



In everything we do today, we're following Jesus and his way

School Newsletter 1

Spring Term 2024
Thursday 11 January
Headteacher: Mr P O'Rourke
Deputy Heads: Mrs C McGivern
Mrs S Hukowski
Assistant Head: Mrs L Byfield
SENCo: Mrs J Burke

Our School Houses

St Thérèse of Lisieux	Blue
St Oscar Romero	Red
St Francis of Assisi	Yellow
St Josephine Bakhita	Green

This Week's Merits

Each week, teachers nominate children in their class to receive a special merit. This could be in recognition for working hard, achieving something particular, being a good friend, or any number of reasons that show that they are living up to the school motto - 'In everything we do today, we are following Jesus and his way.' There is even a special music merit! The following children have been chosen by their teachers (CM = Class Merit). The merits below were awarded on the 15th December.

Class	Name of children
RG	George & Leo
RW	Lois & Elijah
1GS	Ithal & Ebony
1W	Ella & Sara, CM
2B	Erin & Mia, CM
2K	Kinga & Anolyn
2DS	Sara
3M	Semi & Alex
3OS	Saoirse & Lily
3S	Ibeamaka & Oscar
4A	Jude & Le Roux
4P	Helena & Kenya
4R	At liturgy
5B	Gabriel & Anoushka
5CN	Joey & Maja
5S	Tristan, CM
6C	Luke & Amelia, CM
6K	Aidan & Alan
6M	Ansia, CM
Music	Year 1, Orlaith 4P & Ella-Rose 6C

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Next Week in School

Friday 19 January
Fr Daniel leading assembly
RW stay and play 8:45am

Our term started with a lovely Mass led by Fr Daniel who talked to the children all about prayer: different ways to pray and different places in which prayer can be offered. It was lovely to meet Shane, a seminarian from Rockfield, Australia.

We held our final open afternoon for prospective parents yesterday. The closing date for applications for a reception place is Monday 15 January. If you, or any of your family or friends, are needing a place for your child this coming September, please do not miss this deadline date.

It is a relatively short term this spring, so please keep an eye on the newsletter and website calendar for important dates and events. I wish you all a Happy New Year and the best of luck with any new resolutions!



Snow

With widespread freezing temperatures this week and the threat of snow forecast, these are the procedures should we need to close the school unexpectedly. Closing school is always the very last resort, is only considered in the most extreme circumstances, and it is usually difficult to make such a decision far in advance.

As soon as a decision is made that school will close, a text will be sent to all parents, a message posted on the school website and the local authority will be informed so that the information will be posted on their website too.

"God is so good to give us new days and New Years since He knows we need so many times to start over." (Lucy Sturm)

After school French club January 2024



At Ecole Nicole, we give children a head start by introducing them to a second language at an early age, through a structured and fun method of teaching. We encourage speaking, listening and reading in French through music, role-play, story reading, games etc. This really helps the children when starting languages in secondary school. Our GCSE/A-levels results are very high!



When: Thursdays 3.30 to 4.30 pm- they will be collected directly after school at 3.30pm.

Age groups- From year 2

Price: £120 per term.

To book a space for January start, please contact Deborah at ecolenicole@hotmail.co.uk

www.ecolenicole.com

www.facebook.com/ecolenicole



Upcoming Dates

Advance warning of some key school dates. The school calendar is constantly updated on the school website, under the parents information section.

January

Fri 19th RW Stay and Play 8:45am
Fri 26th RG Stay and Play 8:45am
Sat 27th Class Act performance (Millfield Theatre)
Weds 31st Young Voices concert (O2 Arena)

February

Thurs 1st Rec/ Year 6 height and weight checks
Fri 2nd Mass at School (Candlemas)
Tues 6th Girl's football (3:45pm) Enfield Grammar
Thurs 8th Primary Maths Challenge (Guildhall)
Spirituality Day
St Josephine Bakhita Feast Day
Fri 9th NSPCC Number Day
RW Stay and Play 8:45am
School Closes for Half Term
Mon 19th School Reopens
Tues 20th School Photographs
Boys Football (3:45pm) Enfield Grammar
Weds 21st Young Shakespeare Company for Year 6
Fri 23rd Year 5 Mass (at Church) 10am
RG Stay and Play 8:45am
Tues 27th Netball (3:45pm) Enfield County

March

Fri 1st Year 6 Mass (at Church) 10am
Tues 5th Girls Football (3:45pm) Grammar School
Fri 8th World Book Day

Adoptive Parents Education Support



Coffee Morning

- Are you the parent of an adopted child?
- Are you aware of the educational support available for your child?
- Would you like the opportunity to discuss any educational issues? (Examples could include SEN, attendance, homework, friendships, or anything else!)
- Would you like to meet other adoptive parents?

