



St. George's
Catholic Primary School

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

School Newsletter

Newsletter 6

Autumn Term 2024

Thursday 10 October

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	
RS	
1K	Elijah, Amelia
1W	Amelia, Albie
2B	Ebony, Ryan
2GS	Joshua, Sara
3DN	Florence, Matthew
3M	Arti, Nevaeh
3OS	Elliot, Pia
4A	Rosie, Liam
4P	Adrian, Tilly
4R	Luiza, Alex
5B	Joseph, Malaysia
5CN	Ysabelle, Giorgia
5S	Cara, Pindi
6C	Tristan, Mirabelle
6K	Matthew, Blanka
6M	Jake, Olivia
Music	Aribah (3DN), 6M

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Next Week in School

Friday 11 October

Borough Cross Country (2pm) Forty Hall

Wednesday 16 October

Open Afternoon (prospective parents) 2pm

Thursday 17 October

6M Class Assembly

I am delighted to share with you the enriching experiences and accomplishments that have characterised the past week. The enthusiasm and dedication of our pupils, staff, and parents continue to inspire and elevate our school community.

This week, our pupils have embarked on an exciting journey through space as part of World Space Week. Our science lessons have been fostering a deeper understanding of our universe. At the same time, we have been observing Judaism Week in Religious Education, providing our pupils with valuable insights into this rich faith tradition.

I am particularly grateful for the impressive attendance at our recent Year 3 and Year 4 curriculum meetings. Your engagement as parents is invaluable, and these sessions are aimed at equipping you with essential information about your child's learning journey for the year ahead, as well as strategies to support their academic growth at home.

Our commitment to interfaith understanding was beautifully assisted by the visit of Rabbi Danni Rich from Southgate Progressive Synagogue. His captivating assembly introduced our pupils to the significance of Rosh Hashana, complete with the traditional tasting of apples dipped in honey. I must extend my appreciation to our dedicated kitchen staff for their assistance in preparing the huge amount of fruit, seamlessly blending culinary preparation with our RE curriculum, it seems!

It has been a pleasure to welcome parents to our first class assemblies of the year. 6C set a high standard with their thoughtful presentation, and today, 4A led an equally fascinating Celebration of the Word, focusing on the life of John Henry Newman. These assemblies not only showcase our pupils' talents but also reinforce our shared values and spiritual growth.

On the sporting front, our boys' football team has continued their remarkable run of success, concluding their autumn series with two more impressive victories. Their achievements are a testament to their hard work and team spirit, and we can enjoy their match report later in this newsletter. Looking ahead, I wish to extend my best wishes to our cross country team as they prepare to represent St George's in the Borough Cross Country event at Forty Hall tomorrow. We are confident they will do us proud.

I thank you for your continued your ongoing support and engagement that are integral to our success in nurturing the growth and development of our pupils.

*"We can believe what we choose. We are answerable for what we choose to believe."
(St John Henry Newman)*

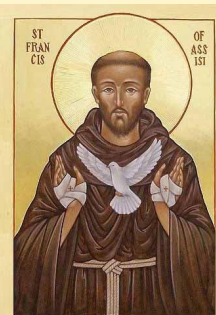
Feast Days

Over the past week we have shared celebrations that took place in honour of our house saints. The children of St Francis of Assisi (yellow) and St Thérèse of Lisieux (blue) embraced their special days with enthusiasm, donning their own clothes and participating in meaningful liturgies and extended play-times.

These occasions serve as a testament to the strong sense of community we endeavour to foster at St George's. It was particularly heartening to witness the genuine excitement of our older pupils as they shared these precious moments with their younger counterparts, especially siblings. The interaction between different year groups during these celebrations creates a unique and cherished atmosphere.

Our liturgies provided an excellent opportunity for pupils to delve into the lives of their house saints, reflecting on their significance and the values they embody. These moments of contemplation and celebration instil a profound sense of pride and unity among our houses. Looking ahead, the next saint days are not until the spring term, with St Josephine Bakhita on 8th February and St Oscar Romero on 24th March. We eagerly anticipate the continued growth of our school community through these experiences.

*St Francis of Assisi,
pray for us.*



*St Thérèse of Lisieux,
pray for us.*

Breaktime Breakages!

Over the past year, we have made a concerted effort to provide our pupils with a wider range of engaging activities to keep them active and entertained during lunchtimes. To this end, we have introduced a variety of new equipment, including frisbees, soft footballs and basketballs, skipping ropes, board games, soft tennis equipment, and table tennis equipment.

