



St James' RC Primary Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

As we get closer to the end of term it seems that we are getting even busier!

This week children have been watching NSPCC Assemblies. In KS2 the assembly was about the types of worries children may have and knowing what to do if they ever feel scared or unsafe. They heard how they should talk to a trusted adult if they have any worries and found out about Childline. In KS1 the children learnt the Childline number of 0800 1111.

Year 5 visited the Houses of Parliament on Monday. They had a guided tour and were even lucky enough to see the coronation coach. They participated in a workshop about laws and debating. A great time was had by all.



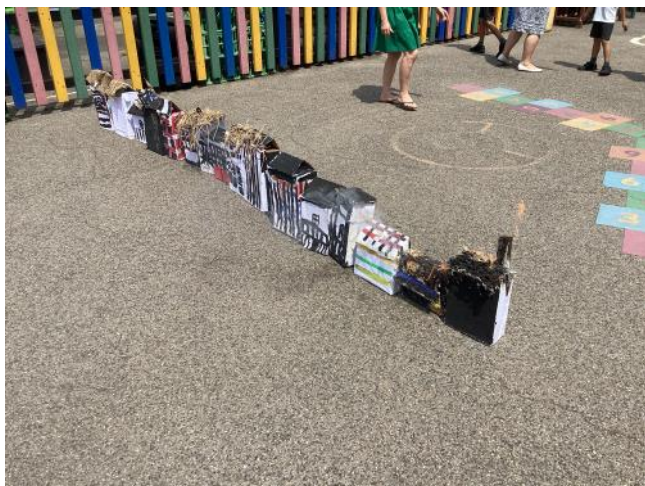
On Tuesday Year 3 held an Ancient Greek Day. They all looked incredible, from Medusa to Hermes, from Hera to Poseidon they all went to such a great effort. They started the day by making laurel wreath crowns, then prepared their Greek Salad, participated in an ancient Olympics and created their favourite Greek God or Goddess. Well done to Aiyla who won a jar of olive oil for winning the Olympics!



This week, Year 2 visited Bromley Youth Music Trust to take part in a KS1 Song Festival. They were amazing at singing along with the other children from all the other schools.



They also learnt about The Fire of London



Year 4 were visited by a speaker, Nabhi, who spoke to them about Hinduism. He taught the children all about Puja and how Hindus pray. It was wonderful to see how the children engaged and asked some wonderful questions.



The Year 5 Mini Vinnies held a Year 3 and Year 4 Grandparents Tea Party this week. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and for the people who helped on the day to make this possible. This is the first time we have held a Grandparent's Tea Party and it was such a success. We have had so much lovely feedback. The children also raised nearly £100 for the St Vincent de Paul Society.





On Thursday this week, Year 6 visited the Bank of America at Bromley South. The children have been working over the last term with a team of the bank's staff mentors who have been coming into school to teach Year 6 about finance. The children joined a conference call with their offices in India, took a tour of the offices and completed a team building challenge. After a superb lunch, the children presented their financial board game designs to three of the managers in a Dragon's Den style pitch. Every one was very successful and the children were very generously presented with goody bags at the end of the day!



It was wonderful this week to welcome the parents of the Reception children starting in September. I know that they will be warmly welcomed into our community and I hope that their families will enjoy their time at St James'.

On Thursday we marked Windrush Day and the anniversary of the arrival of MV Empire Windrush at the Port of Tilbury on 22nd June 1948. The MV Empire Windrush brought 492 people from Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and other islands, to help fill post-war labour shortages. We explained to the children that people arriving in the UK between 1948 and 1971 from Caribbean countries have been called the Windrush generation. It is unclear how many people belong to the Windrush Generation, but they are thought to be in their thousands. We also explained to the children that when the people arrived they did not always receive a warm welcome and many experienced racism. Learning lessons from history is an essential part of how we learn from our mistakes. The story of the Windrush Generation is one of people coming to this country and making an enormous contribution

to society. On Windrush Day we recognise the profound importance and value of this country's migrant and ethnic minority communities.

