



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

# School Newsletter Newsletter 9

Spring Term 2023  
Thursday 9 March

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	Tymon, Maya
RW	Jozef, Joanna
1A	Raphaella, Grace
1DS	Hugo, Bersin
1W	Georgia, Shindara
2B	Alex, Ayva
2K	Sienna, Arianna
2NS	Tilly, Sienna
3A	Jan, Flynn
3F	Sean, Cressida
3S	Oliver, Nina-Sophia
4GC	Sebastian, Tiana
4P	Max, Shay
4OS	Class Merit
5B	Maya, Max
5M	Alan, David
5S	Evie, Donovan
6K	Elizabeth, Saoirse
6M	Debate Teams
6OT	Erin, Ciara

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## Next Week in School

**Friday 10 March**

RG Stay & Play

Year 4 reconciliation 1:30pm at church

**Tuesday 14 March**

Junior Apprentice event (Civic Centre)

Football (boys) at Grammar School

Year 5 RSE meeting (online) 4pm

Governor Committee meeting

**Friday 17 March**

RW Stay & Play

Year 6 reconciliation 1:30pm at church

Helping Hands 'Person You Love' sale

On Monday I received a lovely letter from Bishop John thanking the school community for the warm welcome that he received during his visit to us last Wednesday. He wrote of enjoying Mass, his liturgy with Key Stage 1 and the groups of children that he met. He loves our Rosary Garden! He also spoke of his best wishes for our year 6 pupils as they learned of their secondary school allocations. 'The warmth and welcome,' he wrote 'were communicated in a tangible way.'

On Friday we continue our Lenten journey in school with year 4 reconciliation. Year 6's turn next week. I hope that your family's preparations for Easter are proving successful and that the Lent preparation that we are undertaking in school, beginning with our Spirituality Day, are proving supportive.

## Football Focus

A terrific double-header of results on Tuesday evening saw success for both boys and girls football teams.

The girls won two matches scoring eight goals without conceding. This wonderful display means that they win their league this year. A fabulous achievement, and one the girls can be really proud of.

The boys just played once, but it was of great importance as the winner earned the right to represent Tottenham in their Premier League competition. Following a superb 3-0 victory over their Haringey counterparts, they will be travelling to Leeds in June. How fantastic.

Our whole school community is really proud of both our teams this year.

## Office Hours

The school office operates between 8.15am and 4.15pm each day, and our wonderful office staff are always happy to help you. As there are fewer staff on Fridays, the office needs to close between 12 and 1pm. If the office needs to close at any other time, we will inform parents by text.

"It is not just about giving up our favourite food but it's about going further and giving up things like hatred and unforgiveness. You need to clean your heart and prepare yourself for purity." (Amanda Jobs)

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.



## Secondary School Transfer

Please find attached the ECASS flyer detailing support for parents surrounding Secondary school transition for your child. These online sessions will be taking place during the summer term and rely on parents signing up to attend the sessions that they are interested in, where they can hear from different professionals and ask questions.

This event is specifically for our year 6 cohort who receive speech and language intervention or support.

If you have any questions, please contact: [erin.bundey@enfield.gov.uk](mailto:erin.bundey@enfield.gov.uk).

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COMMUNICATION  
FOR ALL

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## Teachers strike

Next week the NEU has proposed two strike days, Wednesday 15 March and Thursday 16 March. As I have previously explained, the union policy of asking its teacher members not to declare whether they will be at work makes planning for the days very difficult. This means that it is once again almost impossible to say at this stage whether the school will be open, partially open or closed.

Mindful of parents' need to plan ahead for the day, I will update parents as soon as it is possible to do so. Please do not contact the school office. As soon as information is available, it will be communicated to you as a priority.

## Questionnaire

Last week the children were given the opportunity to feed back their views about school life - how much they enjoy their lessons and other opportunities they get. It also asked about how happy and safe they feel and if they know what to do when things go wrong. Once all questionnaires are completed, I will share the outcome with parents. The aim of such activities is so that school staff can learn about what needs to be developed or changed to make school life better for the children. To this end, they are invaluable.

Previously completed on paper forms, the questionnaires were this year uploaded to DB Primary in order for us to be more environmentally minded and conserve paper. Some parents have seen the questionnaires and asked whether they needed to be completed at home. Don't worry! The children have been or will be given ample time to do these at school. Equally, if you have done this with your child already, do not worry as the results will still provide us with valuable 'pupil voice'. Thank you to those of you who got in touch and we appreciate your support.

*Could any outstanding donations for this week's special science days be made as soon as possible please to avoid a deficit. Thank you!*

## Upcoming Dates

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

### March

Fri 10th	RG Stay & Play Year 4 reconciliation at Church
Tues 14th	Junior Apprentice at Civic Centre Football (boys) at Grammar School Year 5 RSE meeting 4pm (online)
Fri 17th	RW Stay & Play Year 6 reconciliation at Church
Mon 20th	Parent Consultations
Tues 21st	Parent Consultations Governor Committee meeting
Fri 24th	Express Yourself Day
Mon 27th	Feast of St Oscar Romero*
Weds 29th	Year 3 Easter Productions (10am, 2:15pm) Full Governor Meeting
Thurs 30th	Helping Hands Easter egg hunt
Fri 31st	Stations of the Cross School closes for Easter at 2pm

### April

Mon 17th	School reopens for the summer term
Mon 24th	St George's Day Mass and activities
Tues 25th	1W Easter Liturgy
Weds 26th	1A Easter Liturgy
Thurs 27th	1DS Easter Liturgy

### May

Weds 3rd	Coronation Tea Party
Thurs 4th	Year 5 to HYMB
Fri 5th	Year 5 to HYMB
Mon 8th	Additional Bank Holiday
Tues 9th	Year 6 Grammar and Spelling Tests
Weds 10th	Year 6 Reading Test
Thurs 11th	Year 6 Maths Test (Papers 1 & 2)
Fri 12th	Year 6 Maths Test (Paper 3)

## Parent Governor

Very soon, the term of office of two of our parent governors will come to an end. This means that two parent governors need to be elected. If this is a role that you would consider and wish to find out more, please do not hesitate to talk to me when you see me in the playground or contact me via the office email so that a convenient time can be arranged if you wish to discuss it. It is a very important role that provides a significant way to contribute to the life and development of the school.

Diligent governing bodies such as ours complete skills audits to determine the wealth of experience that individual governors can contribute to the organisation. To this end, the governors would be particularly interested in developing the legal and financial aspects of their composition. If this is not you, however, please do not let it put you off considering joining. The best interests of the school and the children are the most important characteristics needed!

## Raahave

Today we bid farewell to Raahave Bhakastan who has been supporting some of our key stage 1 pupils since September. We will miss her cheerful presence but wish her the best of luck with her career change! Megan Cull will replace Raahave, and we look forward to welcoming her from Monday.



