



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

## School Newsletter

### Newsletter 5 Spring Term 2022

**Friday 11th February**

Headteacher: Mr P O'Rourke  
Deputy Head: Mrs B McCann (ft)  
Mrs S Hukowski (pt)  
Assistant Head: Mrs L Byfield  
SENCo: Mrs J Burke

#### This Week's Merits

Class	Name of children
RG	Orlagh, Pia
RP	Orla, Hazel
RW	Ruby, Avery
1A	Sebastian, CM
1DS	William, Ayva
1W	Rosie, Finn
2B	Oliver, Odhran
2K	CM
2NS	Sean, Maria
3A	Antoinette, Oliver
3F	Anoushka, Grace
3S	James, Tristan
4BC	Niamh, Caitlin
4OS	Yannick, Callyanne
4S	Mela, Alex
5FM	Rily, Alfie
5MA	David, Tochi
5MR	Valentina, Ronan
6K	Amy, Ben
6M	Anaia, Paul
6OT	Joseph, Alice

### EYFS Equipment

We are in the process of adding to and improving our EYFS outdoor area. Our aim is to include lots of natural resources for the children to explore and real items that are used by different professions. If you have any of the following at home or can get access to them please let us know and send in any items with your child in the coming weeks:

Sticks, Conkers, Pine cones, Wooden spoons, Industrial buckets (often used in the building industry), Wicker style baskets (different sizes), Large plant pots, Decorators paint brushes (large) Plastic tubing (used by plumbers), Different sized pouring jugs, Colanders, Large plastic tubs, Battery operated fairy lights. Huge thanks to those who have already donated.

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### Next Week in School

**Friday 11 February**  
RG Stay and Play  
Express Yourself  
School closes for half term 3.30pm

**Monday 21 February**  
School reopens

**Tuesday 22 February**  
School photographs - individual and sibling  
Football at Enfield Grammar 4pm

**Wednesday 23 February**  
6M Maths Café

**Thursday 24 February**  
6K Maths Café

**Friday 25 February**  
RW Stay and Play  
6OT Maths Café

### Messages from the Office

#### School meals

If you would like to change your child's lunch option after half term, please complete the form on our school website. Parents' information/Parent Forms/ Notice to request a change of school meal option. Please always ensure your child's lunch account is in credit if having school meals.

#### Soft start at the beginning of the day

Part of the agreement with the local residents of Cheviot Close was that the entrance there would only be used for deliveries and staff. There are a large amount of parents dropping their children at this gate in the mornings now. The Gordon and Halifax Road gates are open from 8.45am until 9am. Please remember your child needs to be in class by 9am.

Poor punctuality is not acceptable. If a child misses the start of the day they can miss work and do not spend time with their class teacher getting vital information and news for the day. Late arriving pupils also disrupt lessons, can be embarrassing for the child and can also encourage absence. Good time keeping is a vital life skill which will help our children as they progress through their school life and out into the wider world

#### Lost property

Any lost property left in the box in the junior playground will be disposed of over half term.

"Seeing the sun, the moon and the stars, I said to myself: Who could be the Master of these beautiful things? And I felt a great desire to see him, to know Him and to pay Him homage..."  
(St Josephine Bakhita, feast February 8th)



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



*Please talk to our neighbours, and each other, with courtesy and respect. The easiest way to avoid confrontation if you need to drive is to park a few streets away and enjoy the very short walk to school.*

## TTRockStars

### Leaderboards (over the last 7 days)

#### Biggest increase in coins earned:

**Year 2:** Harrison B, Ethan C and Oscar LCJ

**Year 3:** Petra T, Mirabelle and Jesse

**Year 4:** Ilaria CB, Viktor M and Alexander G

**Year 5/6:** Clara LCJ, Darragh O'B and Kristupas P



Congratulations to everyone who is playing, our school is 15th on the leader-board in our local area and we are trying to move up the board. Keep going everyone!

