



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

School Newsletter 13

Autumn Term 2023

Thursday 14 December

Headteacher: Mr P O'Rourke
Deputy Heads: Mrs C McGivern
Mrs S Hukowski
Assistant Head: Mrs L Byfield
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.' There is even a special music merit! The following children have been chosen by their teachers (CM = Class Merit):

Class	Name of children
RG	Elif, CM
RW	Jan, CM
1GS	Zoe & Eduardo, CM
1W	Marina & Kacper, CM
2B	Leah & Leon M
2K	CM
2DS	Alba & Grace, CM
3M	CM
3OS	Ayva, CM
3S	Clodagh & Robson, CM
4A	CM
4P	Giorgia & Maya
4R	Carla & Eva
5B	Aaron, CM
5CN	Hugo, CM
5S	Tiana, CM
6C	Azhahinii & Nida
6K	Celeste & Skye
6M	Gabriel & Callyanne
Music	Megan (6K), Freddie (5S), Seb (5S), Cillain (RG), Reception and Junior Choir

"The almighty appeared on earth as a helpless human baby, needing to be fed and changed and taught to talk like any other child. The more you think about it, the more staggering it gets. Nothing in fiction is so fantastic as the truth of the incarnation." (J.Packer)

Next Week in School



Friday 15 December

Class 4R Advent Liturgy (New Hall) 9:30am
RW stay and play 8:45am

Monday 18 December

Year 6 Carol Concert (at Church) 2pm

Tuesday 19 December

End of term Mass
Christmas Jumper Day
Class Parties

Wednesday 20 December

School closes for Christmas 2pm

Advent, of course, is for preparing our hearts and minds for Christmas, and in that respect, you just can't beat school life at this time of year. Each performance, liturgy, carol service or Mass serves as a perfect reminder of the coming of Christ into the world. To witness the story told in such a variety of thoughtful, inspiring, prayerful or even entertaining ways is a true joy. It is Catholic school life at its most vibrant and it has been a pleasure to share that with so many parents and your family members this year.

We can also take some time to celebrate this joyous time, and please look out for messages from your class teachers as they prepare the Christmas parties taking place on Tuesday. Please note that this is also Christmas jumper day, so a truly festive spirit will be in evidence at St George's.

Please be aware of the early finish time to school on Wednesday afternoon.

Please note that a letter from Michael Lacquiere, our vice-chair of governors, accompanies this newsletter as an attachment. Please take a few moments to read it through. We all appreciate the time he dedicates to supporting our school.

School Calendar

Please note that the school dates for 2024.25 have now been agreed and can be found on the school website. They broadly align with the local authority dates but please be mindful of the additional 5 training days that schools have the liberty of setting. I hope this may help with any holiday planning that you may be embarking on.

Met Police

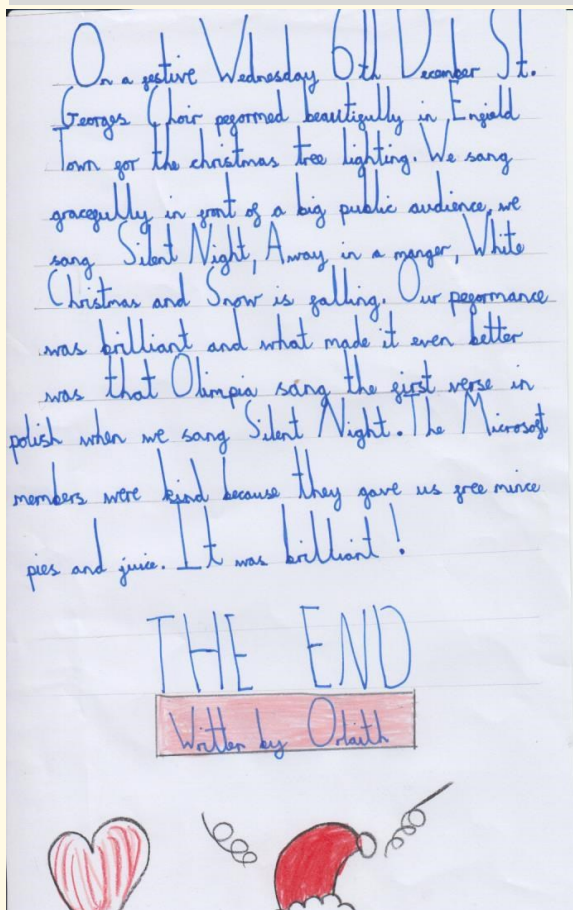
A message from the Met Police

The MPS is working in partnership with The Childhood Trust to provide Christmas presents for children in London who are experiencing poverty, and facing not being able to open any gifts on Christmas morning. To donate to the Christmas tree appeal. www.metchristmastreeappeal.org/donate

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The picture above shows the children who sang on Wednesday 6 December for the Nightingale Cancer Trust at Meta Switch. I am told that the staff commented on how lovely it was to see the children enjoying their singing so much. Please read Orlaith's account below!



Upcoming Dates

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

December

- Thurs 14th 4P Advent liturgy (New Hall)
Year 5 Production 2:15pm (Main Hall)
- Fri 15th 4R Advent liturgy 9.30am (New Hall)
RW Stay & Play
- Mon 18th Year 6 Carol Service 2pm (Church)
- Tues 19th End of term Mass
Christmas Jumper Day
Class parties
- Weds 20th School closes for Christmas 2pm

January

- Mon 8th School reopens for the Spring Term
- Tues 9th School Mass and KS1 liturgy
- Weds 10th School open afternoon 2pm
- Weds 31st Young Voices concert (O2 Arena)

February

- Fri 2nd Mass at School (Candlemas)
- Tues 6th Girl's football
- Thurs 8th Primary Maths Challenge (Guildhall)



As you probably already know, we held our Christmas Fayre last Saturday, December 2nd. We hope you were able to join us. It was such a pleasure to see our community coming together and enjoying the day's events.

