

St. Francis Catholic Primary Newsletter



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Welcome to our first issue for the new school year.

Thank you for your patience and support with the works being carried out on the playground. We are all looking forward to having a more inviting play area.

The Celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis.



To celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis, Father Danny brought some of the animals from Cold Ash Farm for the children to spend time with them. During the day Father Danny talked about the farm animals needs and encouraged the children to ask questions and handle the animals gently. This helped the children to appreciate the love that St. Francis had for all living things and the care that he showed them. As you can see in the photographs, great fun was had by all!

Important Dates

4th November 2013

School closed for Teacher Training

5th November 2013

School re-opens

7th November 2013

2:30pm

8th November 2013

9:00am

Black History Weeks
Celebration for parents
20th & 21st November 2013

Parent's Conferences
17th December 2013

KS1 Christmas Performance
Children's Christmas lunch
18th December 2013
6:00pm KS2 Carol Concert at
St. Francis Church

Nikita 3B - I want to be a member of the School Council so I can play with others when they are sad and lonely.



Elgun 3C - I want to be a member of the School Council because I want to make the school a happier, intelligent and active place.



School Council



Nathan 3B - I want to be a member of the School Council because I want children and adults to enjoy being at St. Francis school.



Selena 3C - I want to be a member of the School Council because I will try to have ideas to inspire the teachers to make school a better place.



Free School Meals

We would like to encourage all parents that are eligible to apply for free school meals for their children.

Pupils eligible for FSM's parents/carers must be receiving one of the following benefits:

- Income Support ;Income Based Jobseeker's
- Allowance ;being supported under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 ;Child Tax Credit (less than £16,040) ;Guarantee Pension Credit and Employment and Support Allowance

The school currently misses out on a lot of funding due to the fact that many of our parents have not yet applied for it.

Trip to National Maritime Museum



The Year 4 classes visited the National Maritime Museum on Monday the 30th of September, 2013. The purpose of the trip was to gain first-hand experience based on their History topic: The Tudors.

The children discovered how the Tudors viewed the world; their reasons for exploration, and the gruesome realities of life on board a Tudor ship. They had great fun pretending to be Sailors performing the horrendous duties carried out on the ship at sea.

Brilliant Club

On Wednesday 2nd October, 11 children from Year 5 visited Lady Margaret Hall at Oxford University as part of the Brilliant Club. This is a



programme designed to help pupils experience what it is like to study in a university environment. The pupils had a tour of the wonderful university and met with students to talk to them about what life is like as a student. But it is not all fun—over the next few weeks a PHD tutor will come to help the pupils write a 1000 word essay.



Attendance for the first half term:

Gold: 3C 98.8%

Bronze: RV 98.7%

Silver: 6K 98.5%

Attendance **must** be 100% because **any** absence affects children's learning and the more they miss the harder it will be for them to catch up.

Going for Gold

These pupils have been on Gold since September.

6K: Dylan Delacruz and Cesar Sardinha-Gomes

6CD: Jason Appiah, Sephora Dokoui, Diamond-Rene Parillon-Samuel, Sergio Rodriguez Tamayo and Emmanuel Tegegne

5S: William Aquino and Bryana Findlay

5R: Samuel Akinsete, Vanessa Appiah-Danquah, Julia Dajczer, Alfie Grech, Amith Shabu and Maciej Zurowski

4W: Oluwatamilore Alegbe, Joacquine Ramirez, Andrew Simmons and Tianne Williams

4B: Artur Baran

3C: Yasmin Blake, Sherill Boahen-Addai and Elgun Bui-Marshall

3B: Enrico Angol, Nikita Balkaityte, Daniel Bartels, Anthony Ewusie, Laura Fernandes, Andrew Rabuya, Zadeania Salmon and Jenifer Santos

2DH: Jaiden Abbey, Uchenna Elo-Chikezie, James Ledda, Matthew Marsh-Stamp and Joshua Antwi

2D: Liliana Czapor, Zuzanna Golbiewska, Jeremy Ledda, Michelle Okoro. Denise Micaela and Amelia Wej

1G: Raizel Atuahene, Angela Ocampo and Annabel Sharishnakumar

1K: Mani Mudhir

RV: Cletus Chisha, Chidubem Ejike, Jevan Glen, Adam Has, Joseph Omodunmiju, Jasmine Mambu, Semilore Okubadejo and Kenadie Richards

RH: Lyianna Bui-Marshall, Tia Plante and Bill Uwadiae

Well done

