

St. Francis' Catholic Primary Newsletter



Issue 3 **14th February 2014**

Caritas

During the weeks of January 20th to 31st 2014, the staff and students of St Francis participated in the Caritas Citizenship Project. The overall aim of the project was to: heighten children's awareness on the concept of volunteering; develop a deeper understanding on the idea of service with no monetary gain; develop an understanding of what good citizenship is, and how they can have an impact on supporting people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

During the two week period children participated in a number of activities. The very successful charity bazaar, which was organised and undertaken by the children, raised a total of £531.94. This money will be allocated to the different local charities.



*The children said: It is a good idea to help others in need -Jude 5S
I liked the visitors and I think it was very kind of the children to bring their toys so we could sell them at the charity bazaar -Alero 2DH
I enjoyed choosing the charity we would give our money to-Wladyslaw 2DH*

Important Dates

14th February 2014

3:15pm

Last day of half term

24th February 2014

School closed for INSET day

25th February 2014

Children return to school

26th & 27th March 2014

Parents' Conference for
Years 1-6

28th March 2014

Parents' Conference for
Nursery and Reception

4th April 2014

9:45 KS1 Easter
performance

8th April 2014

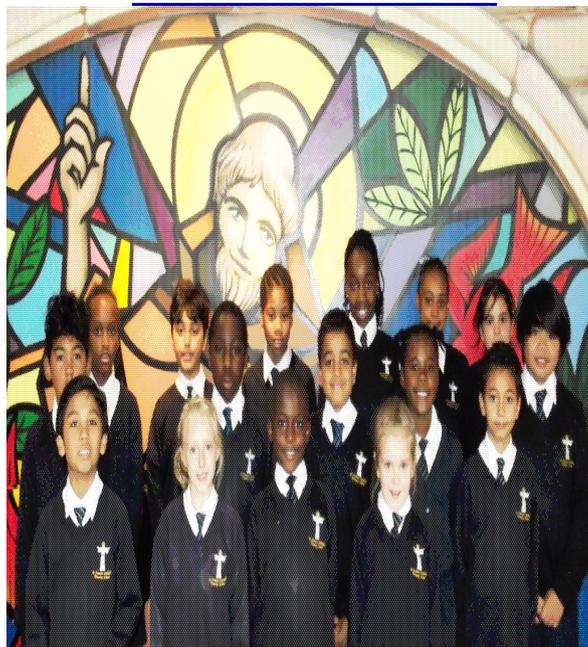
2:00pm

Last day of Spring Term

22nd April 2013

First day of the Summer
term

School Council



I like being a
School
Councillor
because I can
help
children when
they are sad.

School Councillor
in 2DH

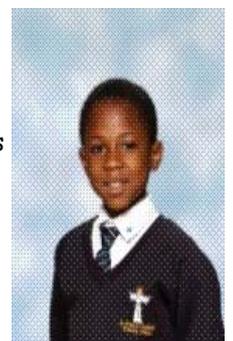


I like being a
School
Councillor
because we go
to meetings and
sometimes we
go on trips.

School Councillor
in 2D

I like being a
School
Councillor so that
I can tell my class
what they are
supposed to do.

School
Councillor in 2DH



I like
being a School
Councillor
because it is
fun.

School
Councillor in 2D



Brilliant Club's Graduation

The Graduation of Our Brilliant Club was held on Wednesday 5th February, when 11 of our Year 5 children travelled to the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford to graduate from the Brilliant Club. The theatre is the official ceremonial hall of the University of Oxford and it was a very exciting opportunity for the pupils to experience a certification ceremony in a formal environment and we hope as a practice for their future graduations.



Head Teachers Lunch



On Thursday 23rd, many children and I attended Pizza Express as we had reached gold. On account of our outstanding effort in class, we took part in making our very own pizzas and learnt about the restaurant

itself such as where they keep their ingredients and the clothing which you wear. This phenomenal visit was truly a great experience. I really liked it when we started making dough and putting tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese on it.

I personally think that waiting for the pizzas to cook was the best part, many thoughts were going through my head and I couldn't wait to take one bite out of my pizza. I would recommend this trip to adults and children. It is a very fun encounter and would be great for all your family.

Written by
Gabrielle in 6CD



Science Week



During Science week children at St Francis became "scientist" to plan, carry out and record a variety of experiments and observations.

The hands on approach to science was very welcome and we all had lots of fun while learning. On the last day we had a family science challenge, where St Francis families teamed up to create the tallest, sturdiest structure out of spaghetti and marshmallows. It had to stand on its own and hold a chocolate egg for 10 seconds. Angelica's family won (2DH) with quite an impressive piece!

Attendance for the this half term:

Gold: 6K 98.5%

Silver: 5R 97.9%

Bronze: 2DH 97.8%

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 6th January 2014.

- 6K: Oluwatobi Akinsete, Dylan Delacruz, Fabio Makola and Jaya Leigh St Rose
- 6CD: Jahniya Stewart-Bailey
- 5S: Kymani Rowe-Wright, Shanel Kavuma, Michael Gyamfi, Charlotte Anonuevo and Ryan Mendoza
- 5R: Nancu Goba and Nicole Ottenburger
- 4W: Stephanie Mamona, Andrew simmons, Julia Sliwinska, Luigi Llana, Philip Baboolat, Joaquin Ramirez, Tianna Williams and Tami Alegbe
- 4B: Yonah Achona Okumu, Rocho Dichio and William Rabuya
- 3C: Shanika Gulczewska and Somto Nwabueze
- 3B: Tracy Kyirewaa, Yamen Igiehon and Zaldy Juganas
- 2DH: James Ledda, Jada Lewis and Freddie Hatford
- 2D: Natalia Baran, Zuzanna Golebiewska, Laila Laronde, Jeremy Ledda, Kimani Lesforis, Raphael Minta, Michelle Okoro and Micaela Orduna
- 1G: Jakub Hapl and Naa-Deedei
- 1K: David Bartels and Theresa Simmons
- RV: Christopher Barona and Rybachyshyn
- RH: Zara Erandio, Victoria Kajero and Angeline Patino Canas