We wanted to share the amazing news, that together, we made a profit of

£5,700

It's such a fantastic result and the entire PTA wants to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along and helped make it such a fun day!

The fantastic outcome of the Helping Hands School Fayre on Saturday 2 December is shown above. Thank you to all of you who contributed to this in whatever way you did it! A special thank you for the Helping Hands team for putting on such a wonderful event. The full Christmas Fayre official thank you is attached to the newsletter today.



Caritas Advent Giving Calendar

A huge, heartfelt thank you for all of your kind donations towards St. Monica's Foodbank as part of the Caritas Advent Giving Calendar. The donations will help to form hampers that will be distributed to over 200 families—over 700 people in total. Gerry said that when he meets people at the Foodbank, he always thinks of 3 words, 'Kindness, Dignity and Respect' which is what you have all shown to our brothers and sisters in our community. We have lived out the Catholic Social Teaching Principles of Community and Participation, Dignity, Solidarity and Preferential Option for the Poor. We are looking forward to visiting the Foodbank in the new year with some of our pupils so that they can see first hand the work that the volunteers do, as well as where their generous donations go.

Just a short note to say that we are so grateful for your donations on Friday. They have made a real difference to the hampers we are preparing for families we support and these hampers will be distributed this coming week.

Please pass on our gratitude to all the children, parents and staff for what they donated. It has made a real difference. And we would love to see you in the new year, so that you can see first hand the difference your donations make to what we do.

Gerry Bell



For those of you on social media: #Advent to St. Monica's #Foodbank as part of the @CaritasWestm #AdventGivingCalendar

Mission Together

Mission

Our mission is to pray for our brothers and sisters across the world during this season of Advent.



Admissions

If you, a friend or a family member have a child ready to start school next September, applications are now open and all the relevant information is on our school website: 'school information > admission > admissions 2024'. We held a very well attended open afternoon last week, with our year 6 children proving themselves to be fantastic tour guides for our prospective parents. The next open afternoon will be held at **2pm on Wednesday 10 January**. Booking can be made via the website homepage.

Nursery Admissions

We are now accepting applications from the parents of children who reach their 3rd birthday between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024 for our Nursery.

Parents/carers need to complete our application document:

A supplementary information form (obtainable from and returnable to the school).

A certificate of Catholic Practice (obtained from the parish, return to the school) should also be provided if you are a practising Catholic family. Please supply your child's original Baptismal Certificate if applicable. Closing date for applications: 15th January 2024.

DS @ ST GEORGES

LUNCH TIME DANCE CLUB



**DANCE
STABLES**



WEDNESDAYS

12.00-12.30PM (KS2)

12.30-1.00PM (KS1)

SPRING TERM

17TH JANUARY -

20TH MARCH 2024

ALL SCHOOL YEARS

9 WEEK TERM

DS uniforms

£63.00

SPRING TERM

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For those parents who drop off and collect their children by car, there are a few important messages below. We understand that the weather is now cold and wet, and is tempting to try to get as close to school as possible, but the advice is still to park a little further away from school and walk a few minutes to school. It is less stressful and far healthier for your family and the environment. The roads around the school have been particularly busy, and in some instances dangerous, over the past week or so:

- Do not park on double-yellow lines
- Avoid engine idling
- Show courtesy by not parking over driveways



Parent Governor

I would like to congratulate Linda McPherson as our new parent governor. Even though Linda was the lone nomination on this occasion, I would like to thank all of you who gave the idea of becoming a governor some thought and maybe the time will be right in the future for you.

We look forward to welcoming and working with Linda over the next four years of her office.

Office Staff

We look forward to welcoming Mjellma Kika to the school office team in January. Mjellma has until recently been working in the office at Russet House school and looks forward to joining us.

I would like to acknowledge and thank those parents who applied for the post. Also, thanks to Julie for stepping in once again to support us!



A fantastic picture of Mirabelle (5S) with Mo Farah at Lee Valley Athletics Stadium last weekend. Sir Mo watched her run in her 200m race and was keen to compliment her on her running afterwards. Wow!



Mondays
3.30 - 4.30
15th January to
25th March



Thursdays
3.30 - 4.30
11th January to
21st March



Spanish for Everyone

For over 20 years we have been teaching Spanish and we are very happy to be teaching at **St George's RC School.**

At Olé Spanish for Everyone we offer relaxed, fun and immersive sessions where students can learn through **games, food, songs and drama** at the **school premises.**

Our team of teachers give personalised attention to each student, ensuring they use the language with ease.

Please book your preferred day. We run sessions every **Monday** and **Thursday** at the school and we welcome children from Reception to Y6. If you want your children to come to both days, please contact us for a discounted price.

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1st place - Tiana (5S)



2nd place - Nina (4R)



3rd place - Oriah (1W)



Christmas Decoration Competition

Thank you to all of the children who entered our Christmas Tree Decoration Competition. It was a very high standard and we were delighted with the response. Thank you to Mrs Bedborough, our art lead teacher, for organising the event. The judging was very difficult but I congratulate the three winning entries and thank all of our entrants from across the school for the high standard of artwork and your imaginative ideas.

