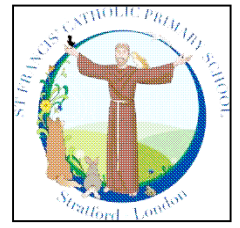


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Science Week

Monday 20th April was the start of the school's science week. During the week the children attended science workshops, where they were able to carry out science investigations with items that could be found in and around their home. All the science lessons focussed on lots of practical experiments and on Thursday there was a science fair, where children were able to show and explain all the work and investigations carried out during the week to the other children in the school and to parents. Feedback from parents was very positive and all were impressed at the children's knowledge and presentation skills.

There was also a gadget shop where children purchased scientific toys and lots of fun was had in the playground, with massive bubbles and airplanes flying around. Finally a raffle was held on Friday, with all the monies raised from both activities going towards the purchase of further science equipment.

The week was very successful with children and adults talking about everything they had learnt during the event.



Catholic Schools Good Citizenship Awards 2015

We must congratulate four of our Year 6 pupils who went to Brentwood Cathedral on Friday 8th May to receive the special Good Citizenship Award which is handed out by the Bishop of Brentwood. The Head boy and girl and Deputy Head boy and girl were awarded for their contributions to the school community, and attitudes in school. During our visit other schools complimented how smart our children looked in the new school uniform blazer. As always we were all extremely proud to represent St. Francis' Catholic Primary School.

Important Dates

22nd May 2015

Last day of half term

1st June 2015

Children return to school

5th June 2015

Nursery am assembly

Nursery pm assembly

15th June 2015

Maths Week

19th June 2015

RS class assembly

24th June 2015

RV class assembly

25th June 2015

KS2 Sports Day

26th June 2015

KS1 Sports Day

29th June 2015

International Week

3rd July 2015

International Day

8th & 9th July 2015

Years 1–5 Parents Conferences.

10th July 2015

EYFS closed for Parents' Conferences

10th July 2015

Year 6 leavers performance

14th July 2015

Years 1–6 End of Year Visit

15th July 2014

Year 6 leavers performance

Class Swap

17th July 2015, 2pm

Last day of the school year

Attendance for the this half term:

Gold: 3C 99%

Silver: 2K 98.5%

Bronze: 1F 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.

A Political Day in Politics

By Ivana 5K

On Wednesday 20th May 2015 St Francis Primary Catholic school was visited by a marvellous lady called Charlie Ellis (a member of "Enabling Enterprise"). Eight children from each year group in KS2 (year three, four, five and six) were included in an event called A Day in Politics. This helped all of us learn about Politics, however we were taught this all in one, and yes I mean it, in one day!

We were put into groups of four by our teacher, but these were people we did not usually work with. So we got to know each other's personalities. We had to think of our party's name: Democratic Whizkids; Phenomenal Elements; Public Voices; People's party; Democratical Stars of Great Britain; Liberal Demokids; Starfall and Eco Stars.

Everybody contributed especially when we had to perform in front of our parents and Mrs Scott, the Head teacher! Everyone who watched could vote. Before I forget we did plan everything we needed to do because if we didn't, it would have been a total disaster.

You should know that only one party could win but before I say which party did win we all did a good job. So the winning party was..... The Liberal Demokids! So a very well done to you who have won. Unfortunately my team, the Phenomenal Elements did not get the vote.

The winning team will soon be going on a trip to a place in Canary Wharf; nevertheless one more person will be able to come. That is why I am writing this newsletter for you. I hope that I will get chosen. Who knows I might be the next Prime Minister of England.....



Thank you to all the children who took part in the workshop on Wednesday. Charlie thought the groups were outstanding in many of the challenge skills and was impressed with the group's keenness to learn. An additional thank you to all who submitted an article for this newsletter. It was extremely hard to chose due to the excellent quality of them all.

Ivana's article was finally chosen as it explained the day very clearly and you didn't need to have been there to understand what the workshop was about.

Going for Gold

These pupils have been on Gold since 16th April 2015.

- 6RM: Esther Armah, Joseph Foley, Alfie Grech, Michelle Harrison Strella Locsin, Charlie Nawesi, Ellicia Okandju, Jesse Okoro and Nair Santos
- 6CD: Gerald Cosmo, Toju Edomi, Divine Edward, Devonte Lambert, Jayren Malijan, Nkechi Onyido, Kymani Rowe-Wright
- 5V: Lucrezia Ampomah, Janelle Glen, Daisy-Amerie PlanteNatacha Santos and Hershilley Viera Dubai Krul
- 5K: Joshua Aimee, Oluwatamilore Alegbe, Susana Fonseca, Alessandro Gomes, Jaden Hamilton-Jack, Luigi Ilana, Stephanie Mamona and Uriel Mofus,
- 3C: Alero Edomi
- 3B: Denzel Nwanaforo
- 2K: Ogechi Apeja, Abiagail Balakrishnan, David Bartels, Harry Bui-Marshall, Chisom Elo-Chikezie, Elliot Odoi and Ashleigh-Marie Shannoin
- 2D: Ernis Billius, Kaejon Crentsil, Cherica Kyei,
- 1K: Zaijan Juganas, Christian King, Vincent Osinjolu and Tia Plante
- 1F:
- RS:
- RV:

