



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

School Newsletter Newsletter 8

Spring Term 2024
Thursday 7 March

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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).

Class	Name of children
RG	Alice, Erin
RW	Oscar, Joseph
1GS	Maya, Gyima
1W	Azaria, Alexander
2B	Ruby, Reece
2K	Sophia, CM
2DS	Cian, Alba
3M	Christine, Joaquin, CM
3OS	Lily, Charlize, CM
3S	Adrian, Anna, CM
4A	Noah, Oscar
4P	Victoria, Erin
4R	Malaysia, CM
5B	Nyapollo, Shay, CM
5CN	Martina, Natyhaniel, CM
5S	Isabella, Emily, CM
6C	
6K	
6M	
Music	Connor (RW), Leon (2B),

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Next Week in School

Friday 8 March

World Book Day
Helping Hands Coffee and cakes (2.15pm)
Clean Air assemblies

Monday 11 March

Sublime Science workshops
Year 4 reconciliation 1.30pm

Tuesday 12 March

Sublime Science workshops
Football (boys) Enfield Grammar 3.45pm

Friday 15 March

RW Stay and Play
Year 5 reconciliation 1.30pm

Despite my efforts not to begin with negative vibes, I must express my disappointment that due to the wet weather, our year 6 students were unable to attend Mass last Friday. However, they are scheduled to attend on Friday 24 May and I'm confident they will enjoy some early summer sunshine then.

I am pleased to inform you that our Green Team and Green Patrol have been actively engaged in Clean Air Workshops. Their efforts have resulted in some outstanding eco-friendly artwork, which showcases their commitment to promoting a sustainable environment. You can read more about their work later in this newsletter.

In sporting news, I am thrilled to share the achievements of our year 3 and 4 Cross Country Runners. They performed brilliantly at the prestigious Lee Valley competition, displaying great determination and sportsmanship.

Our football team secured two wonderful victories on Tuesday. Their hard work and dedication have truly paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments.

In preparation for Easter, Year 4 and 5 students will be involved in reconciliation activities at our parish church. This is an important time for reflection and spiritual growth, and we encourage your support in reinforcing these values at home.

I would like to remind you that tomorrow is World Book Day. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to celebrate the joy of reading and explore the magic of literature. We look forward to seeing their creative costumes and sharing their favourite stories.

Finally, please note that it is the deadline for the return of the parents surveys tomorrow. Thank you to those who have completed and returned these documents that form a vital element in our drive to continually improve the school.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

"The less we have, the more we give. Seems absurd, but it's the logic of love." (Saint Teresa)

Dress Up

World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 8 March (tomorrow!)** and this year we invite children to dress as a book character. We celebrate World Book Day each year, but dress up every other year, and it is always great fun.

There are many costumes that can be bought for this occasion, but we always stress that this is not an expectation. Each Book Day, parents and children prove how creative they can be at recreating the look of a book character for little or no cost.

WORLD
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After some very heavy downpours last Friday, we were delighted that the Year 3 and 4 Cross Country at Lee Valley event went ahead! A huge well done to the Year 3 and 4 team for their excellent effort.



Upcoming Dates

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

March

Fri 8th	Book Day (Dress as a book character) Helping Hands coffee afternoon 2.15pm
Mon 11th	Year 4 reconciliation Sublime Science Workshops
Tues 12th	Football (boys) Grammar School 3.45pm Sublime Science Workshops
Fri 15th	Year 5 reconciliation RW Stay & Play 8.45am
Mon 18th	Year 6 reconciliation Parent Consultations 3.40pm - 6pm
Tues 19th	AIM High poetry workshops Parent Consultations 3.40pm - 6pm
Thurs 21st	Enfield Sings (2.40pm) Year 4 performance
Fri 22nd	Year 4 Mass (at Church) 10am RG Stay and Play 8.45am
Tues 26	Easter Praise (9.45am & 2.15pm) Year 3
Weds 27	Mass in school (Holy Week)
Thurs 28	School closes for Easter 2pm

April

Mon 15th	School reopens
Tues 16th	National Offer Day for primary places
Weds 24th	1W Easter Liturgy <i>*note date change</i>
Thurs 25th	1DS Easter Liturgy



A huge well done to our Netball team for two fantastic wins last Tuesday! 7-1 against St. Michael's and 12-1 against Worcesters (report in last week's newsletter).

It has been a very busy few weeks with regards to sport matches! Well done to our Girls' Football team for two wins earlier this week: 1-0 against St Andrew's and 1-0 against Worcesters.

For those of you who drive your children to school, please:

- **Drive carefully** on the roads surrounding school
- **Park considerately** to our neighbours
- Turn your **engine off**, not leave it running while parked
- Make every effort to walk all or some of the way to school if possible. It's healthy and good for the environment.