These new resources have been met with tremendous enthusiasm by our pupils, who have embraced the opportunity to participate in a diverse array of physical and recreational pursuits. The active playtimes, led by Mrs Byfield and managed by our wonderful team of midday supervisory assistants, have been a tremendous success, fostering a spirit of camaraderie, healthy competition, and joyful engagement among our pupil community. However, the frequent use of this equipment has resulted in a certain degree of loss and damage, necessitating the need for regular replacement. To this end, we will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 25 October**, with a donation of **£1** per pupil. The funds raised from this event will be dedicated to the replenishment and maintenance of our playtime resources, ensuring that our pupils can continue to enjoy these enriching activities for years to come.

I am immensely proud of the progress we have made in enhancing the quality of our pupils' playtime experiences, and I am confident that with your support, we can sustain and build upon this success. Thank you for your continued commitment to the well-being and development of our wonderful pupils.

Upcoming Dates

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

October

Fri 11th Cross Country (Forty Hall) 2pm
 Tues 15th Girls' Football (Grammar School) 3.45pm
 Anti-Bullying Week
 Weds 16th Open Afternoon (prospective parents) 2pm
 Thurs 17th 6M Class Assembly 9.10am
 Tues 22nd Girls' Football (Grammar School) 3.45pm
 Fri 25th Catholic Concern for Animals assembly
 School Closes for Half Term

November

Mon 4th School reopens
 Tues 5th Year 6 Book Look (9.10am)
 Year 1 Book Look (pm)
 Girls' Football (3.45pm) Grammar School
 Weds 6th Year 5 Book Look (9.10am)
 Year 2 Book Look (pm)
 Thurs 7th Year 4 Book Look (pm)
 Fri 8th Year 3 Book Look (pm)
 Cross Country at (Forty Hall) 2pm
 Mon 11th Remembrance Day service
 Parent Consultations (online) 3.50pm
 Weds 13th 1W Class Assembly
 Parent Consultations (in person) 3.50pm
 Thurs 14th Caritas Ambassadors at Westminster
 Fri 15th Year 4 lead Mass at Church 10am

The Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary and the children pray this special devotion in the Rosary Garden.

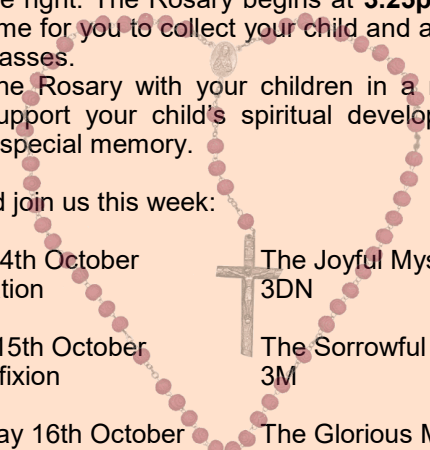
The rota is available on the school website so that you will know when it is your child's turn: 'About Us > Our Catholic School'.

Please come and join us when it is your child's turn. Enter school via the Gordon Road gate and make your way to the school hall. The Rosary Garden is found through a door to the right. The Rosary begins at **3.25pm** and will finish in time for you to collect your child and any siblings in other classes.

Sharing the Rosary with your children in a meaningful way to support your child's spiritual development and creates a special memory.

Come and join us this week:

Monday 14th October The Visitation	The Joyful Mysteries 3DN
Tuesday 15th October The Crucifixion	The Sorrowful Mysteries 3M
Wednesday 16th October The Coming of the Holy Spirit	The Glorious Mysteries 3OS
Thursday 17th October Proclamation of the Kingdom	The Mysteries of Light 2B
Friday 18th October The Agony in the Garden	The Sorrowful Mysteries 2DS



Book Looks

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents into school for you and your child to look through their school books together. This is an ideal opportunity for you to share their learning, the work that they are proud of and even some areas that they are trying to get better at!

All 'Book Looks' take place in the New Hall (Scout Hut) during the week beginning Monday 4th November. Please sign up on the school website so that we know we are expecting you! 'parents > parent forms > book looks'

Tuesday 5 November

Year 6 9.10 - 9.40am
1K 2.30pm
1W 3pm

Wednesday 6 November

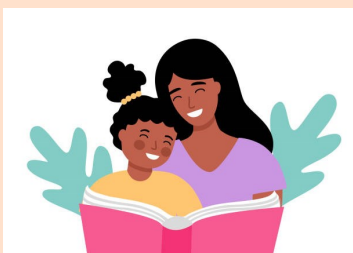
Year 5 9.10 - 9.40am
2B 2.30pm
2GS 3pm

Thursday 7 November

4A 2pm
4P 2.30pm
4R 3pm

Friday 8 November

3DN 2pm
3M 2.30pm
3OS 3pm



Curriculum Meetings

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to parents for your attendance at our recent curriculum information meetings. The turnout was excellent, and it was a pleasure to see such a large number of you present, eager to engage with your child's learning.

