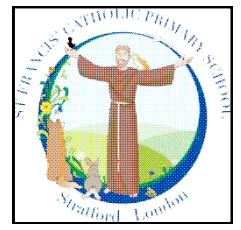


St. Francis' Catholic Primary Newsletter



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Celebrating Christmas A New King is Born

This year, the KS2 Carol Concert saw the retelling of the traditional Nativity story about the birth of the New King. The children took the audience on the journey with all those who were first to hear the news of the birth of the King. The roles played by different characters as they heard the news of the birth of the king was a demonstration of our children's effort, resilience and talent. Through drama, music and dance, our pupils, filled not only the Church, but our hearts with the true joy of Christmas.



The Shiniest Star

Year 2 put on a show stopping performance of the very first Christmas this week with their show, 'The Shiniest Star'. The children had put in hours of effort and dedication to their rehearsals which could be seen by their clear, confident and audible voices on the day of the performance. The parents of the children in Year 2 were dazzled by solos, duets and even dancing from some awesome stars, whilst a furious King Herod made his thoughts of our new born King very clear. A huge well done to Year 2 for reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of a King, our Lord and Saviour.



Important Dates

19th December 2023

School finishes
at 2:00 pm

4th January 2024

School reopens first day
of half term

Weeks Beginning

8th & 15th

January 2024

Citizenship Fortnight

19th January 2024

Citizenship Weeks
Celebrations

Week Beginning

5th February 2024

Internet Safety Week

9th February 2024

Last day of half term



The Nativity

The younger children in our school reminded us through song and drama what Christmas is really all about. In a traditional version of the Nativity they spoke and sang of the long journey Mary and Joseph took, the visitors who followed the star to find the baby who came to bless and save us all. Their performances left us with the message of Hope and Joy that makes Christmas so special.



The Junior Leadership Team

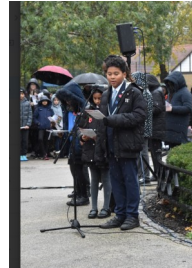
We are proud to introduce the Junior Leadership team for the academic year 2023-2024. The team comprises of 7 members from the year 6 classes. There is a Head boy; a Head girl; 2 Deputy Head boys ;2 Deputy Head girls and a secretary. This team of vibrant young leaders will work closely with the Head Teacher during the year generating their own ideas on how to improve the school



Armistice Day

Friday 10th November, 2023

The members of school council and the junior leadership team attended a Remembrance Day Service in Central Park. Children from each Newham Catholic School attended along with local clergy, the Mayor of Newham, and representatives from the Royal British Legion. It was a time to reflect and remember those who lost their lives during the two World Wars as well as in more recent conflicts.



Anti-bullying Week

During Anti-bullying Week, the children explored how adults and children alike can come together to 'Make a Noise about Bullying'

During the week they had discussions about what we mean by bullying behaviour, how we can tell the difference between 'banter' and bullying and how we can make changes to reduce bullying. At the end of Anti-bullying Week, pupils were given an anonymous behaviour questionnaire to complete. Please see the results from the questionnaire below.

93% of the children enjoy school.

100% of the children enjoy the lessons and work hard.

96% of the children feel safe at school.

99% of the children agree that they are encouraged to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally.

We will continue to work at making a noise about bullying throughout the school year.



Going for Gold

To all pupils who have been on Gold since 30th October, 2023

Well done



Attendance for the this half term:

Gold: 5B & 1J 97.3%

Silver: 2A 96.5%

Bronze: 4R 96.3%

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.

Our Achievements

Poster Competition

One of our pupils entered the Metropolitan Police's Christmas Tree poster competition - and was awarded a runner-up prize! Her design - a poster to advertise the Met Police's Christmas charity work - was displayed at a special event at New Scotland Yard.

Judo Championship

We were represented at the British Judo Regional School Championships in the University of East London, where our pupil achieved a gold medal.

Young City Makers Project

The Year 5 pupils worked with architects from The Young City Makers Project. The aim was to make London more sustainable where by human and wild life can live Interdependently. They were awarded first place for their city proposal-'Building for Birds'.



Design & Technology Day

On Friday 1st December, the pupils and staff of St Francis' marked the beginning of the Advent season with their Design and Technology Day. There was a cross-curricular link between Religious Education and Design Technology, which resulted in the retelling of the Advent/Christmas story. Children used their designing, along with their sewing, cutting, measuring as well as a variety of other skills to create an end products to retell the events of Advent and Christmas. This all coincided with the 800th year anniversary since St Francis of Assisi, created the first crib.



Merry Christmas

All of the children and staff at St Francis' would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

May you have the gift of Faith, the blessing of Hope and the peace of His Love.

