



St. George's
Catholic Primary School

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

School Newsletter

Newsletter 9

Spring Term 2024

Thursday 14 March

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).

Class	Name of children
RG	CM
RW	Evie, Avni
1GS	Molly, Anulika
1W	Lola, Scarlett
2B	Tallulah and James
2K	Sonari and Sean
2DS	Diana, Orla
3M	Ettiene, Dominic
3OS	Alex, Berenice
3S	Harvey, Jude, Kaiden
4A	Noah, CM
4P	Jan, CM
4R	Ella-Mae, Ourania
5B	Jake, Kaliyah
5CN	Joey, Maja
5S	CM
6C	Tymon, Azhahinii
6K	Zachariah, Megan
6M	Joseph, Mikey
Music	Alice (RG) Alex (6C)

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Next Week in School

Friday 15 March

RW Stay and Play

Year 5 reconciliation 1.30pm

Monday 18 March

Year 6 reconciliation

Parent Consultations (online)

Tuesday 19 March

Aim High event

Parent Consultations (in person)

Governor committee meeting 6pm

Thursday 21 March

Enfield Sings (Year 4) 2.40pm

Friday 22 March

RG Stay & Play 8.45am

Year 4 attend Mass at Church 10am

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all those who took the time to complete the recent parent survey. Your feedback is invaluable to us as we strive to continuously improve the educational experience for our pupils.

On Monday, our Year 4 pupils attended a service of reconciliation at the church. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to reflect on their actions and learn the importance of forgiveness and understanding. Year 5 will be attending tomorrow and Year 6 on Monday.

I am delighted to share that our children thoroughly enjoyed the sublime science workshops and assemblies. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Chambi for organising these engaging sessions. In terms of celebrations, World Book Day was a resounding success. The enthusiasm and creativity displayed by so many of our pupils in their costumes and book-related activities were truly commendable.

I am also proud to announce that our boys' football team performed exceptionally well in their match on Tuesday evening. Further details are provided in a report later in this newsletter.

I would like to apologise for the delay in sending out the parent consultation details. Unfortunately, there was a technical issue with the text messages, which resulted in a shorter time frame for making appointments. We sincerely regret any inconvenience caused and appreciate your understanding.

Parents of Year 4 pupils can look forward to a delightful singing performance by the children on Thursday afternoon. We invite you to join us and witness their musical talents.

Lastly, I would like to wish all those who are Irish or have Irish connections a fantastic St. Patrick's feast day on Sunday. May it be a day filled with joy and celebration.

"No one should be afraid that God has allowed there to be different religions in the world. But we should be frightened if we are not doing the work of fraternity, of walking together in life as brothers and sisters of one human family." Pope Francis

Mary, the Undoer of Knots

5CN took part in a very old custom which has been promoted more recently by Pope Francis. Enjoy reading what they have to say about it:

5CN were given ribbons with knots in. They had time in the Rosary Garden and thought about what their knot could represent for them. Perhaps a time when they have done something wrong, told a lie, or not been kind to someone. We talked about how knots or tangles inside can cause us to feel bad and how that if they keep growing and getting more tangled they can seem impossible to untie. However they can always be untied as we can ask Mary to help us trust in God and his Mercy. They then prayed silently their own prayers about the knot and being sorry. They were then invited to untie their knots as they said the Hail Mary. They then waved their untied ribbons in the wind to demonstrate the freedom they could feel after saying sorry and being forgiven.



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 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
Fri 19th	Year 5 at Church 10am
Tues 23rd	St George's Day Mass and celebrations
Weds 24th	1W Easter Liturgy *note date change
Thurs 25th	1DS Easter Liturgy
Mon 29th	Year 6 book look 9.10am Year 1 Book Looks (pm)
Tues 30th	Year 5 Book Looks 9.10am Year 2 Book Looks (pm)

May

Weds 1st	Year 4 Book Looks (pm)
Thurs 2nd	Year 3 Book Looks (pm)
Fri 3rd	Year 1 Mass at Church 10am
Thurs 9th	Year 5 to HYMB Mass for the Ascension
Fri 10th	Year 5 to HYMB
Mon 13th	SATs week for Year 6
Fri 17th	Year 6 to Aladdin (Milton Keynes)

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.



Ten Goal Tuesday

On Tuesday 12 March, St George's boys football team participated in three league matches at Enfield Grammar School. Despite an excellent solo goal from Luca, they lost their first game 3-1 to George Spicer. They won their second game by an astonishing 4-0, with a stunning save from Freddie in goal. In the final game, they won by an amazing 5-0. A stunning volley from Max followed a great pass from Jack. This was a very positive day for St George's and the children thoroughly enjoyed this special moment. Thank you to Mr B for helping us do our best and all the parents who came to watch.

Catholic Social Teaching

Last Friday, we had the pleasure of hosting Amy and Petra from Asthma and Lung UK for an informative assembly. They provided practical ideas on how we can all set a good example in looking after our environment.

They also spoke to our Green Team and Green Patrol to find out all about the great work that they are doing and also provided us with some great tips. When Amy and Petra asked the children why they decided to join the Green Team and Green Patrol, some of the responses included, *'We want to look after the beautiful world God made for us'* and *'We want to leave the world a better place than we found it for future generations'* - how inspiring!

The assembly on promoting clean air was an eye-opening session, and I encourage you to discuss these ideas with your children at home.



Caritas Ambassadors

At the 12pm Mass this Sunday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. George, Enfield, some of our Caritas Ambassadors will be speaking at the end of Mass to talk to the congregation about the work that they have been doing. They will also ask parishioners if they would like to donate to our Easter appeal.

