



St John's Catholic Primary School



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Rosary

A big thank you to all the families that joined The Catholic Life Committee before school to pray a decade of the rosary in preparation for our May celebration.

Ascension Day

For 40 days after his resurrection on Easter Sunday, Jesus travelled and preached with his disciples, preparing them for his departure from Earth. Ascension Day marks the moment Jesus ascended into heaven before his disciples, at the village of Bethany, near Jerusalem.



To celebrate Ascension Day the KS2 children attended Mass at our Parish Church and the KS1 children took part in a special assembly



May Celebration

At our annual May Crowning this year, the children led a beautiful litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary and prayed a decade of the rosary.

Two children from each year group presented flowers to the statue of Mary as traditional Marian hymns were sung.

It was lovely to have all the children worshipping outside in the sunshine together.

Thank you to Father Azad for attending and thank to Ms Pienkowska and the Catholic Life committee for preparing and leading this special event for us.

Year 5 Sailing



We are delighted that Year 5 have been given a wonderful opportunity to attend a Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Start Sailing level 1 course at the Docklands Sailing and Watersports Centre at Millwall Dock. There will be a series of lessons starting this week. We would like to wish all the children the best of luck with their qualification!





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Year 2- Lavender Pond Nature Reserve



Before the half term, Year 2 had the opportunity to visit the nature reserve at Lavender Pond. The visit helped the children to see how composting, planting and growing fruit and vegetables are some of the ways in which we can all help to care for our environment.



The children also explored the grounds for invertebrates, insects and spiders and learned about the role they play in our eco -system by recycling dead matter and waste products and helping with plant pollination.

The session ended with the children making their own recyclable pots and planting peas and beans.

The staff at the nature reserve were so impressed with the children's behaviour that they invited them back for a 'pond dipping' session.

Well done Year 2, a great example of learning outside of the classroom!



As the children were on half term at the time of the Jubilee celebrations, we will be holding a Queen's Jubilee day at school. The Jubilee day is planned for this Friday (10th June).

The curriculum for the day will be Jubilee themed and the children will end the day with an outdoor 'tea' party.

The children are welcome to come to school in themed clothing or wearing red, white and blue. Let's all keep our fingers crossed for plenty of sunshine!



Buying Ice Cream

As prices increase in the shops and petrol and energy prices continue to rise, there is no harm in letting your children know they cannot always have what they want.



In assembly this week, the children are being discouraged from pestering you to buy ice cream from the ice-cream van that is often parked outside school at the end of the day. If no-one was to buy an ice-cream then there would be no trade and the van's presence would no longer be felt.

Discuss amongst yourselves what you can do with the support of the school to discourage the ice-cream van from being ever present. Pass on your suggestions to Ms Babb or Ms Phipps who are at the school gate each morning. Our School Council have a plan but it will need adult support for it to work.