



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

School Newsletter

Newsletter 6

Summer Term 2023
Thursday 25 May

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	Hannah, Amara
RW	Elise, Evie
1A	Orla, Toby
1DS	Nicholas, Leon
1W	Michael, Georgia
2B	Alex, Gloria
2K	Semi, Sienna
2NS	Clodagh, Chloe
3A	CM
3F	CM
3S	CM
4GC	Elliott, Grace, CM
4OS	Nataniel, Lily
4P	Emmanuel, Kaliyah
5B	Rachel, CM
5M	Joseph, Grace
5S	Megan, Luca
6K	Year 6 in Norfolk
6M	
6OT	

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Next Week in School

Friday 26 May

School closes for half term

Monday 5 June

School reopens

Tuesday 6 June

Football team play in Leeds

Thursday 8 June

Corpus Christi Procession & Liturgy

Friday 9 June

Year 5 attend Mass at Church 10am
Non-uniform day

Sunday 11 June

Summer Fayre 12 noon

We held a Mass in school yesterday for Year 3. The service was to celebrate, as a school community, all those who made their First Holy Communion this year. I would like to thank all those who contributed to making the mass such a special event, and we hope a new tradition for the school. I would also like to extend my thanks for the lovely, positive messages received afterwards. We really appreciate parents taking the time to get in touch with us in this way. Straight after Mass, Fr Daniel joined our Key Stage 2 children for their Hymn Practice in order to prepare them for our Benediction Service for the Feast of Corpus Christi on Thursday 8 June. He was very impressed by the Latin skills of the children! I wish all our families a relaxing and enjoyable half term break, and safe travels if journeying anywhere either abroad or more locally - it is a very promising weather forecast!

Year 5 Secondary Taster

As part of the year 5 curriculum, the children get to spend a day at a local secondary school as a 'taster' of secondary school life. This is to support their secondary school transition through year 6. We are very thankful for St Ignatius and St Anne's for hosting these days for us and other local Catholic primary schools each year. We acknowledge that parents of all primary schools send their children to a variety of secondary schools, both local and further afield (13 last year, in fact) and in year 6 the children get a chance to spend at least a day in those schools as well as receive visits in their own schools by staff from the school to which they will be transferring. All secondary schools will offer open evenings in the autumn term, and parents can learn more about them at our secondary transfer meeting which has provisionally been booked for Monday 18 September at 6pm.

"Earthly wisdom is doing what comes naturally. Godly wisdom is doing what the Holy Spirit compels us to do." (Charles Stanley, Pentecost Sunday May 28th)

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.



Non Uniform Day

Friday 9 June will be a non-uniform day for the children. Children are invited to bring £1 to school in order to wear their own clothes for the day. The money collected will provide the floats for the Helping Hands summer Fayre on **Sunday 11 June**. The Fayre has taken an enormous amount of planning by the Helping Hands team, so please show your support for them by attending the Fayre from midday onwards.

Book Look

Each year we invite parents to come into school to spend some time with their children looking through their school books together. This quality time allows parents to see how the children have been doing in their class-work, see for themselves the children's strengths or any areas for development. This will allow parents the chance to support their children's learning in an even more informed way as they begin to prepare for moving up a year group in September. More specific times for each class will be distributed to parents in the coming weeks, but for now the Book Look sessions are:

Monday 3 July

Year 6 from 9am, Year 1 from 2pm

Tuesday 4th July

Year 5 from 9am, Year 3 from 2pm

Wednesday 5th July

Year 4 from 2pm

Thursday 6th July

Year 2 from 2pm

We look forward to welcoming parents on these dates.

The Rosary - Come and Join Us

I am very thankful for all the parents who have joined us for a decade of the Rosary during the month of May. There is now only two left! Today it is the turn of RW and then a staff Rosary tomorrow to conclude the term. If any parents and their children wish to join the staff, please come to the Rosary Garden for a 3:40pm start.

