



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

## School Newsletter Newsletter 6

Spring Term 2023  
Thursday 9 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

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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.



Greet your child with a smile and not a mobile!

*Mobiles phones are **not** allowed to be used on school premises. Thank you to all those who finish calls before entering our playgrounds.*

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### Next Week in School

**Friday 10 February**

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

**Monday 20 February**

School reopens

**Tuesday 21 February**

Individual photographs  
Football (boys) @ Grammar School

**Wednesday 22 February**

Ash Wednesday liturgies  
Year 6 RSE Meeting 4pm (online)

**Thursday 23 February**

Year 2 Maths Takeaway 2:45pm

**Friday 24 February**

Spirituality Day

On Wednesday we celebrated the feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, one of four house patron saints. Children in this house wore their own (green) clothes, attended a special liturgy and enjoyed an extra playtime. Her story is one of incredible endurance and resilience, and was justifiably chosen by the children to be one of our house saints. Despite the most extreme treatment that she received, she is known best for her gentleness, holiness and her smile. She also demonstrated incredible powers of forgiveness.

All these are values that we strive to achieve in our daily lives at school. It is sometimes hard to love and forgive those who upset us, but by forgiving out of love, we grow closer to Jesus.

*We wish all our families a happy, restful and enjoyable half term break.*

### Mental Health Awareness

This week has been Mental Health Awareness week. Many of the children's lessons have been dedicated to work around mental health - how we can look after our own and care for that of others. The week began with a lovely assembly led by Mrs Burke entitled 'Lets Connect', and this explored how we can connect more effectively with each other. We loved making the special paper chains!



"The Lord has loved me so much: we must love everyone; we must be compassionate!"  
Saint Josephine Bakhita, pray for us!



## Happy Chinese New Year

*I was very excited to discover that the Year 1 topic this term was China, and even more thrilled to see their learning brought to life when a very long child-sized dragon made its way through the school corridor. You can discover more about their learning on the school website 'Year group overview of learning > year 1 spring 1'. In the meantime, enjoy these photographs and a brief description of how the teachers brought the learning to life, and the core texts they used to inspire it.*

This half-term, we have been learning about China, including festivals, food, language, money, writing and farming. We used the texts, 'The Emperor's New Clothes' and 'Cleversticks' to support our topic. In preparation for Chinese New Year, we designed an outfit for an Emperor and made a Chinese dragon. At our Chinese New Year party, we learnt how to use chopsticks to eat noodles, dressed in our Emperor's outfit and danced with our dragon. Kung Hei Fat Choy!



Year 1

## Upcoming Dates

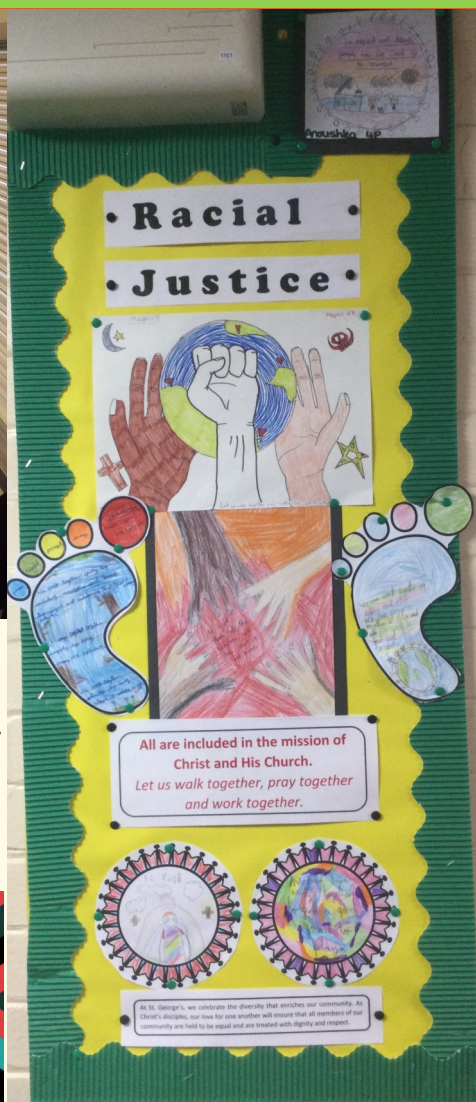
Advance warning of some key school dates. The school calendar is constantly updated on the school website, under the parents information section.

