

St. Francis' News

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Heaven Sent Day Nursery

Our new setting, Heaven Sent Day Nursery, was launched on Friday 2nd February, 2018. The event was attended by Governors, Headteachers from other schools and our parents, with new babies. The setting was given a blessing by Father Michael, our parish priest.



This new setting will provide quality day care for children aged from 3 months to 3 years, offering full time care from 8am-6pm as well as part time 7.30am-12.30pm or 1pm-6pm. For further information, please access the website at: info@heavensentdaynursery.co.uk



Important Dates

19th February, 2018
Staff Inset Day

Week Beginning 26.02.18
World Book Week

Week Beginning 19.03.18
Parents' conferences Y1-6

23rd March, 2018
Yr. 3 Holy Week Assembly
EYFS Parents' conferences
(EYFS closed to children)

26th March, 2018
Yr. 4 Holy Week Assembly

27th March, 2018
KS1 Easter Performance

28th March, 2018
Yr. 5 Holy Week Assembly

29th March 2018
Yr.6 Holy Week Assembly
End of school day @ 2pm

Debating Team

The Debating Team has been participating in a debate club for a number of weeks. They have had the support of a mentor, a university student who herself is a well-established debater. During this time, they have learnt the rules of debating, practised debating against each other, supported younger children to prepare for the Citizenship debate, but most importantly, they have had the opportunity to develop their public speaking skills. The team attended their first competition on February 7th, where they did exceptionally well, winning one of the two rounds of debates in which they participated. They have qualified for the next round, which will be held during the next half term.



Citizenship Fortnight

This year we celebrated Citizenship weeks from January 15th to 26th. The theme was: *Prepared for Life.*

During the time we explored how our Christian duties will prepare us to raise our personal profile and community responsibilities.

KS2 explored a number of life skills: taking care of themselves; taking care of animals and taking care of others.

EYFS and KS1 worked with the Handprint Theatre where they explored, through Art and Drama, how getting on with others; sharing, being grateful and looking after the environment, helps them prepare for life.



Attendance for the this half term:

Gold:	6CK	98.7%
Silver:	6R	98.2%
Bronze:	4R	97.7%

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.

The British Red Cross

To continue to raise children's profile of personal and community responsibility, we support a charity each year during Citizenship Weeks. This year, the chosen charity was the British Red Cross. Through research and an assembly children were made more aware of the work of the organization.

The Charity Bazaar, held on Friday, January 26th, raised £476.08. This will be combined with funds from other schools in the deanery and a presentation made to the Society.



Prepared for life

There are certain skills that children would not be able to acquire within the normal curriculum, and so, during Citizenship weeks, the Year 5 and 6 classes were given the opportunity to learn some of these important life skills, which can enable them to be more *prepared for life*. The Year 6 had basic First Aid Training, while the Year 5 had sessions where they explored some simple cooking skills.



The First Aid training was very good. It gave me confidence to help in an emergency and I am also prepared for life.- Yr.6 student

I enjoyed the cooking session, this is a life skill that I can keep for when I am older-Yr. 5 student

Going for Gold

These pupils have been on Gold since 4th January, 2018.

- 6CK: Almira Mansaray ; Johnnita Asimeng ; Valeria Martinez Lopez ; Nnaoma Anyanwu and Matthew Marsh Stamp
- 6R: Hillary Boating; Emily Pilapanta Guerra; Raphael Minta ; Michael Ani and Alvaro Lopez,
- 5K: David Bartels ;Tia Mayblake ; Mani Mudhir ; Jerusha Johnson
- 5L: David Senyah ; Alexandra Mahile ;Ian Osei Boadu and Junior Albert Mendy Gomez
- 4B: Jevan Glen and Justin Ndikum
- 4R: Rachael Oladimeji and Samuel Antwi
- 3K: Kwaku Boahene-Dankwa
- 3R: Fortune Emenyonu; Mykel Frimpong and Filip Mostowy
- 2A: Lynton Brown
- 2J: Adrianna Czernia
- 1K: Omotomi Alegbe ; Frances Appiah-Brewu; Nikolas Silimon; Deanne Kyazze ;Tiana Nso -Laronde and David Olayode
- 1P Anaya Awosanya; Tyrell Dormant; Janelle Frimpong; Maxwell Hayford; Hansika Manivannan and Joshua Uwahe
- RP: Isaac Paiva Ribeiro Maciel
- RE: Gracelyn Appiah
- RP: Joanna Badejo; Blanka Mostowa; and Ashya-Ni Smith

