



St James' RC Primary Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

During Assembly on Monday, we celebrated Global Recycling Day. The children watched a video produced by Newsround and is available on CBBC about the recycling process for milk bottles. The children learned that if we recycle correctly, the used bottles can be shredded and turned into small plastic pellets. These pellets are then sent to a specialist factory where they are melted down to make a new one! Do take a look at YouTube for suitable videos for your children to appreciate the wonders of recycling. Our Eco Council will continue to encourage their friends to be excellent stewards of our earth in line with our Catholic Social Teaching Principles.

In assembly this week, the Year 6 Junior Travel Ambassadors launched this term's competition. It is to design a cape for a Safety Superhero. Children were given their entry forms this week and already we have had lots of amazing entries! The closing date for the competition is Monday 15th April.



This week classes received money workshops from HSBC. Topics included: understanding the role of a bank account and how to access your money; exploring the concept of fairness and ethical spending; tracking spending and making choices; understanding the difference between needs and wants and online gaming and spending.

Year 1 looked at what is a need and a want when spending money.



Year 2 learnt about budgeting and how it is important not to spend all our money but to save!



Year 4 learnt all about value for money and how to spend sensibly.



Year 5 discussed money and gaming. The children talked about the importance of understanding that gaming is not the real world. They explained the importance of taking care when giving banking details on a gaming app to buy resources.



Year 6 began the first of six money and finance sessions this week with seven mentors from Bank of America, Bromley. They looked at bank statements and secure passwords and what bills our money pays for.



Year 5 took part in their final Climate Education Workshop. In this session the children looked at how to reduce their carbon footprint. The children have thoroughly enjoyed these sessions. The activities helped the pupils understand how climate change is caused by greenhouse gas emissions from our travel, food, domestic energy and the things that we buy. If we reduce them, we can stop climate change. We thank Mrs Marshall for leading these sessions and enabling the children to reflect on what they can do to stop climate change.

How does the UK's carbon footprint compare with other countries?

Estimated individual carbon footprint per year, in tonnes:



Year 2 celebrated World Poetry Day on Thursday. They worked on rhyming words and used them to create different poems in groups.



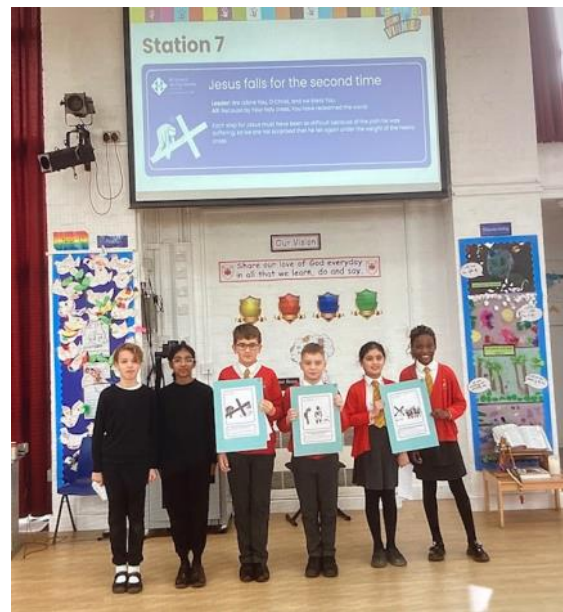
Father David visited the school this week to lead the KS1 classes in Taize prayer. The children listened to music and reflected on the Bible scripture John 15: 12-13. The pupils discussed what this passage meant to them. They then had an opportunity for silent prayer which they could then share with each other. We thank Father David for giving up his time and leading this prayer opportunity.



Some of St James' RE Ambassadors visited St George's Cathedral with Mrs Wilson and Mrs Ferrari to celebrate the Oscar Romero Mass with Archbishop John Wilson. The children enjoyed meeting the Archbishop and seeing the wonderful Oscar Romero Cross situated in the cathedral. We are pleased to announce that the RE Ambassadors were presented with the Oscar Romero Award Certificate at the mass to celebrate the school achieving the Participator Level of this award. The award shows that we put our Catholic Social Teaching Principles into action in our school and throughout our local and wider community. Thank you to the RE Ambassadors that represented our school. We look forward to hearing about the Oscar Romero Cross in assembly after Easter.



The Mini Vinnies led a collective worship on the seventh, eighth and ninth Stations of the Cross. The pupils continued their journey with Jesus this week and saw how cruelly Jesus was treated, losing all dignity, especially when stripped of his clothes and insulted by the soldiers. God is in each and every one of us and we are called to make sure we recognise that and treat everyone in the same way that we would like to be treated. It is important that we share this message with people so that everyone makes that a priority in their lives.



Year 3 planned and led collective worship on the theme of 'Prayer'. The children discussed why praying is so special and talked about how they could make praying even more special.