The comments we have received in our comments book have been overwhelmingly positive and supportive. It is heartening to know that you found the meetings informative and valuable, and hope that they provided you with a comprehensive overview and insight into the learning your child will experience over the year ahead.

I hope that through these presentations, you gained a deeper understanding of how various subjects are taught and the ways in which you can support your child's learning at home. This collaborative approach between home and school is essential for ensuring the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of the teachers who have put these presentations together and led them for you. Their dedication and hard work have been instrumental in making these meetings a success.

The only remaining curriculum information meeting is for our Reception parents, which will be held on Tuesday 15 October. We look forward to welcoming you and providing you with the same level of insight and support.

Football Success

Our boys' team played their final game this autumn. What a successful few weeks they have had! Thank you to Luca for his report this week.

After our walk to the Enfield Grammar School Astro-turf pitches, it began to rain. We feared it was going to pour down, but luckily it cleared up!

Our first game, we kept the ball well by passing. Luca and Brayden both scored lovely goals. The result was 2-0 to us. Our second and last game was against St Andrew's. The opposition had lots of chances but luckily they didn't score. Preston and Luca scored and the end result was also a 2-0 win.

Luca (6C)

St George's Catholic Primary School



Warm welcome

Calm atmosphere

Brilliant results

Outstanding Catholic education

Places available for Sept 25

Open Day

Wednesday 16 October 2pm

To book: www.st-georges.enfield.sch.uk



Catholic Mission - Digital Apostles

Later this month, we will be holding a special Celebration of the Word on Blessed Carlo Acutis. Blessed Carlo is likely to become the first millennial Saint and is a candidate to become the Patron Saint of Computer Science. Pope Francis referred to Carlo as a model of holiness in a digital age. Carlo spent his young life using his talents with technology to document Eucharistic miracles and helped those most disadvantaged in our society, the poor and homeless, by giving out food and sleeping bags.

Blessed Carlo's life will help to teach young people today how to properly use and enjoy technology. Cardinal Vincent Nichols gives young people the exciting challenge to become Digital Apostles and to use their skills with technology to encourage others in their search for God and share their faith with others.

At St. George's, we are delighted to launch our work on 'Digital Apostles'. Starting this October, each month, the children will be given a mission to use technology to follow in Blessed Carlo's footsteps. This will include spreading the Good News of the Gospel and raising awareness of injustice in the world. This will link in with Catholic Social Teaching, including the principles of Preferential Option for the Poor, Solidarity and Peace, Community and Participation and Dignity. Our plans include children creating PowerPoints, writing blogs, writing comments for our social media page and podcasts. All are called to join in this mission and we will have a special Digital Apostle award that will be presented each month to a pupil for their work. This month, the children will begin their work as a Digital Apostle by being invited to create a fact file about on Blessed Carlo Acutis. The page to upload this and further information can be found on DB Primary on your child's home page— it can be found on the left hand side of the page.

Please visit the below site to watch an animation and hear more of Cardinal Vincent Nichol's message to our young pupils. Below are also some links to find out more about the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

<https://cymfed.org.uk/carlo-acutis/>

<https://carloacutis-en.org/>

<http://www.carloacutis.com/en/association/presentazione>



Language of the Month

During the summer term, a parent questionnaire was sent to parents and we are actively looking at working on the suggestions provided. One area that we are having a real focus on is Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity— we have called our work on this 'I see me!'. As part of our work on ensuring that all of the pupils in our school can see themselves represented in our environment and curriculum, we will be celebrating the different languages spoken by our pupils. Our language of the month is **Polish**. If you or your child speaks Polish and you would like to send in any items from home that we can celebrate, for example, a recipe in Polish, a prayer, photos, a story book in Polish or some Polish phrases you speak at home, please send this in with your child to pass on to Mrs McGivern. Examples of this can be shown to their peers in class and copies displayed on our Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity board.



Religious Education

This week we welcomed back Rabbi Danny Rich from Southgate Progressive Synagogue to talk to the children about Rosh Hashanah, which is the Jewish New Year. Rabbi Danny explained that Rosh Hashanah means 'Head of the Year' and explained that the Hebrew word 'Rosh' means head. The children also learnt the Hebrew names for other body parts. Rabbi Danny also explained why apples are dipped in honey on Rosh Hashanah— to wish everyone a sweet new year. Following the assembly, the children had the opportunity to dip apples in honey for themselves! He also brought in a shofar, which is the horn of a ram, and explained what it symbolises. We thank Rabbi Danny for helping to bring our learning on Rosh Hashanah to life.

