



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

School Newsletter

Newsletter 5

Autumn Term 2022
Thursday 6 October

Headteacher: Mr P O'Rourke
Deputy Heads: Mrs C McGivern
Mrs S Hukowski
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.' The following children have been chosen by their teachers (CM = Class Merit):

Class	Name of children
RG	Our reception classes will be
RW	attending assembly soon!
1A	Olympia & Konstantinos
1DS	Harrison & Isla
1W	Florence & Zayne
2B	Jessica & Saoirse
2K	Christine & Rose
2NS	Orla & Jaxson
3A	Rocco & Fred
3F	Noah & Miguel
3S	Eva & Katie
4GC	Lily & Lionel
4P	Tyler & Grace
4OS	Andrew & Sebastian
5B	Nida & Maya
5M	Megan & Evangelia
5S	Adam & Mary
6K	Kuama & Sorcha
6M	Dylan & Freya
6OT	Ellis

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Next Week in School

Friday 7 October

Year 4 visit St Albans Cathedral
Year 3 lead Mass @ church 10am
Year 5/6 cross country @ Forty Hall 1.30pm

Monday 10 October

Mental Health Awareness Week

Tuesday 11 October

Year 2 curriculum meeting 2.55pm

Wednesday 12 October

Year 5 curriculum meeting

Thursday 13 October

6M retreat @ St Ignatius
Year 1 curriculum meeting

Friday 14 October

Harvest Festival 9.10am

October is the month of the Rosary, and each day classes take it turns to lead this special prayer in our lovely Rosary garden. Please use the school website to find out when it is your child's turn. Follow: 'news and events > Rosary.'

Year 6 have started us off this week, so a big thank you to those parents and family members who have joined us. Class 6M are making a claim to be the holiest class as they continued their Rosary even when the rain started. Some even said it made the prayer nicer and more special. I think I agree!

"By your prayers you can bring down the rain of mercy." (St Charbel Makhoul)

Harvest

Our Harvest festival assembly takes place on **Friday 14 October at 9.15am** in the **main hall**. The liturgy will be led by 5S and parents are welcome to join us for this special celebration.

Children are asked to bring an item of produce to be offered at the assembly, and this will then be donated to Enfield Foodbank. A list of what they currently need is attached to this newsletter.

If you have any reusable carrier bags that you would like to send in with the offerings, they would be greatly appreciated as they will help to organise and distribute the goods following the assembly.

Saints Days

Thank you to parents for supporting your children and finding them clothes to correspond to their house colour. We enjoyed two lovely house liturgies for St Thérèse on Friday and St Francis of Assisi on Tuesday, and a special playtime treat. It was really special to have all the children from reception to year 6 in each of these houses for the celebrations.

"The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary." (Saint Francis de Sales)



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



The weather is lovely at the moment - walk at least some or all of the way to school whenever you can.

First Holy Communion

The application process for children in primary school years 3&4 who wish to make their First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion, is now open. Forms are available from the presbytery or online at www.catholickenfield.org. The programme is due to start the 9th January 2023 with celebration masses taking place mid May. For further information please contact the Catechetical Coordinator on 0208 363 2569 or email enfieldcat@rcdow.org.uk. Deadline for the return of the forms is Monday 14th November 2022.

School Places for September 2023

The Governors invite applications from the parents of children born between 1st September, 2018 and the 31st August 2019.

Parents need to complete:

1. The application to the London Borough of Enfield (online).
2. The supplementary information form from our website, please download, complete and email to us. Please include in your email a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.
3. A certificate of Catholic Practice. To obtain this, please visit the Parish website www.catholickenfield.org and follow their instructions.

Come and visit us? Please call our school office to arrange a school tour.

Whilst the Borough application is completed online, the two other forms should be submitted to the school together in person or via email to admin@st-georges.enfield.sch.uk. Closing Date for Admissions: 15th January 2023. For further information, please contact the school office on 0208 363 3729

Applications across Enfield were significantly lower this year, to compound lower numbers of applicants last year. This has resulted in significant numbers of schools in the borough having surplus places, with many reducing the size of the school intake to lessen the financial impact of the lower numbers. It is worth noting that **all applicants to our school last year were offered a place**, including those without a certificate of Catholic Practice.