We were visited this week by the Episcopal Vicar for the South-East Area, Canon Victor Darlington. He met all of the children and met with the RE Ambassadors and the Mini Vinnies. He later wrote to say:

I want to particularly thank you and your team for your outstanding Catholic leadership, that has brought our school to where you are today. I wrote my personal report to the oversight team, of how outstanding your school is. I was impressed with everything I saw during my visit, and I look forward to another visit in the future. Please give my love and prayerful reassurance to all the staff and all those who support you. You reminded me, of how we all should continue to walk in the footsteps of Christ. God bless all in your school.

A visitor who accompanied him also wrote to say:

It makes me wish I had attended such a school in my younger years. You and the staff make all the difference to the next generation. God bless you for what you do. It was an honour to see such a school flourishing in its love of its Catholic faith.



We held a meeting this week here at St James' with the Headteachers and Governors of the six Catholic Bromley Schools that make up the Bromley Catholic Schools Trust. Canon Victor was very impressed to hear about how we all have such a strong partnership that is so effective.

I want to thank the Year 6 parents who are busy painting the scenery for the Year 6 Production of Oliver. Please do contact Mr Connolly if you are able to help.

As part of our ongoing work to ensure a smooth transition for children between each year group, this year we have decided to hold two transition afternoons where the children will be meeting their new teacher in their new classroom. These afternoons coincide with the new children visiting Reception class and will take place on Wednesday and Thursday next week. During the afternoon sessions children will be taking part in activities that will help introduce them to their new teacher and help settle them into their new environment. There will be a further opportunity for children to meet their teacher at the end of term where they will be able to ask any remaining questions about the year ahead.

The class teachers for September will be:

Rec Mrs Richards (Mrs Jessup one day)
Year 1 Miss McCarthy
Year 2 Mrs Martin
Year 3 Miss Spencer-Boyce
Year 4 Miss Atkinson
Year 5 Mrs Wilson (Mrs Jessup one day)
Year 6 Mrs Connolly

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Summer Fair on Saturday. I am sure that it will be a wonderful day.

God bless

Mrs Weeks

Dates for your diary

June

Monday 26th Y5 Money Workshop

Monday 26th pm Rec to Church

Tuesday 27th Y4 Cooking

Tuesday 27th Year 5 and Year 6 NSPCC Workshops

Wednesday 28th JTAs to London Transport Museum

Wednesday 28th 2pm New Reception children visit and Meet your teacher for all children

Thursday 29th 2pm New Reception children visit and Meet your teacher for all children

Thursday 29th Whole School Mass St Peter and St Paul (Year 3)

Thursday 29th Y6 Norman Park Athletics

Friday 30th 9:05 Rec Class Assembly (All parents welcome)

Friday 30th Y6 Money Workshop

Friday 30th Gareth Bacon MP visiting

Friday 30th 11am Y1 to Petts Wood Library

Friday 30th Y6 Career Day

July

Monday 3rd Y2 Money Workshop

Tuesday 4th Rec Money Workshop

Wednesday 5th Y1 Money Workshop

Thursday 6th am KS1 Drama Workshops

Thursday 6th Y4 Money Workshop

Thursday 6th and Friday 7th Yr 6 Production 7pm

Friday 7th Y3 Money Workshop

Friday 7th Reports to parents

Monday 10th Sports Day

Monday 10th –Friday 14th Sport Week

Wednesday 12th 1:15 Helen O'Grady Performance for parents

Thursday 13th Summer Walk 9:15

Thursday 13th Reserve Sports Day

Friday 14th KS2 Reading Passports in

Friday 14th 3:30-5:30 Walk Around Evening (All parents welcome)

Monday 17th Summer Reading Challenge Assembly

Tuesday 18th KS2 Reading Passport Assembly

Tuesday 18th 11 am Meet the Teacher for all children

Thursday 20th 10 am Whole School Mass Leavers (Yr6)

Thursday 20th Last day of term and school ends at normal time

Word on Wednesday

This Week's Word is COURAGE. Most of us require courage at some time in our lives, so it's good to nurture courage in our children. As our children mature, it's essential for them to have the courage to say 'no' when necessary, even if it means going against the crowd or speaking up for truth.

