



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

School Newsletter

Newsletter 5

Spring Term 2023
Thursday 2 February

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	Azrae, Marina
RW	Lola, Marina
1A	Rosie, Bernie
1DS	Jude, Ruby
1W	Class Merit
2B	Louisa, Callum
2K	Zoe, Sophia S
2NS	Neveah, Kloe
3A	Orlaith, Daniel H
3F	Jack, Ryan
3S	Sophia, Kyle
4GC	James, Emily
4P	Hannah, Gabriel
4OS	Blanka, Jasper
5B	Sebastien, Rachel
5M	Joseph, Sonny
5S	Callyanne, Riccardo
6K	Jacob, Rowan
6M	Niyolyn, Freya
6OT	Aiden, Riley

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Next Week in School

Friday 3 February

Numbers Day
RG Stay & Play
Helping Hands AGM 9:30am
Year 5 'Nat West' maths workshops

Monday 6 February

Mental Health Week assemblies

Tuesday 7 February

Girls football at Grammar School 3:45pm

Wednesday 8 February

Year 1 Phonics & Reading workshop 9:15am
2NS Phonics & Reading workshop 2:45pm

Thursday 9 February

2K Phonics & Reading workshop 2:45pm
3F to Enfield Town Library

Friday 10 February

RW Stay & Play
2B Phonics & Reading workshop 2:45pm
School closes for half term

Today is the Presentation of the Lord, and marks 40 days since Christmas. It seems an age ago! It is one of the few events that we know about in the early life of Jesus and allows us to reflect on why Mary is so celebrated in our faith. Taking Jesus to the temple was difficult for Mary, as she was foretold of the great suffering that was to come for both mother and son, but she stayed faithful to God. She was forever linked to Jesus and whatever he went through. An appropriate time, therefore, for us to give thanks for all the mums in school, parents and staff, and all of our mothers too. We pray that God looks after mothers whether they are with us or with God, and ask for our Lady's guidance and intercession as we strive to do the right thing for our children every day.

Thank you for the offers of help for reading with children, laundering lost property and for assisting with the preparation for the new library. Keep your offers coming in! We'll touch base with those who have offered soon.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all those parents who took the time to submit your views on the nature of the upcoming parental consultations in seven weeks time. We have committed to a hybrid approach, combining online and face to face meetings. Our school leadership team have looked at the breakdown of the survey results and will now work out the best way to offer the consultations on the week of Monday 21 March. Replies (131), Prefer Face to Face (64%), Online (11%), either (25%)

"She enters the Temple, approaches the altar, and there, unassumingly, humbly and devoutly presents Him to the Most High." (Alphonsus Liguori).



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

- **Drive carefully** on the roads surrounding school
- **Park considerably** 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.



Takeaway

Earlier this week, both Year 4 and Year 6 held their Maths Takeaway workshops, during which teachers explained some of the teaching methods used to deliver the maths curriculum and parents learned how, using this knowledge, to support children's learning more effectively at home.

The powerpoints used at the meetings have been uploaded to the school website:

'parents information > parent meetings'

We thank parents for attending these meetings and the teachers for presenting them.

Numbers Day

Numbers Day, or 'Dress as a Digit' Day take place on Friday, 3rd February (tomorrow). A special letter explaining all about was attached to last week's newsletter. It is intended to be a fun day of maths learning. We ask parents for a donation of £2 that allows us to invest in maths resources and also support

the wonderful work of the NSPCC.

If you want to know more about the event, or about our maths work in general, do not hesitate to talk to Mrs Angland, our maths leader. She can always be found in the junior playground on Tuesdays! This photograph of some of last year's children may give you some inspiration.



Upcoming Dates

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

February

Thurs 2nd	Year 3 maths 'Take Away' 2.40pm
Fri 3rd	RG Stay & Play Year 5 NATWEST workshops Numbers Day Helping Hands AGM 9:30am in school
Mon 6th	Mental Health Awareness Week
Tues 7th	Girls football @ Enfield Grammar
Weds 8th	Year 1 'Phonics and Reading' 9:15am 2NS Phonics and Reading 2:45pm
Thurs 9th	2K Phonics and Reading 2:45pm 3F to Enfield Town Library
Fri 10th	RW Stay & Play 2B Phonics and Reading workshop 2:45pm School closes for half term
Mon 20th	School reopens
Tues 21st	Boys football @ Enfield Grammar
Weds 22nd	Ash Wednesday liturgies Year 6 RSE meeting (online 4pm)
Thurs 23rd	Year 2 Maths Takeaway 2:45pm
Fri 24th	Spirituality Day
Mon 27th	Year 1 Maths Takeaway 2:45pm Debating Competition Semi Finals Governor Committee 6pm



Sunday 5th Feb Manna Society Homelessness Collection.