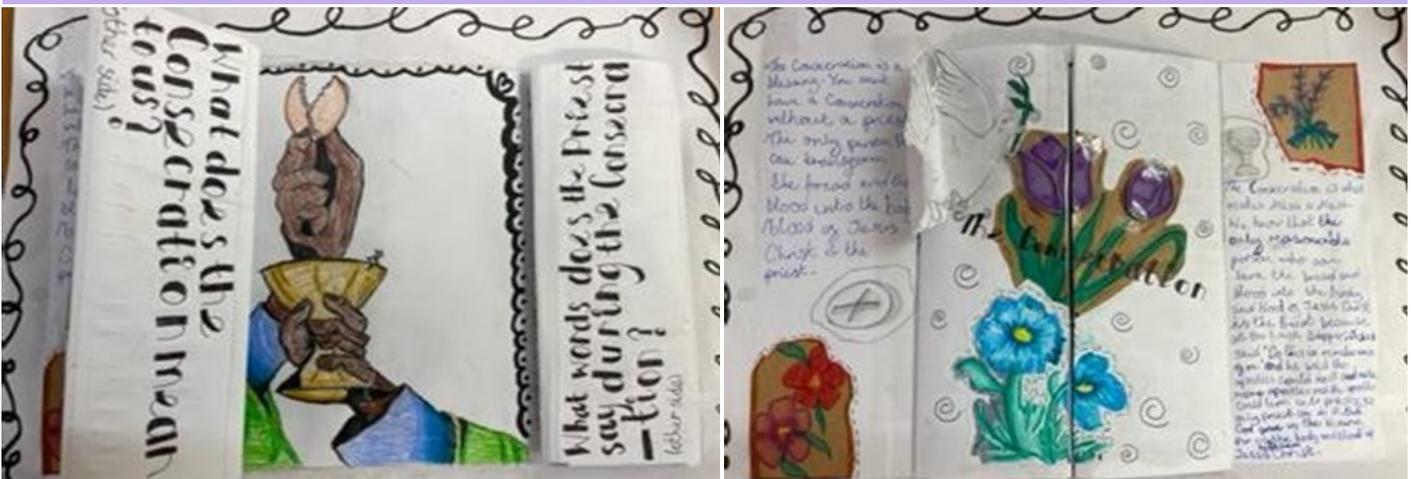
A big thank you for the donations already received from our school community – it is much appreciated and will really help our homeless friends. If you have not already brought in an item and would like to do so, please could you bring in one of the following by **Friday 22nd March**. Thank you.

- Easter Eggs
- Chocolate
- Crisps
- Biscuits
- £5 gift voucher for Greggs/Starbucks/Pret a Manger/Café Nero, Costa Coffee

"Thrive, not just survive."



Religious Education



Franciska (6M) came to see me earlier this week with her beautiful work on the Consecration. She learnt about the Consecration as part of her work on the Liturgy of the Eucharist earlier this term and decided to work on it a bit more at home. She produced this beautiful and creative information poster which I'm sure will help to inform the other children about this central part of the Mass. It always brings me such joy to hear how the children have continued their love of learning in RE at home. If your child has produced some work at home based on what they have learnt in class, please do encourage them to bring it in to show me. This does not always have to be a written piece of work, it could be art work, research, a poem, prayer, or they may wish to share a time when they have experienced awe and wonder. *Mrs McGivern*

Football report

The promised report from last week's football. Well done girls!

On Tuesday 5th March the girls' football team (Grace, Olivia, Megan, Isla, Caitlin, Franciska, Raphaelle, Megan and Katie) won two matches, beating Worcesters 1-0 and St Andrew's 1-0. I was exhausted by the end but it was worth it. Well done to Caitlin for scoring our two goals. Thank you to Mr B for training and taking us.

Olivia 6K

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)

TT Rockstars

Top players

Year 3: Dominic S 3M, Gracie F 3S and Sofia F 3M

Year 4: Victoria B 4P, Oliver R 4P and Harrison B 4P

Year 5: Kaliyah N 5B, Emily R 5S and Lily D 5S

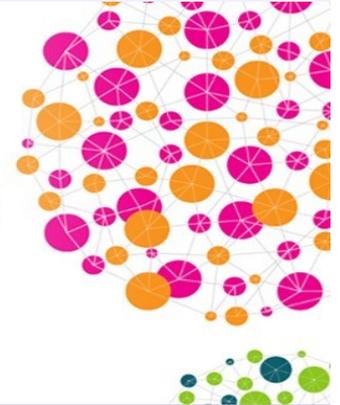
Year 6: Olivia R 6K, Yannick CC 6M and Mary SJ 6M

Last 7 days up to 14.3.24

Congratulations to all the players



8-17 March
**British
Science
Week
2024**



Sublime Science



On Monday, we attended a science workshop and it was amazing! We made sherbet using citric acid, baking soda and icing sugar. We also made slime using glue, borax and food colouring. He brought in a plasma ball and whenever you put your finger on it there would be a bolt of electricity coming from the centre and you would feel it on your finger. Professor Jeremy chose some children to come up and pull a wind-cannon—when it was let go, it shot out wind and smoke. We had to guess what the shape formation of the smoke would be – it turned up to be rings of smoke. It was a very enjoyable and interesting experience. It has inspired us to perhaps go into a career in STEM one day.

Alice, Anthony, Mia and Eleanore (6M)