Upcoming Dates

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

October

Fri 7th	Y3 lead Mass at church Y4 to St Albans Y5/6 Cross Country at Forty Hall
Mon 10th	Mental Health Awareness assemblies
Tues 11th	Y2 curriculum meeting 2:55pm
Fri 14th	Harvest Festival (5S) 9.15am
Tues 18th	Y6 curriculum meeting & maths café 2:30 Girls football at Enfield Grammar
Weds 19th	Y3 Egyptian Day
Thurs 20th	Y5/6 Cross Country
Fri 21st	School Closes for half term
Mon 31st	INSET day - school closed

November

Tues 1st	School reopens Mass for All Souls Parent Consultations
Weds 2nd	Parents Consultations
Tues 8th	Reception curriculum meeting 2.55pm
Mon 14th	Anti-Bullying week
Tues 24th	Book Fair (until 30th)
Tues 29th	Year 5 & 6 reconciliation

Please **do not** allow your children to use the play equipment in the junior playground after school.

Seven Heaven

On Tuesday 4 October, the football team played the first two games of the Enfield borough tournament. The team consisted of: Kuiama, Sammy, Elijah, Sidney, Dylan, Aidan, Rily, Luke and Olivier. The team played amazingly, and impressed many people, including the tournament organisers who couldn't believe how in sync the boys were after only a few practices! They won both their games 7-0... what a fantastic start to the school year!

Miss O'Toole

Game 1 vs St John's

First half goals scored by: Dylan, Elijah and Kuiama
Second half goals scored by: Kuiama x2, Elijah and Dylan

Final score: 7-0

Game 2 vs George Spicer

First half goals scored by: Dylan x2
Second half goals scored by: Elijah x2, Kuiama, Dylan and Luke

Final score: 7-0



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: 'news & events > mass and assembly rotas'. The schedule for next week is:

The Sorrowful Mysteries

Monday 10 October

The agony in the garden 5B

Tuesday 11 October

The Scourging at the Pillar 4OS

Wednesday 12 October

Crowning with Thorns 4P

Thursday 13 October

Carrying of the Cross 4GC

Friday 14 October

The Crucifixion 3A



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.

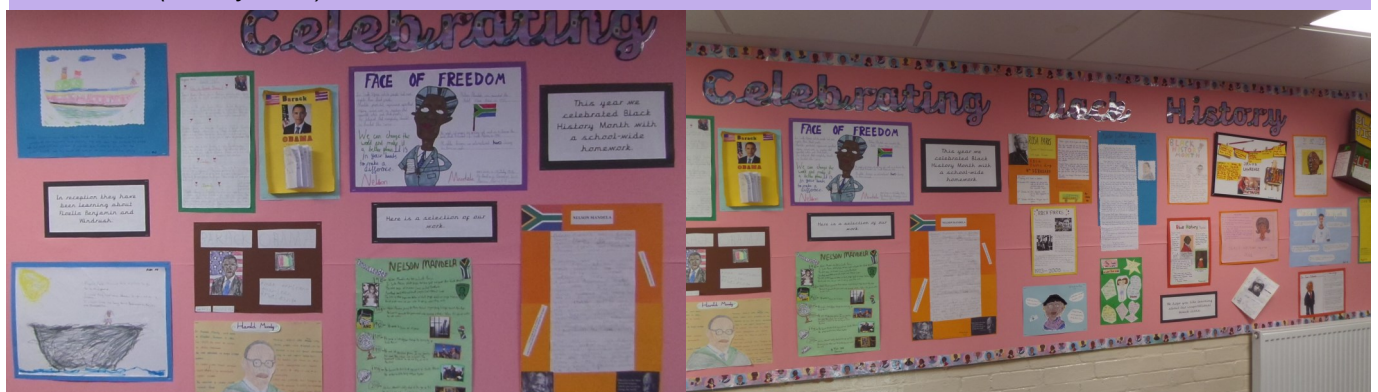
Black History Month - Whole School Project

After the fantastic success of last year's project, this October, to celebrate and raise awareness of Black History Month at St Georges, we again want to mark the occasion with another whole school display. We have therefore set the whole school the same homework. Children will be asked this week to research an inspirational figure, of their choice, from Black History. The brightest and most informative pieces from each class will be put forward for display. We can't wait to see the children's work!

Why do we celebrate Black History Month?

Black History Month recognises and celebrates the contribution and achievements of those with African or Caribbean heritage and makes sure everyone gets the opportunity to understand the fundamental contributions Black culture has made to form our society today. People from African and Caribbean backgrounds have been an integral part of British history for centuries. At St Georges we celebrate the diversity of ethnicity within our curriculum, not just in the month of October but throughout the year and are working to provide a more inclusive and diverse curriculum which includes aspirational role-models that all our children can relate to.

Mrs Garner (History Lead)



Baby Gate

We are currently in need of a baby gate in school. This is for a health and safety reason for some of our younger children, and not to stop some of the teachers escaping!

Given the extreme pressures on school budgets at the moment, we thought that we would ask parents if anyone had a baby gate that was no longer being used that could be donated to us. Please contact the school office if you can help.