Please observe the **One Way System** in the school playground

*Going the wrong way through the link corridor causes bad congestion, and while COVID is still a threat, it also causes a potential health threat.*



*Have a lovely half term break*

## TTRockStars

### NSPCC Competition Results

Thank you to everyone who took part on Friday. The results for all the children that played were:

#### **Most valuable player in the school:**

1st most valuable in the school: Mirabelle O (3S)

2nd most valuable in the school: Petra T (3S)

3rd most valuable in the school: Tiana P (3S)

#### **Most valuable class players were:**

Year 2: 2K - Mairead M

Year 3: 3S - Mirabelle, Petra, Tiana; 3F - Daniel K, Shay O'D, Tyler A; 3A - Sebastian S, Cian CG, Joseph H.

Year 4: 4BC - Olivia R, Caitlin L, Viktor M; 4S - Ilaria CB, Obaa

AA, Leo B; 4OS - Franciska K, Gabriel G, Max D

Year 5: 5MR - Christian CR

Year 6: 6M Caiden G, James B; 6K Darragh O'B.

## Upcoming Dates

*Advance warning of some key school dates...*

### February

Mon 21st School reopens

Tues 22nd Football @ Enfield Grammar  
Photographs - individual and sibling

Weds 23rd Maths Café (6M) 2:30pm

Thurs 24th Maths Café (6K) 2:30pm

Fri 25th RW Stay and Play

Maths Café (6OT)

### March

Fri 4th RP Stay and Play

Tues 15th Football @ Enfield Grammar

Fri 18th Y5/6 Choir at Nightingale Concert

Mon 21st Parent Consultations

Tues 22nd Parent Consultations

Y3/4 Dance Festival (7pm)

Weds 30th Year 3 Easter Production

### April

Fri 1st Stations of the Cross

School Closes for Easter (2pm)

Tues 19th Teacher Training Day

Weds 20th School reopens for Summer Term

## COVID Catch Up

Please be vigilant to the signs of Coronavirus:

Since resuming in September, we have had **two hundred and ten** positive COVID cases amongst the children. Please ensure that testing is carried out at the first sign of a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss of taste or smell. Testing is important as many of the cases that we are hearing about in our school community are asymptomatic. Make sure you leave a LFT for the full duration before reading the result! For the **six** of you who are currently absent, we wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to having you back with us soon.

Please keep reporting new cases using the school website as this is very helpful to us, and includes cases within your family.

### Highest Scoring Band in the school:

1st - 3S, 2nd - 3A, 3rd - 4S

2188 schools took part – 524 were local schools to us.

Amongst local schools we came 179th. For our school score (against 2188 schools) we came 734th - this includes secondary schools as well - so well done everyone! Keep Rocking :)

**Through your generous donations we have raised £754.50 for the NSPCC and school. Great work. If parents still wish to contribute, you can do so via Parent Pay.**

## Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

This week 7th – 13th February has been Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. The children have had the opportunity to explore the theme for this year "Growing Together" through lots of different activities planned by the teaching staff. The week started with assemblies which introduced the children to the importance of looking after their mental health and how they grow and change emotionally as they encounter different experiences in their lives. Through the assembly, they were given the opportunity to think about how they can support others with their emotions.

Throughout the week the children had the opportunity to experience mindfulness meditation sessions which they can use as part of their daily lives. They have spent time involved in activities which have encouraged them to reflect on different experiences in their lives and how they reacted to either positive or negative situations and how they have celebrated goals that they have achieved. Today the children have come dressed in a way that expresses their unique selves for our "Dress to Express" day and they have really taken this on board with some fabulous outfits that really help them to celebrate who they are. Our Wellbeing Ambassadors led a special assembly for everyone and shared some of their amazing ideas. It is very powerful that many of the activities that the children enjoyed were suggested by the children themselves through the Wellbeing Ambassadors.

**Thank you** to all the staff and children for making this week so enjoyable and impactful.