

St. Francis Catholic Primary Newsletter



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Welcome to our first issue for the new school year.

The Celebration of the Feast Day of St. Francis.



To celebrate the Feast Day of St. Francis, Ark Farm brought some animals from the Farm for the children to spend time with them. During the day we 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!

Attendance for the first half term:

Gold: 4B 98.6%

Silver: 2K and 4G 98.6%

Bronze: 3C 98.4%

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.

Important Dates

3rd November 2014

School re-opens

6th November 2014

2:45pm

7th November 2014

9:00am

Black History Weeks
Celebration for parents

**19th & 20th November
2014**

Parent's Conferences Years 1-6

16th December 2014

9:45am

KS1 Christmas Performance
Children's Christmas lunch

17th December 2014

6:00pm KS2 Carol Concert at
St. Francis Church

18th December 2014

Children's Christmas parties

19th December 2014

Mass at St. Francis Church
2:00pm school closes



I want to be a School Council member because I want to solve problems that other children may have in their class or the school.

School Council member, 3B



I wanted to be a School Council member because I want the pupils of the school to develop the quality of their work. I also want our school to become one of the top schools in Newham. I promise not to just be a school Council member, I'll also be your friend.

School Council member, 3C



School Council Visit the Houses of Parliament



On Monday 29th September 2014, the members of Saint Francis' School Council visited the Houses of Parliament in Westminster. Our tour guide, Barry Hill showed us around Parliament.

First of all, he took us to see the Royal Apartments. There were lots of paintings of the former Kings and Queens of England. He showed us the statue of Queen Victoria. At both sides of her were two ladies, one showing justice and one showing peace.

After that we went to the House of Commons. We went to the hall where the Members of Parliament will debate. When they vote, they move out of different doors to vote yes or no.

The best part of the trip was that we discovered how the Members of Parliament work and we got to touch David Cameron's mail box!

Querida & Jerom, School Council Members

Silly Animal Cake Sale

On Friday 3rd October, as part of St Francis' Feast Day, Mini Vinnies had a silly cake sale with the children in year 1 and year 2. The Mini Vinnies helped the children to decorate cakes with animal faces on them. We covered the cakes with vanilla, strawberry and chocolate icing and the toppings were marshmallows, chocolate buttons and smarties.

The infants were really creative, they were like little celebrity cooks. The children ate the cakes with delight and we gave them drinks. It was so much fun for everyone who took part. We raised £77.00 which will be donated to an animal charity.

By Divine and Jane, Mini Vinnies



Year 5 Visit to the National History Museum

During the week of the 13th October Year 5 visited the Natural History Museum. We have been studying Volcanoes this term. We travelled to the centre of the Earth to the Red Zone Gallery where we all enjoyed the displays and presentations.

We even were able to experience what it felt like to be in an earthquake!



Going for Gold

These pupils have been on Gold since September.

- 6CD: Divine, Nkechi and Ethan
- 6RM: Nascimento, Jesse and Riaz
- 5K: Lukas, Maria Fernandes, Jaden, Cyrus, Andrew, Julia, Tami, Olamojiba, Luigi and Uriel
- 5V: William, Natacha, Gabrielle, Maria, Artur and Annaliese
- 4G: Lovell, Faustina, Nnenna, Josh, Sherill, Tia, James and Valery
- 4B: Santi and Zadeania
- 3C: Precious, Michael, Alero, Zuzanna, Alex, James, Tobias and Micaela
- 3B: Simon, Johnnita, Natalia, Angelica, Lea-Chelsea, Almira, Denzel, Blessed and Nicole,
- 2D: Tianna, Oluwagbemisola, Lennox, Maks, Maja, John Paul, Angela, Raheim and Micky
- 2K: Harry, Evidence, Mayeva, Amelia, Chinaza, Mani, Daniel, Elizabeth, Ashleigh-Marie and Shayden
- 1K: Maame, Victoria and Kayden
- 1F: Christopher, Jevan, Isadora, Chidera and Ralph
- RS: Kwaku, Harry, Tochi and Courtney
- RV: Nylah, Sean and Joel

Congratulations!