Please come and join us on

Wednesday 7th February 2024
10 – 11.30 am
West Lea School, (Haselbury Campus)
Haselbury Road
Edmonton, N9 9TT

Please contact Jane Manning (contact details below) to reserve your space



To find out more contact: Jane Manning (Previously Looked After Children Officer): jane.manning@enfield.gov.uk



Spanish for Everyone



Thursdays
3.30 - 4.30
11th January to
21st March



Spanish for Everyone

For over 20 years we have been teaching Spanish and we are very happy to be teaching at **St George's RC School.**

At Olé Spanish for Everyone we offer relaxed, fun and immersive sessions where students can learn through **games, food, songs and drama** at the **school premises.**

Our team of teachers give personalised attention to each student, ensuring they use the language with ease.

You can click [here](#) to book **Thursday** at the school and we welcome children from Reception to Y6.

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Staffing Changes

This week we welcome Maria Tomoriová as our new nursery teaching assistant and Mjellma Kika as our new admin assistant in the school office. We hope you both love being part of our staff family.



MANNA DAY CENTRE

12 MELIOR STREET, LONDON SE1 3QP

Tele: 020 7357 9363 - option 3

www.mannasociety.org.uk

(Day centre for homeless people & those in need)

FOOD

Pasta
Pasta Sauces
Sugar
Baked beans
Fish (Tinned)
Tomatoes (tinned)
Vegetables (Tinned)
Basmati Rice
Tinned veg
Soup
Dilutable drinks
Corned beef
Chopped ham
Luncheon meats
Meat (Tinned)

MEN'S CLOTHING

Jeans (Waist 30-38)
Jogging bottoms
Underwear
Trainers

TOILETRIES

Bodywash
Deodorants
Shaving foam
Shampoo
Disposable Razors

MISCELLANEOUS

Sleeping bags
Rucksacks
Toilet Rolls
Tea Mugs
Novels
Oyster cards
(Unregistered preferably)

Manna Day Centre

Every year Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St George Parish organises a collection of non perishable goods for the Manna Homeless Centre at London Bridge.

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

In previous years St Georges School would promote a list of most needed items for Parents and Children to bring to Mass on the first weekend of February.

This year's collection will be on Sunday 4th February.

Catholic Mission

Green Team/ Green Patrol Christmas Fayre

A huge thank you for everyone who came and supported the Green Team and Green Patrol at the Christmas Fayre last month. We are so proud of all of the hard work that the children put in with regards to thinking about the source of the objects that they purchased to be given out as gifts (all items were made out of recycled and/or natural materials) as well as the origin of the decorations on the stall itself: the children made the Christmas decorations and the bunting using recycled materials. The children also chose 2 charities to support- CAFOD and Asthma and Lung UK Charity. The Team made an amazing total of £137.50. £72 was spent on World Gifts from CAFOD and £65.50 was sent to Asthma and Lung UK. The children thought about the principles of Catholic Social Teaching when deciding which gifts to buy:

'Everyone deserves to leave in peace'

'I think we should choose the therapy through play gift as all children should have the same opportunities we do'

'The Happy Queen Bee gift will help to produce more bees which will means that we will be helping to look after the world God created for us'

'The soup kitchen will help to make sure people don't go hungry'

PROMOTING PEACE



The arrival of refugees from different countries can be challenging for the communities that have taken them in. This gift can help provide workshops for refugees and local communities to encourage conversations, improve relationships and address community needs which in turn reduces tension and helps to build lasting peace.

SUPER SOUP KITCHEN



The Super Soup Kitchen gift can provide nutritious warm meals and shelter to refugees who have fled their homes due to conflict. Vulnerable refugees are given food, water and shelter so they can find a sense of hope to continue their journey to safety.

THERAPY THROUGH PLAY



Having a creative outlet for their energy can be vital to keep children feeling safe, even in the midst of conflict and war. This charity gift can pay for music, art and dance classes providing children the space to deal with their traumatic experiences and a place to relax, make friends, learn something new and have fun!

CHIRPY CHICKENS



Our Chirpy Chickens charity gift is eggs-tremely popular! You can give vulnerable families the extra help they need by providing chickens so they can produce eggs to eat or sell.

HAPPY QUEEN BEE



This bee-utiful charity gift can provide a happy queen bee for a busy hive. The queen attracts more bees to the hive, and more bees mean more delicious honey to eat and sell!