### February

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 Individual photographs
Weds 22nd	Ash Wednesday liturgies Year 6 RSE meeting (online 4pm) Year 2 Maths Takeaway 2:45pm
Thurs 23rd	Spirituality Day
Fri 24th	Year 1 Maths Takeaway 2:45pm
Mon 27th	Debating Competition Semi Finals Governor Committee 6pm
Tues 28th	Year 5 maths takeaway Debating semi-finals @ Prince of Wales Governor committee 6pm

### March

Weds 1st	Bishop John visitation to school Year 5 maths challenge
Fri 3rd	CCS Lent Appeal assembly Reconciliation (Year 5) at Church 1:30pm



## Racial Justice Sunday

On Thursday 2nd February, we held a special Liturgy to mark Racial Justice Sunday, which took place on Sunday 5th February. The theme of Racial Justice Sunday this year is, **'All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church: Let us walk together, pray together and work together.'**

At St. George's, we celebrate the diversity that enriches our community. As Christ's disciples, our love for one another will ensure that all members of our community are held to be equal and are treated with dignity and respect. We discussed the links between Racial Justice and Catholic Social Teaching, including Care for Creation, Dignity, Solidarity and Peace and Community and Participation.

Mrs McGivern





## Birdwatch

On Friday 27th January, the Green team took part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch. We spent an hour across the infant and junior playground counting all of the birds that we could see. We had lots of fun! We had a guide of different species that we could use to identify the birds. In total, we saw:

67 Woodpigeons  
18 Blackbirds  
2 Blue Tits  
14 House sparrows  
1 Long-tailed tit  
1 Greenfinch  
30 Magpies  
1 Great tit  
1 Robin  
3 Coal tits  
12 Collared doves



We entered this information on the RSPB website. We linked our work to the Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Care for Creation. We discussed how we are Stewards of Creation and that we need to look after the world that God has made for us. We will now think of ways in which we can feed and care for the birds to make our school environment more wildlife friendly. Watch this space!

The Green Team



Please see details below of a free online course designed to help you support your child's learning in maths



## Developing number skills to support your children (Multiply)

In this course we will share practical strategies to support your children with maths, developing your own numeracy skills and understanding of the maths curriculum

When: 20/02/2023 - 20/03/2023

Where: Online

How long: 5 weeks

Course ID: [C2424653](#)

Time: Mon 09:30 - 11:30

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## Save Our Pennies, Save Our Planet

On Friday 3 February, a representative from NatWest came to our school to talk about how we can save money. We learnt that by turning off unused appliances like lights you can save lots of money. Isn't that easy! Four ways you can save money are ...

RECALL everyday activities that costs money and use electricity;

EXPLAIN how you can save money by being more sustainable;

COMPARE the costs of different activities;

SUGGEST alternative behaviours to save money and be more sustainable.



The sun, wind and sea can also be used to create energy. This is known as RENEWABLE ENERGY. This form of energy is good because: IT does not run out; IT costs less money in the long term and IT does not release carbon dioxide into the air. However, a lot of energy in the UK is still created by burning fossil fuels, such as coal, oil and gas.

By Grace and Olivia 5M





# Number Day 2023



## Football Focus

Congratulations to our girl's football team who, I am reliably informed, won both of their games on Tuesday: the first 7-0, and the second a mere 2-0!

If any parents were at the event and have a photo they could send to the school office, I'd love to tell the world of Twitter about our wonderful team.

Thank you to our governor, Peter, for keeping me informed of the live scores on the night!

## Lunches

If your child is changing from packed lunch to school lunch, or vice versa, please complete the form on the school website by tomorrow. At the present time, you may only select one option for the half term, either packed lunches for the half term, or school dinners. The logistics of allowing choice more often is prohibitive. There may, however, be a way of enabling this in the near future. Watch this space!

## Concerns

If you have a concern about an area of school life that is affecting your child, it is always worth trying to resolve it with the class teacher in the first instance. They may choose to involve the phase leader to support a resolution to your case. Writing to or emailing the senior leadership team at the outset is unlikely to be productive as it is class teachers who know your child best, and it can often be frustrating waiting for a reply.