The Mysteries of Light

Thurs 25 May The Wedding at Cana RW
Fri 26 May Proclamation of the Kingdom of God Staff



Upcoming Dates

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

May

Fri 26th Half term starts

June

Mon 5th School reopens
Tues 6th Year 6 football team in Leeds
Thurs 8th Corpus Christi liturgy and procession
Fri 9th Year 5 attend Mass at Church 10am
Non-uniform day
Sun 11th School Fayre 12 - 4
Mon 12th Year 1 phonics screening begins
Scholastic book Fair begins
Fri 16th Year 4 attend Mass at Church 10am
Mon 19th New Parents meeting 4pm
Tues 20th New starters in school
Year 6 to Matilda (Cambridge Theatre)
Mon 26th Year 6 Sports Day (pm)
Tues 27th Year 5 (am) & 4 (pm) Sports Days
Weds 28th Year 3 (am) & 2 (pm) Sports Days
Thurs 29th Year 1 Sports Day (pm)
Mass for Ss Peter and Paul
Fri 30th Reception Sports Day

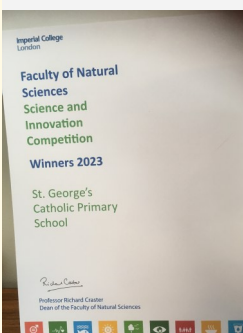
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Mon 3rd Year 6 and Year 1 Book Looks for parents
Tues 4th Year 5 and Year 3 Book Looks for parents
Weds 5th Year 5 secondary school taster day
Year 4 Book Looks for parents
Thurs 6th Year 6 to Enfield secondary schools
Year 2 Book Look for parents
Fri 7th school closed - teacher training day
Mon 10th Reports to parents this week
Tues 11th Year 6 perform Matilda 2pm, 6:30pm
Weds 12th Year 6 perform Matilda 6:30pm
Year 2 to Natural History Museum, Tring
Thurs 13th Music festival at school with St Andrew's
Year 1 Song Sack performance 2:50pm
Mon 17th Debating Club to the Houses of Parliament
Thurs 20th Leaver's Mass
Fri 21st School Mass

Science and Innovation Prize

Below are some photos from our science visitor yesterday with years 5 and 6. You may remember that a team of children won an Imperial College 'Science and Innovation' competition earlier in the year, and this was the opportunity for us to be presented with our trophy and certificate. Dr Foster told the children that they had received very many entries both nationally and internationally and theirs took first place. He also gave a talk about his work as a space scientist and really enthused the children about science.

We thank Mrs Fearnley and our science team for all their hard work to win this prestigious prize.



Our Voice
'Meet the SEND
Heads'
Parents' Conference
22nd June 2023



Our Voice is proud to present our seventh 'Meet the SEND Heads' Parents' Conference on 22nd June 2023. We are pleased to be back to a face-to-face event, in our new venue at Green Towers in Edmonton.

Please join us for this important event which will include:

- Q&A panel session with Heads of Departments responsible for SEND services
- The opportunity to book individual 1:1 sessions with professionals to discuss any specific issues and concerns.
- Workshop on support for children and young people's mental health, with a panel of experts including CAMHS and community support organisations.
- Information 'Marketplace' where you can meet representatives of Our Voice, SENDIASS, Enfield Carers Centre and ENAS.

Green Towers
Community Centre,
Edmonton
Book now [here](#)



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Head Lice

Recently, cases of head lice have been identified across the school and we wanted to make sure you were kept informed.

Whilst lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread.

We suggest that you check your child's head as soon as possible.

Here is some simple advice you may wish to follow to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum:

- Check your child's hair once a week.
- Use a proper detection comb – with teeth no more than 0.3mm apart to trap head lice. The comb is usually white in colour so that lice can be easily identified.
- If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist to check the whole family. Further advice on the treatment of head lice can be found on NHS website. <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/pages/treatment.aspx>

Thank you for your co-operation



Grace from 4GC received a merit last work for this lovely piece of 'Tinga Tinga' artwork, composed as part of the class studies of African art.