



St James' RC Primary Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

What a great start to the week we had on Saturday at the Crystal Palace Year 3 and Year 4 Cross Country Event. It was an amazing morning and I would like to thank Mrs Connolly, Miss Atkinson, Mrs Martin and Miss McCarthy for helping at the event and Mr Kelly for preparing the children. Thank you also to all the parents that were up bright and early to bring their children to the event and the brothers and sisters that came to cheer their siblings on. Most importantly a big thank you and well done to all the children who represented the school. They should all be very proud of themselves. We celebrated the children's success in assembly on Monday morning.



Congratulations to Olivia in Y3 who came third in her race.

We were delighted to watch a performance from Drama Kids this week. The children included sketches they had been working on throughout the term. It was great to see the children thoroughly enjoying themselves taking part. We thank the parents and families who attended. We also thank Helen and Amber for leading this lunchtime club. If you would like your child to take

part please contact Drama Kids at bromley@dramakids.co.uk



Thank you also to Mrs Deasy for organising the Daffodil competition. A judge from The London Children's Flower Society awarded Gold to both our Reception and Y3 classes. Reception had a wonderful display of 'tete a tetes' and Y3 had daffodils. We will now be entered into their London-wide competition with the possibility of winning a trophy in September. Fingers, or should that be, 'garden forks' crossed.



The Lockdown Practice took place this week and all went smoothly.

Year 3 lead the Collective Worship this week. They used scripture to help the children understand the theme of compassion. The pupils reflected on what compassion is and how they can show compassion and kindness to others in the playground, at home and in the world.



Thank you to Father David for coming to school on Thursday to celebrate Mass with Year 4 on the theme of peace.

Mini Vinnies lead an assembly on the Stations of the Cross. They focused on Stations 4, 5 and 6. The children prayed and paused for a moment to think about the journey that Jesus took to the cross on Good Friday when he gave his life for us. The Mini Vinnies are collecting food for our food bank, which is situated outside the office. Please feel free to donate or to take if you wish. Thank you for your kindness.



Y2 went on a geography field trip on Thursday. They planned different routes from school to Southborough Recreation Ground. They used their compasses successfully. They learnt the importance of adding detail to their routes and how they need to make sure anyone can follow them. A huge thank you to all the parents who came as the children could not have done this without you.



On Wednesday we had a visitor to our school. She is the external adviser for the Umbrella Trust and an HMI inspector. She looked closely at attendance, punctuality and behaviour. She visited all of the classrooms and was impressed by the climate for learning and the behaviour of the children.

We were very happy to support Red Nose Day and raised £100.70. Thank you.

Today we went for a **very** muddy walk through Jubilee Park . It was lots of fun and a great way to start the day.

We are sorry that the Moon Watch could not go ahead but will hopefully get another possible date.

Have a good weekend.

God bless,

Mrs Weeks

Word on Wednesday

The Wednesday Word is FOLLOW. We talked to the children about how choosing to follow Jesus is not always easy; it demands commitment. We follow Jesus whenever we are kind, helpful, try to make peace and put others' needs before our own. We can follow Jesus in the simple things we do in our lives every day, and make life better for everyone around us. We discussed how we can follow Jesus this Lent by leaving behind anything which we know is not right and then try to do all the good we can.

Safeguarding

Please remember to let the office know if your child is absent. Leave a message on the answer phone if you cannot get through. If we do not hear from you we will phone you and if we cannot contact you we will try all of your contact numbers before making a home visit. We need to know where your children are if they are not in school. Please help us to keep your children safe.

Dates for your Diary

March

Monday 18th HSBC Y1 Money Workshop
Monday 18th HSBC Y5 Money Workshop
Wednesday 20th pm Oscar Romero Mass at St George's Cathedral
Wednesday 20th HSBC Y3 Money Workshop
Wednesday 20th HSBC Y4 Money Workshop
Thursday 21st World Poetry Day
Thursday 21st Bank of America visiting Y6
Thursday 21st HSBC Rec Class Money Workshop
Thursday 21st HSBC Y2 Money Workshop
Friday 22nd KS2 Reading Passports in
Monday 25th Catholic Children Society Boxes returned
Tuesday 26th Reading Passport Assembly KS2
Tuesday 26th Reception Class to Sea Life Centre
Tuesday 26th 5pm EEDI Committee Meeting (All welcome)
Wednesday 27th 9:15am Year 5 Passion Play (Parents welcome)
Thursday 28th KS1 PTA Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 28th Bank of America visiting Y6
Thursday 28th End of term at normal time

Advert for MDS

Please let the school office know if you are interested in being a Mid-day Supervisor at St James'. We do have vacancies at present and if you would like to consider this please let us know. We would be happy to answer any questions that you may have about the role.

OAKIES

The children have worn themselves out this week, playing a lot of football, tennis and catching games. The indoor games have been dancing, twister and many more. Please could you ensure you book your children in on Parentpay for their sessions after Easter. Please could you try do this as soon as possible. If you have any difficulties with the Parentpay system, please contact Oakies directly. Thank you.

SPORTS NEWS

Year 5 and 6 competed at Bromley Valley on Wednesday. Both teams did so well and their behaviour was outstanding. Our A team came 5th and our B team came 8th out of 15. Amazing!



Year 3 and 4 also competed in the same competition. Again, their behaviour and attitude was outstanding. Team A came 5th and Team B came 8th.



EEDI

Hi I am Mrs George. As a parent who is part of the St James' School Community, I recognise the importance of being part of the EEDI committee. I would like to see positive changes and to advocate for fairness and inclusivity, ensuring that all children from diverse backgrounds have every opportunity to thrive and be treated with the same respect and opportunities as others. I will be in the KS2 playground if you want to come and speak to me.

OTHER NEWS

Well done to Nicola in Y5 who collected £81.10 for The Catholic Children's Society by selling stickers.

PTA NEWS

It's beginning to feel a lot like... spring!

We hope your children enjoyed a rather muddy walk through Jubilee Park.

A big thank you to the volunteers who served the post walk refreshments and a special thanks to the sole volunteer who didn't have muddy boots who set up and did countless refills!

It's not long until Easter and the annual PTA KS1 Easter egg hunt. We will soon be asking for aspiring Easter Bunny volunteers to help.

Thanks again for your continued help and support.

The PTA Committee

Dates for your diary

KS1 Easter Egg hunt: Thurs 28th March

AWARDS

Headteacher Awards



Year	PEACEMAKER
Rec	Kee Kee
Year 1	Amelie
Year 2	Patrick F
Year 3	Isla
Year 4	Mai-Linh
Year 5	Anthony
Year 6	Agustin



KS1 AWARDS

Year	Gold Sticker Award		Golden Promises
Rec	Liam	Estelle	Camille
Year 1	Louie	Orla	Chloe
Year 2	Ninoshka	Huxley	Harry

KS2 AWARDS

Year	Respect in class	Pride in work
Year 3	Allegra	Oliver
Year 4	Abigail	Matylda
Year 5	Lonnie	Fletcher
Year 6	Teddy	Rebecca

Congratulations to **Mia** in Y5 who was the winner of the Courtesy Cup this week.

ATTENDANCE

	Attendance (%)	Occasions Late
R	97.67	4
1	97.0	0
2	95.0	0
3	98.44	0
4	97.19	1
5	98.13	1
6	97.42	0

Congratulations to Y3 who had the best attendance last week.

Weekly Winners

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

Congratulations to Y3 who had the best attendance this term. They win an 'Own Clothes Day' and details of this will follow.