Next week is World Autism Week. Autism is a lifelong, developmental disability that affects how a person communicates with and relates to other people, and how they experience the world around them. Being autistic is a fundamental aspect of a person's identity. Autistic people see, hear and feel the world differently to other people. The world can often feel overwhelming for an autistic child and this can fill them with anxiety. Autism is a spectrum condition and although autistic people share certain difficulties, being autistic will affect people in different ways. We have children at St James' with autism and we always explain to all the children in our community that we are all different and have different needs and we are all important and unique.

On Wednesday a group of children from across the school went to Bromley Pavilion to take part in a ten pin bowling competition. It was a great event and the children were wonderful ambassadors for our school. This year we scored over 460 points! Thank you to Mrs Charlesworth for coming with us.



Please remember that the Catholic Children's Society boxes are due back on Monday. We look forward to letting you know how much has been raised for this very worthy charity.

Have a good weekend.

God bless,

Mrs Weeks

Word on Wednesday

The Wednesday Word is PRAISE. This coming Sunday is known as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord and it is the start of Holy Week. Palms will be handed out in Church in remembrance of the welcome and great praise that the people gave to Jesus when he entered Jerusalem. We asked the children how it feels when we receive praise and we asked them who they praised. In this Sunday's Gospel, the people praised Jesus. There are many things for which we can praise God including praying the 'Glory Be' – a simple prayer of praise.

Safeguarding

Please see the following link for parent guides to internet safety where you are able to sign up for free parent guides.

<https://safetynet.skipseducational.org/>

Dates for your Diary

March

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)

Wednesday 27th Y3 Own Clothes Day

Wednesday 27th 3:30 Y4 Talk for parents about Multiplication Check

Thursday 28th KS1 PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday 28th Bank of America visiting Y6

Thursday 28th End of term at normal time

April

Monday 15th Children return

Friday 19th Y5 Sleepover at Natural History Museum

Library News

The SPINE Lite Festival is an annual spoken word and arts festival throughout London for children and families hosted in partnership with libraries. The free programme of spoken word and arts activities also features Artists in Residence specially commissioned to develop events and activities in each of the London boroughs. There will also be locally commissioned artists.

More information is available here: <https://applesandsnakes.org/project/spine/>

The main public event in Bromley is at Biggin Hill Library on Wednesday 10th April.

Please see the following link: <https://applesandsnakes.org/spine/2024/south-east/>

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.

Sports News

We took nine girls to Bromley High to play netball and the girls played amazingly well. Out of our three games, we won two and lost one. We are so proud of them!



We took two teams to play at Ravensbourne School on Wednesday morning. Both teams played well and improved throughout the day. Our first team came 3rd out of the 21 teams which means we are heading to the Regional Playoffs!



Lost Property

Please see the lost property that is currently unclaimed and unnamed in KS2. If it belongs to your child can you please collect this before the end of term. Any unclaimed items will be recycled.



OAKIES

This week the children have competed in a Lego competition. As you can see we have had some great entries.

Sadly, we would like to announce the departure of two of our much loved and wonderful members of staff. Mrs Draper and Mrs Barrett will be leaving us at the end of this term to move on to new careers. We are sad to see them both leave us but wish them well in their new jobs.



OTHER NEWS

Well done to Francesca in Year 5. Francesca wanted to support the Catholic Children's Society during the season of Lent. Independently, Francesca drew different pictures that were then made into stickers. Francesca, with the support of other Year 5 pupils, sold the stickers to Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and raised £81.10. We are very proud of Francesca for putting her Catholic Social Teaching Principles into action.

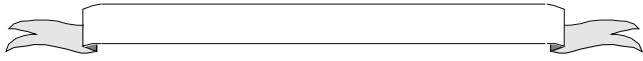
PTA NEWS

The annual PTA KS1 Easter egg hunt is next week and we are asking for aspiring Easter Bunny volunteers to help.

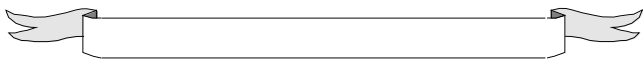
Thanks again for your continued help and support
The PTA Committee

AWARDS

Headteacher Awards



Year	PEACEMAKER
Rec	Lorenzo
Year 1	Alice H
Year 2	Teddy
Year 3	Aaron
Year 4	Molly
Year 5	Lonnie
Year 6	Taeya



KS1 AWARDS

Year	Gold Sticker Award		Golden Promises
Rec	Yzmael	Sophia	Matilda
Year 1	Noah	Lyndon	Thaara
Year 2	Lucas	Mia	Leonard

KS2 AWARDS

Year	Respect in class	Pride in work
Year 3	Ada	Theo
Year 4	Luke	Benedict
Year 5	Harrison	Logan
Year 6	Oscar	Noah

Congratulations to **Molly** in Y4 who was the winner of the Courtesy Cup this week