The annual parish collection for the homeless will take place in aid of the Manna Society at all Masses.

The day centre needs the following non perishable items:

Food: Powdered milk, fair-trade sugar, Tins of : tomatoes, chopped ham, fish, vegetables, baked beans, Hot Dogs and corned beef. Pasta Sauces, Orange squash. Biscuits.

Other: sleeping bags. Rucksacks, Kitchen Rolls

Clothing. Good Quality Winter Coats

Please place your donations in the parish centre at Masses on Sunday 5th Feb .

The Manna Society at London Bridge provides daily meals for London's many homeless people. They also provide shower facilities and clothing. They have volunteer doctors, dentists and chiropodists who offer their services free of charge. The goods will be taken direct to the Manna Society's day centre very early on the Monday morning. www.mannasociety.org.uk

Many thanks for your generosity and kindness on behalf of those in need.

The Justice and Peace Group

Help would be appreciated with sorting the donations in Our Lady and St George after Masses

Due to insufficient storage space goods are unable to be accepted beforehand at the presbytery. For further information about the Justice and Peace Group, please contact Tony on 07984-529202

Year 6 Playground Partners

Our fifteen volunteer Playground Partners have taken up their roles in the KS1 playground. They have attended two training sessions, designing and agreeing to follow our charter that keeps everyone safe and engaged. Our Partners carried out research on playground games and can now be seen every lunchtime teaching our younger children how to play them. I am delighted to see how responsibly our Playground Partners conduct themselves.

Mrs J Burke

The **Playground Partners** is a new role multiple Year 6 children do. Every day we go out to the Key Stage 1 playground and do a few games with them. Everyone has a different day and we play as many games with as many children as we can. We do this from 12.30-1.00pm. Everyone in Key Stage 1 loves playing with us and we enjoy it as much as they do.

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St Ig's Quiz

It's back! The Friends of St Ignatius are holding a Spring quiz on **Friday 3rd March** 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm start. We hope you will be able to join us for this fun and relaxed fundraising event. Tickets £10.00 per person and include a fully catered mixed platter. Ample parking is available on the school grounds. Participants are welcome to bring their own refreshments, alcohol and nibbles on the night. Tables of 8-10 people, small groups or pairs of quizzers are very welcome as we can still accommodate you on a joined table. If you would like to book a table, please contact Siobhan and Sara on stignatius.quiz@gmail.com

Mental Health Week 6th-12th February

Next week will be our termly mental health week. Our focus will be **Let's Connect**.

Healthy relationships with family, friends and others are vital for the wellbeing of children, offering a strong, protective factor against poor mental health. In school we seek to help support those connections to develop and thrive.

Our mental health week will begin with assemblies on Monday morning. Teachers are busy planning activities to continue the exploration of the theme throughout the week.

Young Artists' Summer Show 2023

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4-19 years and studying in the UK.

Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artworks will be displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. Prizes are awarded each year for inspiring artworks, as chosen by the President of the Royal Academy.

How to enter

From 9 January 2023, teachers will be able to register their school. Next, students, their parents/guardians or their teachers can submit artworks via the RA website until 29 March 2023.

Important dates

9 January – 29 March 2023
Registration and submission open

May 2023
Judging

18 July 2023
Online exhibition opens

18 July – 13 August 2023
Display at the RA open

RA Royal Academy of Arts

Sign up and find out more
royalacademy.org.uk/youngartists
#rayoungartists

Young Artists' Summer Show

St. George's are registered to take part in this event if your child would like to get creative over half term.

The artwork can be made using any material; it can be a painting, sculpture, photograph, installation, video, drawing, or a combination. There is no theme so artworks can be of any subject. Collaborative pieces made by more than one student are welcome. There is guidance on the Royal Academy website and please feel free to contact Mrs Bedborough (Art Subject Lead) if you need any further assistance.

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved>