

St. Francis' News

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Athletics competition

Earlier this year St Francis took part in the Langdon athletics competition where they came in 4th place. Luckily, the first four teams went through to round 2. Our coaches and team worked extremely hard training daily.

St Francis' went on to win that competition which placed them number 1 in the borough. On Tuesday this week, the children competed in the East/South East London competition where once again they placed in the number 1 spot.



We wish them all the best in the final round where they'll compete to become the top athletics team in London.

Important Dates

25th February 2019
Staff Inset Day

Week Beginning 04.03.19
World Book Week

6th March 2019
Ash Wednesday

1st April 2019
Annual reports to parents

3rd and 4th April 2019
Parents' conferences Y1-6

5th April 2019
EYFS parents' conferences
(school closed to EYFS children)

5th April 2019
Y3 Holy week assembly

8th April 2019
Y4 Holy week assembly

9th April 2019
Y5 Holy week assembly
and
KS1 Easter Performance

10th April 2019
Y6 Holy week assembly
and
End of term @ 2p.m.

Happy Birthday Heaven Sent Day Nursery!

It has been a busy year since we opened our 2s and under 2s provision: Heaven Sent Day Nursery.

During this year we have seen our youngest ones grow and develop: some learnt how to walk and others "graduated" onto the school's main Nursery and between one huge accomplishment and another there has never been a dull moment for staff and children alike.

Many happy returns!



Year 3 @ the Bank of England



Year 3 visited The Bank of England to learn all about money. They got to hold notes that were not cut yet made by The Royal Mint. The Bank of England has one of the largest gold vaults in the world which holds over 400,000 bars of gold and our lucky children got to hold one in their hands and it was really heavy!

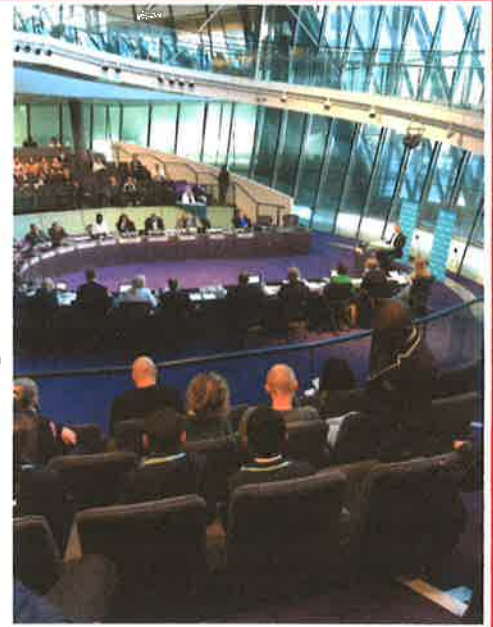
Attendance for the this half term:

Gold: 4A with 98.5%
Silver: 6CK with 98.4%
Bronze: 5K with 98%

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.

Visit to City Hall

On Thursday 17th January year 4 visited City Hall as part of their work on Citizenship. They discussed the role of the London mayor and then had the chance to observe the London assembly in action during the visit.



Internet Safety week

In February, at St Francis' we celebrated Internet Day 2019 with the slogan "Together for a better internet". In this day and age where the internet is such a huge part of our lives it was interesting to hear what our children knew and wanted to learn about it.



This week provided a fantastic opportunity to engage with children about their digital lives and having a positive and safe time online.

Citizenship Fortnight

This year we celebrated Citizenship weeks from January 14th to 25th. The theme was: *This is me!* During the time we explored how together with our gifts, talents, freedom and children's rights we also have responsibilities.

EYFS and KS1 worked with the Handprint Theatre where they explored, through Art and Drama, all the gifts we have and how

important it is to remember we are responsible for sharing them.

KS2 delved into the children's rights charter focusing on different articles. There were visits to the Greater London Assembly, Billingsgate Market and the Bank of England throughout the week. We also received the visit of a police officer who told us all about how to keep safe.

