

St. Francis' News

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Black History Fortnight

During the month of October we celebrated Black History fortnight, focusing on Black Inventors. The children have researched and made models based on the following inventors:

Yr.6 -**Benjamin Banneker** Yr.5 -**Fredrick McKinley Jones**

Yr.4—**Lewis Latimer** Yr.3- **Mark Dean**

Yr.2-**Garrett Morgan** Yr.1 **Philip B. Downing**

Reception and Nursery explored the books: **Handa's Surprise** and **Handa's Hen** along with the poem 'Fruits', as a part of their Black History celebrations.



In keeping with the theme of celebrating black achievements, parents, staff and students were treated to a morning of music which included African Drumming and songs by black artists from different parts of the world.

There was also the opportunity for all to participate in the singing of a traditional African song which was accompanied by the drums.

Important Dates

1st November 2017

All Saints Mass

1st and 2nd November 2017

Parents' conferences Y1-6

Week Beginning 13.11.17
Anti-bullying week

8th December 2017

EYFS Parents' conferences
(EYFS closed to children)

13th December 2017
KS1 Performance

15th December 2017
KS2 Carol concert

20th December 2017
End of term Mass

St Francis Feast Day

On the 4th of October we celebrated our Patron Saint's feast day. The children went to Mass, where they had a very special message from Fr. John Armitage on the life of St Francis and what it means to do God's will. After the Mass, Father Michael, Father Tony and Sr. Bernie all came back to school and handed out ice lollies to the staff and students.

We also had an interesting visitor—Bridget Sheppard from Animal Aid, who spoke to the

KS2 children about the care and respect for animals. The week was celebrated with children exploring different pieces of Artwork linked to St Francis and reproducing their own modern copies.



Praying the Rosary

At the end of the last academic year, the school was given a gift of 40 beautiful Children's rosaries and these are being used to help the children to better understand the importance of the rosary in our Catholic faith .



Throughout the month of October the children have been praying the rosary during their lunchtime.



Attendance for the this half term:

Gold: 5L 98.9 %
Silver: 1P 98.7 %
Bronze: 3K & 3R 98.6%

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.

Work around the school building

Over the Summer holiday we had some more work done around the school. This time the entrance to the school has been given a fresh inviting look. Quiet areas have been created, as well as a tiled walkway from the main gate to the office. After a long wait the children are happy with and proud of the space they can now use.



Head boy and Head girl

Our new Junior Leadership Team has been elected! This year we had 26 Y6 children applying for the positions by filling out an application and creating a two minute oral presentation. They all did extremely well and as a result the

Head boy this year is **Joshua Antwi** and the **Head girl** is **Zuzanna Golebiewska**. They will be ably supported by deputies **Micaela Orduna**, **Renee Favour Okhuarobo**, **Raphael Minta** and **Ayomide Akinleye**.

Going for Gold

These pupils have been on Gold since 5th September 2017.

- 6CK: Ayomide Akinleye; Anthea Koomson; Ronald Osei Bonsu
- 6R: Joshua Antwi; Rayne Coke; Emily Nayeli Pilapanta Guerra; Iris Joy; Jade Deanna Lewis; Micaela Orduna
- 5K: Raizel Atuahene; Oluwagbemisola Badjedo; Abigail Balakrishnan; Nomso Nnodi; Naomi Adesuwa Olaiya; Annabel Sharishnakumar; Raheim Smith
- 5L: Antoinette Apeja; Harry Bui-Marshall; Cherica Kyei; Beatriz Angela Ocampo; Daniel Osin; Julianne Eira Ramirez; David Senyah
- 4B: Oliver Mierzwa; Chika Nnodi; Tia Plante; Kenadie Richards;
- 4R: Armarni Ladega;
- 3K: Quincy LaRonde; Fabian Nowacki; Uwaila Uwadiae
- 3R: Caseyann Miller Daly; Joel Dokoui; Fortune Emenyonu; Ferrell Frantos; MykelFrimpong; Rachael Nevill; Adrian Ponulak; Joshua Tessma
- 2A: Benjamin Osakue
- 2J: Allysha Coching
- 1K: Ifeoluwa Akinleye; Anthony Bui-Marshall; Craig Fosu ; Goodluck Ikecwukwu; Emmanuel Imo; Zuzanna Szydek
- 1P: Oliver Ezeunara; Neriah Okpanachi; Victoria Osinjolu
- RE: Elizabeth Bamidele ; Jonathan Bui-Marshall

