

St. Francis' News

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St Francis' Feast Day



On Thursday 4th October we celebrated the feast day for our patron saint, Francis.

Throughout the week each class looked closely at the life and

work of St Francis and focused specially on significant places he had visited including Assisi and Gubbio.

We also took the opportunity to attend Mass all together and as it is tradition we received a visit from the parish friars who brought some treats!



Important Dates

31st October and 1st November

Y1-Y6 parents' Conferences

WB 12th November 2018

Anti-bullying week

30th November 2018

EYFS parents' conferences (EYFS closed to children)

6th December 2018

Y1-Y3 Panto

7th December 2018

Y4-Y6 Panto

12th December 2018

KS1 Nativity performance
Christmas Lunch

13th December 2018

EYFS Nativity Performance

14th December 2018

KS2 Carol Concert

20th December 2018

End of school day at 2 pm

Black History Fortnight



This year we celebrated Black History Fortnight by looking at great African civilizations like Mali, Egypt and Benin and their legacy to us.

We had assemblies, focused art work representing each civilization and a day of traditional African singing led by the Voices

Foundation.

Thank you to all the parents who so creatively supported and contributed to their children's homework, as you can see by the picture: examples of work were amazing.



Y6 at the London eye



Year 6 had a fantastic time riding The London Eye and taking a river cruise on the Thames.

They have enjoyed reading 'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobhan Dowd this term in English and this visit inspired the children to produce some excellent writing.

Attendance for the this half term:

Gold:	6B	98.9%
Silver:	5K	98.7%
Bronze:	5JK	98.3%

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.

Parent's workshops BHM

Also as part of our Black History celebrations we had 2 very well attended workshops for parents. The speaker encouraged parents to look at how black ethnic identity raises educational achievement for Black students.



Big Sing

On Saturday 13th October, St. Francis' KS2 Choir were invited to perform at a 'Big Sing' event at Stratford Library.

The children, who opened the whole concert, performed brilliantly in front of a packed audience. They were congratulated by Jane Wheeler, an internationally renowned choral leader, who organised the event.



Junior Leadership team

Let us proudly introduce you to our Junior Leadership team for this academic year. It consists of 7 children from year 6: a Headboy, a Headgirl, 2 Deputy Headboys, 2 Deputy Headgirls and a Secretary.

Judging by their fantastic presentations when they applied for their roles, we can confidently say they will do a wonderful job helping lead the school.

Congratulations to each and every one of you!

