

St. Francis' Catholic Primary Newsletter



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International Evening

Our first International Evening was an outstanding success. Each year group chose their own country to research and investigated foods, clothes and their culture. The Topic began with a half term homework project which the children completed to a high standard. On the evening, year groups performed traditional dances from the country they studied and as usual costumes and performances were very professional. After the entertainment, Friends of St Francis' served a selection of delicious hot foods and beverages. A huge £484.00 was raised! Finally a big thank you to all our parents, family and friends who came and supported us in this event, it really was a lovely gathering.



Important Dates

17th July 2015

Last day of summer term

1st & 2nd September 2015

School closed for Inset days

3rd September 2015

First day of the autumn term
for years 1–6

11th September 2015

Mass—New School Year

15th September 2015, 5:30 pm

Years 1-5 Parents' Meeting

16th September 2015, 5:30 pm

Year 6 Parents' Meeting

17th September 2015, 6:00 pm

Reception Parents' Meeting

1st October 2015, 5:30 pm

Nursery Parents' Meeting

24th October 2015

Last day of the half term

What are we doing to raise standards in Writing?

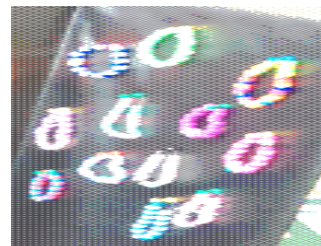
As you know, writing has been one of our school priorities this year and we have implemented different strategies to raise the standards in writing across the school. We have developed children's editing skills so they read through their work and correct their mistakes in red. Secondly, we have made improvements to the Big Write. This is a three tier cycle where children plan, write and finally edit and publish their work so they continuously evaluate their writing. We have also raised the expectations for writing in other subjects by planning for extended written outcomes at least once per term for each subject.

Please do congratulate your child for their hard work and commitment to their learning. We have lots to celebrate but still continue our journey to raising the standards in Writing in the next academic year.



Maths Week

During the week of 15th June, we celebrated our very first Maths Week. We started the week by designing a product to make and sell on Market Day. Throughout the week the children developed their entrepreneur skills and became excellent business managers to manage their teams to make the products effectively. In addition, the children carried out a Maths Trail in the playground; learning Maths in their local environment, participated in problem solving puzzles with the Happy Puzzle Company and competed against their peers in a Mental Maths Quiz. Finally, we ended the week by selling the products at our very own Maths Market! The staff and Governors are very proud of the children and the success of Maths Week; so much so that next year we plan to make Maths Week even bigger and better. We would like to thank all of our parents and families for their support and generous contributions to enable the children to purchase the products. We raised a whopping £921.16!



St. Francis' Sport's Day

On Thursday 25th June KS2 went on mass to West Ham Park. With the help from pupils from Langdon Secondary School, the children had a great time. Initially there was a carousel of activities: long jump, tug of war, javelin and lots more. Finally children competed against each other on the race track with running and hurdle races.

The following day KS1 held their sports day in school. It started with all the children taking part in warm up activities. They then completed a range of activities, which included hockey, penalty shoot out and a bouncy castle. Finally they also had running, skipping and relay races.

All the children were very enthusiastic and everyone was amazed at their skills and fitness levels. Thanks need to go to our PE teachers and coaches, who provide a wide range of sporting after school clubs. Their teaching has clearly paid off. Finally we would like to thank the parents who came to support the children.



Farewell Year 6

We would like to congratulate our wonderful year 6 pupils on an outstanding performance of "Shakespeare rocks" which they performed on Friday 10th July. They have been a pleasure to teach this year and we wish them a happy and successful future as they leave St. Francis' to go on to secondary school.



Friends of St Francis' Summer Fair

We had a fabulous day on Saturday at our annual Friends of St-Francis summer Fair, we managed to raise as a whole a staggering £1,626.98.

We would like to thank the senior management team, teachers, assistant teachers and all the office staff, our care taker and everyone who arrived on the day, please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for your time and efforts.

Many thanks also to the parents and children for your support throughout the year, and we look forward to a new fundraising year in September 2015.

St Francis' Basketball Team

On 30th June 2015, the basketball team entered the St Edward's Basketball competition at St Edward's Primary School. They played against a number of teams from other Newham schools, not conceding any games throughout the competition. They went through triumphantly to win the competition with pride and perseverance. Well done to the St Francis' Basketball team.



Attendance for the year:

Gold: 98.4 3C

Silver: 98.1 2K

Bronze: 97.8 4G/5V

Well done 3C for achieving the highest attendance for the year, however it is very sad that no class achieved 100%

Please ensure your child attends regularly as 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 1st June 2015.

6CD: Tolulope Awoniyi., Orion Cowan, Bryana Findlay, Manuel Leye-Huerta, Ryan Mendoza, Georgina Odunsi and Nkechi Onyido

5K: Oliver Burvill, Maria Foley, Cyrus Harewood, Carsten Kyei, Luigi Llana, Abigail Mambu and Motunrayo Olulode

4G: Faustina Aniagoh, Micah Baidoo and Divine Evboren

4B: Nikita Balkaityte, Ndudi Chukwu, Laura Fernandes, Emanuela and Ajani Fuller-Rowe

3C: Ayomide Akinleye, Hilary Boateng and Emily Guerra

3B: Simon Alfred, Kayla Baptiste, Blessed Omoke, Ronald Osei-Bonsu and Nicole Sadowska

2K: David Bartels, Amelia Grzechula, Jamari Marquis, Mani Mudhir, Elliot Odoi, Julienne Ramirez, Elizabeth Samuel, Ashleigh-Marie Shannon

1K: Nnamdi Eke and Vincent Osinjolu

Well done

