

# St. Francis' Catholic Primary Newsletter

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## International Day

On Friday 7th July we celebrated International day at St Francis'. This is our annual celebration of different countries and cultures around the world and we can proudly say we did an amazing job - again.

It was a day full of colour, music, art, dance and delicious food. Each year group represented a country which they studied as part of our geography curriculum. Children explored its art and traditional foods and finished with a fantastic celebration of dances.

International Day has become a "welcome back day" as more and more each year, some of our past pupils and past members of staff come back to celebrate together making the day even more special to our school community past and present.



## Important Dates

**1st/4th September 2023**  
INSET days

**5th September 2023**  
Children back to school

**11th September 2023**  
Reception parents' Meeting

**26th September 2023**  
Class and individual photos

**21st September 2023**  
Year 6 Parents' meeting

**25th September 2023**  
Black History Month launch

**4th October 2023**  
Feast of St Francis' Mass

**5th October 2023**  
Nursery Parents' Meeting

**19th/20th October 2023**  
Black History Month Celebrations

## Wellbeing week and sports days

A little bit of exercise can do wonders for our mental wellbeing, so we had various sports days during wellbeing week. Children across the school showed their prowess in different activities which were demanding but also very much fun.

But what was most pleasing to see, was the good sportsmanship in our children. They were eager to win and compete of course, but also equally eager to cheer on others and help them when they got stuck. Wonderful days all around!





## Summer concert



On Thursday 29th June, our school choir led performances at our annual musical celebration of those children who have been

learning instruments inside and outside of school. There were several amazing solo performances as well as two brilliant performances from our after school Violin Club.

A big 'well done' to all those children involved!



## Online Safety

Follow the SMART rules to stay safe online

**S**

Stay **safe** online by not sharing personal information



**M**

Do not **meet** anyone who you have only made friends with online



**A**

Do not **accept** messages or friend requests from strangers



**R**

Not everything online is **reliable**. Some people online are strangers and may try and trick us



**T**

**Tell** an adult you trust if anything happens online that you don't like



### Going for Gold

To all pupils who have been on Gold since 5th June 2023

Well done



### Attendance for the this half term:

Gold: **6G** with **99%**

Silver: **5R** with **98.5%**

Bronze: **2A** with **98.1%**

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.

## Art matters exhibition



'Art Matters' is an annual celebration of the art that children in schools throughout Newham produce, from Nursery and Reception classes to A-level work! The children in our Art Council collated all the brilliant pieces from each class that were sent to them and spent lots of time arranging them and mounting them on our mountboards.

On 4th July, some of the Arts Council children got to attend the special 'Private View' of the exhibition and were photographed with the St. Francis' artwork!

The exhibition was open at UEL's Docklands campus from 10am - 6pm weekdays until 14th July for anyone to go and see.