Courage helps us to do many great things: to resist temptations, to overcome obstacles and to face our fears when we have followed what is good. We asked the children when the last time was that they needed courage. Putting our faith in Jesus and his teachings gives us the courage to do the right thing.

Safeguarding

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Childline is a service to help anyone under 19 in the UK with any issue they are going through.

Children and young people can contact them to talk about anything. Whether it's something big or small, the trained counsellors are there to support them.

Childline is free, confidential and available any time, day or night. They can be contacted:

by calling [0800 1111](tel:08001111)

by [email](#)

through [1-2-1 counsellor chat](#)

SPORT NEWS

Francesca in Y4 was one of 9 children who represented Team Bromley in the London Youth Games for the Under 17 Badminton division. At 9 years old, she was one of the youngest players and had some tough matches as Bromley's Women's singles player. She won some matches even though she was competing against girls 4 or 5 years older than her. Team Bromley placed 3rd over all against all the other London Boroughs. We are so proud of Francesca and her Team!



GARDENING NEWS

30 Primary Schools from across the borough of Bromley will be bringing a splash of creativity and colour to Bromley High Street from 22nd - 30th June. Each school's garden planter entry will represent their 'School Values' through their choice of Flora and designs. This year, our planter has been designed and planted by the school Gardening Club and reflects our school values, vision and dreams. The planter has been painted in the style of a bookcase and the colour of the books carries forward into the plantings, giving a rainbow effect of colour throughout. We encourage you all to visit Bromley High Street to really appreciate all the work put in by the various schools on show. Judging will take place on Saturday 23rd at 12 noon, by Charlie Dimmock and representatives from Coolings Garden Centre and Your Bromley, picking winners in the following categories:-

Most creative

Best use of colour

Best horticultural display

Best use of theme

The planters will remain insitu for the week, allowing the public to vote for their favourite. Should you wish to vote, please use this web address and follow the link [https://](https://yourbromley.com/floral-fest-2023)

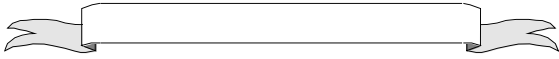
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We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents who donated money to our mini plant sale last Friday. Their generosity allowed for us to raise a mammoth £80.30 all of which, goes directly to the upkeep of the school garden and other growing areas around the school.

AWARDS

Headteacher Awards



Rec	Alexander
Year 1	Patrick C
Year 2	Oliver
Year 3	Catherine
Year 4	Ivan
Year 5	Renee
Year 6	Henry & Freya



KS1 AWARDS

Year	Gold Sticker Award		Golden Promises
Rec	Emily	Lyndon	Max
Year 1	Nicole	Patrick F	Beatrice
Year 2	Carlotta	Olivia M	Hugo

ATTENDANCE

Class	Attendance (%)	Occasions Late
Rec	98.67	0
Y1	98.67	0
Y2	95.67	0
Y3	97.21	0
Y4	95.94	0
Y5	99.69	0
Y6	96.86	0

Well done to Y5 who had the best attendance last week.

WEEKLY WINNERS

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

PTA NEWS

Firstly we need to say a huge thank you for all of the generous donations that we have received for the Summer Fair.

Year 4 won the bottle competition and will have received their prize in assembly today.

The children's lucky bags looked excellent and they will surely sell fast tomorrow.

Thank you to the volunteers. There are still some spaces free so if anyone could spare an hour, please let your class rep know.

We will be setting up from 9am tomorrow, again any help would be most appreciated.

There are still tickets for the Summer Ball available. Please email the PTA if you are interested in coming.

Dates for your diary

24th June – Summer Fair

8th July – Summer Ball