

St. Francis' Catholic Primary Newsletter

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Citizenship fortnight

Citizenship weeks for this academic year were based on the theme: 'Who is my neighbour- Our Rights and Our Responsibilities in taking care of ourselves and others'.

The focus was on children's expectations and entitlement as well as addressing their responsibilities to others.

The Gospel story of the Good Samaritan was a focal point throughout the fortnight as children explored the ideas of being a neighbour; what are the rights and responsibilities of a neighbour.

Another area explored during the week was the rights of children. They looked at their right to be heard; their right to get information that is important to their well-being; the right to protection from any kind of exploitation among many others.

Among the exciting things we did these two weeks were: a visit to Tate and Lyle; a visit to St Michael's Catholic Primary school; receiving visitors from CAFOD and the Discover Centre; First Aid Training with the British Red Cross and Whole school assemblies. Very busy but well worth it!



Important Dates

World Book Weeks

Wb 20.02.23 and
WB 27.02.23

Dress up assembly
02.03.23

Ash Wednesday service
22.02.23

Y3 Holy Week Assembly
27.03.23

EYFS Parents' conference
27.03.23
School closed to EYFS
children

Y4 Holy Week Assembly
28.03.23

KS1 Easter Performance
29.03.23

Y1-Y6 Parents' conferences
29.03.23

Y1-Y6 Parents' conferences
30.03.23

Y5 Holy Week Assembly
30.03.23

Y6 Holy week Assembly
31.03.23

End of term @ 2 pm
31.03.23

Back to school
17.04.23

Brilliant Club launch

On 5th January, 2023 a selection of children from Year 5 visited SOAS, University of London, for the launch trip of The Scholars Programme, organised by The Brilliant Club. The Brilliant Club is an organisation that supports outstanding pupils in non-selective state schools to progress to the UK's most competitive universities.

The launch included a campus tour, a study skills session and a chance to meet and ask questions of current students.



Year 6 visit Tate and Lyle



Year 6 had the privilege of visiting the Tate & Lyle factory in Beckton, to take part in a series of

mini workshops lead by some inspirational organisations.

They were presented with various interesting and life changing scenarios by The London Fire Brigade service, the Metropolitan Police, First Aid (St John's Ambulance), Recycling experts, Animal Welfare, Lifeboat & Lifeguard experts, TFL, Gang experts and Cyber Bullying experts.

Their knowledge was put to the test and no doubt they came away with valuable information of how to remain vigilant and keep themselves and others safe around them.

Their competitive spirit was high, Year 6 left with a buzz about how well the day went and how much they had learned.

Safer Internet Day

This #SaferInternetDay I want to talk about...



This year Safer Internet Day 2023 took place on Tuesday 7th February, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations

about life online'.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could continue the conversation about online safety at home. To help you with this, the UK Safer Internet Centre have created some free activities and information for parents and carers which are available at: www.saferinternet.org.uk/SID-parents



Going for Gold

To all pupils who have been on Gold since 4th January 2023

Well done



Attendance for the this half term:

Gold: 1K with 97.1%
Silver: 4R with 96.6%
Bronze: 6B with 95.2%

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.

Day to Create: St Francis' Art council

Last year we took part in **Day To Create** (a national creative day organised by Arts Council England). St Francis' Art Council planned various creative activities for the day. We inspired the whole school to draw pictures of something they love.

To thank us for our work, Art Council England sent us a special gift - an original art piece from a book by Coralie Bickford-Smith! The art is special because there are only 150 of them and we have the 60th one. We like the art because the design is very intricate and amazing and it is simple but very effective!

This picture helps us to understand that art comes in different types of designs and you can create it in different types of ways. Art doesn't confine what you can do, you can do anything you want with art. Our special art gift will soon be displayed in the reception area outside the office for everyone to enjoy.

St Francis' Art Council