Catholic Social Teaching

In the Autumn term, our school took part in an air monitoring project led a charity close to our hearts, Asthma and Lung UK. With some help from Tony, the Green Team and Green Patrol put up special tubes across different areas in the playground. After 4 weeks, we took them down and sent them off to a scientific laboratory to be tested. These results give us a snapshot of nitrogen dioxide pollution in the sites we tested. The legal annual target for this pollutant is 40 micrograms per cubic metres of air. Our results suggest that pollution in none of the sites we tested breached this limit. However, it is important to note that the World Health Organisation state that there is no safe level of air pollution to breathe in, much like there's no safe amount of dirty water to drink. So even though our results did not breach legal limits- no level of pollution is safe for our lungs. At our school, we want to reduce the amount of pollution. In 2021, the highest amount of nitrogen dioxide in Enfield was 45.0 – this means that Enfield had illegal levels of pollution. The children in the Green Team and Green Patrol quite rightly said that it is not fair that people in our local community have to breathe in dirty air. But together, we can create change. Over the next few months, we will be putting into actions things that we can do to help ensure that we all breathe in cleaner air.

At our assembly last Friday, some members of our Green Team and Green Patrol shared the results on our air monitoring project with the children. Each class was given a clean air pledge sheet and were asked to think of 3 pledges to make between now and July.



We are looking forward to welcoming Amy Bartlett from Asthma and Lung UK to our school this Friday to lead a special assembly for us and to help us learn how we can become Clean Air Champions. God has made a beautiful world for us to live in and by working as a Community, we can help look after God's Creation by helping to promote cleaner air. Our Liturgy Team have chosen a beautiful Psalm and the Laudate Deum prayer as part of our Celebration of the Word.



We will also be taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel week, week beginning 11th March. This is to help inspire our children to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in our neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit our world. Please find further information attached to this week's newsletter.

Mrs McGivern

Air Quality Workshop

Last Friday, our Junior Traffic Ambassadors and Year 5 and 6 children from the Green Team and Green Patrol took part in an Air Quality workshop as part of Enfield Council's Journey and Places programme. The children were invited to join an exciting workshop on good air quality and its impact on the environment. Led by an experienced artist, the children explored specialist mediums and techniques to express their understanding of clean air. The children worked in a groups and learnt important values on collaboration and team work where they built a powerful message on air quality through art. The children produced 5 masterpieces which will be professionally printed and will be proudly display in our school environment, sparking conversation and raising awareness about quality among our parents/carers and the wider community.



World Book Day

Blue Peter Reading Badge Challenge

We would like to set a challenge for the Children of St George's to earn a coveted Blue Peter Badge for reading.

The Book badge, designed by one of the UK's best known illustrators, Sir Quentin Blake; who you might know from bringing to life characters such as Roald Dahl's BFG and Matilda! To earn the badge, just share your love of books with The Blue Peter Team by answering the questions below! You can apply using their online form or by post.

Apply for your Book badge online using the uploader form, or click the 'get the Book badge' button on line, to download the paper application form.

Ask your parent or guardian for permission to apply and ask them to read the Privacy Notice and badge attraction terms and conditions.

Tell them about a book you have read and what you think about it. Maybe you liked the characters, or perhaps you enjoyed going on exciting adventures in faraway places.

Upload your illustration of a character or a scene from the story. This could be a drawing, painting or even digital artwork.

Let them know what other books and authors you have enjoyed reading and why.

Get your parent or guardian to help you fill out your form and personal details.

If applying by post, send your application with the correct postage to: Blue Peter, BBC Bridge House, MediaCityUK, Salford, M50 2BH.

Mrs Smith (English Lead)



TT Rockstars

Top players

Dominic S 3M, Rose T 3M and Kyra SV 3S;

Leon N 4F, Oliver R 4P and Victoria K 4P;

Kaliyah N 5B, Lily DC 5S and Shay O'D 5B;

Sebastian S 6C, Olivia R 6K and Adam de BC 6M.

Last 7 days up to 6.3.24

Congratulations to all the players



Parent Consultations

I would like to commend our pupils for their hard work and dedication. It is truly inspiring to witness their commitment to their studies in school, and I am proud of their achievements thus far. Their efforts are a testament to the supportive environment that you help us to foster here at St George's.

To that end, the spring parent consultations will take place on Monday 18 March, and will be conducted online. Alternatively, face-to-face consultations will be available on Tuesday 19 March, unless otherwise indicated. This will provide an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and address any concerns you may have.

Additionally, I am pleased to inform you that there will be an opportunity for parents to view their children's books during the week beginning Monday 29 April. This will allow you to gain insight into your child's learning journey and celebrate their accomplishments.

We expect our booking system to be available in the next couple of days. A text will be sent to parents once this is ready.

Monday 18 March - online

Tuesday 19 March - face to face

Lent

Activities to support your child's spiritual journey through Lent

Monday 11 March Year 4 reconciliation

Friday 15 March Year 5 reconciliation

Monday 18 March Year 6 reconciliation

Catholic Social Teaching week

Friday 22 March Year 4 at Church 10am

Weds 27 March School Mass and Liturgy

Turs 28 March Stations of the Cross (in school)

Friday 29 March Stations of the Cross (in church)



HAF Enfield Easter 2024

2nd - 12th April

FREE* places available in Enfield's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme this Easter. For more information visit **Holiday activities and food programme | Enfield Council**

Reception to Year 11

***Free for those in receipt of benefits related free school meals**

Arts & Crafts

Get Active

Free nutritious meals

Plus much much more!

Cooking

Day Trips

www.enfield.gov.uk/services/children-and-education/holiday-activity-and-food-programmes/haf-programme

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