

Here are some dates you might like to make a note of (details will follow).

Class assembly dates - Thursdays at 3pm

3rd March – Year 4

10th March – Reception Class

Thursday 3rd March

This is World Book Day and we will be launching our Book Week on this day. This week will celebrate the pleasure of reading and there will be many activities taking place. Children will be invited to take part in a day where they can come to school dressed as a book character on Tuesday 8th March.

Tuesday 8th March at 2.15pm – We have organised an e-safety Information Meeting for parents and carers. It will be most informative as we have an expert outside speaker.



Celebrating Success

Modern Foreign Languages News

The children enjoyed the French Day at the end of last term; they took part in French lessons, French games and enjoyed a croissant and chocolate milk.

This term we are fortunate enough to have a French teacher from St. Michaels' College joining us on 2 afternoons per week to teach French to children from Year 1 to Year 5.

We are also continuing with taster lessons in Mandarin. Both Years 5 and 6 enjoyed their lessons and Year 4 class will enjoy these taster sessions this term.

Later this week we have a Chinese Culture Demonstration for the children to enjoy and learn from, as part of Chinese New Year.

EYFS

Father Azad visited Reception Class after the Ash Wednesday Mass. The children said a prayer, which was led by Father Azad and then they received the ashes.

We are very proud of the prayerful atmosphere our youngest children created, through their respectful attitude and excellent behaviour.



KS1

Year 2 have had such fun making their own animations using ipads. The children look forward to adding sound effects after the half term.

Emilia said, "I loved using the tablets to make an animation. Me and my friends worked together to create the scenery and move the characters about. We had to press record and stop to create lots of shots. When we watched the animation it was really amazing."



KS2

Friday 12th February was the official 'French Day' at St. Johns. Throughout the school children from Nursery all the way up to Year 6 celebrated French culture and learnt some new French vocabulary. Starting the day with a Parisian style breakfast of chocolate milk and croissants, the children got into the spirit of French life. In the afternoon each class got the chance to share what they had done with the rest of the school, from all of the smiling faces it was clear that the children at St. Johns could say, 'nous avons adoré la Journée Française'.