Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

I would like to start by thanking the 'Friends' for organising the Valentines disco last Friday after school. It was a great early evening event and all who came had a fantastic time. Thank you so much to all the parents who helped with organising the event, helping out on Friday and also to all who donated food or drinks. The event raised over £600!

Nursery Applications for September 2024

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, they can start in the nursery class in September 2024. To apply for a place please download an application form from the school website. Please post or email completed forms to the school office. We have both 15 hour and 30 places. Tell all your friends and relations about our wonderful school nursery!

Please note that the closing date for Nursery applications is **10th March 2024.**

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week

26th February 2024

Reception: Carlotta & Bianca
Yr1: Bruno & Jackson
Yr2: Katya & Tom
Yr3: Otto & Kikiyrah
Yr4: Tristan & Reina
Yr5: Gabby & Simone
Yr6: Pola & Caleb



Red Nose Day

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day on ***Friday 15th March***.
We are asking ALL the children to come to school dressed in **'Red'**

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff.
Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's designated safeguarding officer:
Mrs Cunningham or in her absence the deputy safeguarding officer Mrs Sheehan.
In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with their line manager, Mrs Cunningham to seek further advice.

We are a PEANUT & NUT FREE SCHOOL

Due to severe allergies of some pupils and staff, please ensure no nut or peanut products are brought into school.

Congratulations to the children in St. David's who received the most house points last week.

The children in St. David's will receive 15 minutes of extra play in Key stage 1.

The children in St. David's in Key stage 2 will receive a Homework pass for the first weeks' homework after half term.

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	183
St Andrew	162
St George	118
St David	194
St John	174
Overall Winner	St David

Punctuality & Attendance

Position	Year	%	Late
1st	2	100	0
2nd	Nur	98.9	1
3rd	3	98.6	7
4th	5	98.1	1
5th	4	96.5	2
6th	6	95.5	5
7th	1	94	1
8th	Rec	89	3







Congratulations to Year 2 on their 100% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play!

Important Dates - March

Monday 4th - Friday 8th March
- Book fair

Thursday 7th March
- World book day

Friday 8th March
- Author visit

Monday 11th March
- Walk to school week

Tuesday 12th March
Yr6 Transition presentation '**Be Bright travel right**'

Thursday 14th March
2:45 Yr3 Celebration service

Friday 15th March
- Red Nose day

Monday 18th March
6:00 GB meeting

Thursday 21st March
9:00 Yr4 & Yr5 Lenten service
2.45 Yr1 Celebration service

Friday 22nd March
- Yr3&4 Hampton Court

Monday 25th March
- Yr5&6 Egyptian history workshop

Tuesday 26th March
9:00 End of term mass in church

Wednesday 27th March
8:50 Achievement assembly

Thursday 28th March
1:30 End of term

Pen Licence

Emily (Y3) & Daniel (Y4)



Book day & Author visit

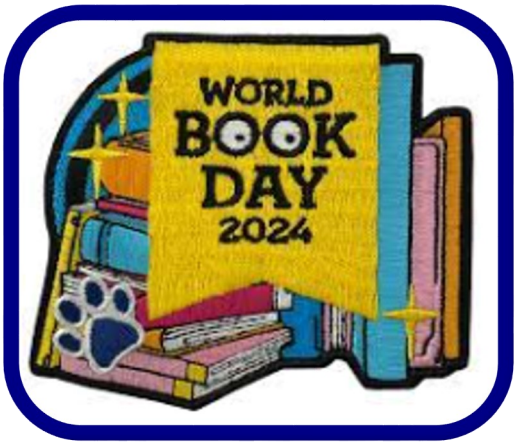
Just a reminder that World Book Day is on **Thursday 7th March** it will be a day of fun-filled activities such as storytelling, drama and role-play.

Children are asked to **dress-up as a character from a book** so that they can take part in a whole school costume parade.

The children will also receive their World Book day voucher on **Monday** next week to spend at the visiting Book Fair that will be with us all week in the Drama room after school. Part of the proceeds of sales are donated to the school to buy more books. So the more we sell, the more new books we are able to provide for our school library.

On **Friday 8th March** we are also lucky enough to have the author and illustrator Zehra Hicks to come and visit the school. She will be giving a whole school assembly and then visiting classes from Year 1 to Year 6 to explain her writing process and how she was published. She will also be signing books outside school at the end of the day.

Finally, this term, Hounslow School Library Service are running a competition for Key Stage 1 and 2 to create a new book cover for their favourite book. It must be A4 in size and can be designed by hand or on the computer. The winning students from each Key Stage will receive a £10 book token and a selection of books for the school. All entries will need to be in no later than **Thursday 7th March.**



Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is on **Friday 15th March** and we have asked the children to come to school dressed in **'Red'**

To raise money for this worthwile event, we thought that we would hold a cake sale.

We are askng everyone to bring in cake donations (we know we have some great bakers—so if you are able to make your own that woud be great, if not shop bought is good too)

The children will also be enjoying activities, organised by the School Council to raise awareness of Red Nose day for people less fortunate than ourselves in this country and all over the world.

School Council



Yr1 & 2 Great Fire of London workshop

Great fire of London

The children in year 1 and 2 enjoyed a workshop on 'The Great Fire of London'. They built the city of London and acted out what happened to start the fire and how people tried to put it out. Later the children used their knowledge on that time in history to answer questions in a quiz and play a game. They had a chance to use flint to make fire and make gunpowder.







Please look on Google classroom for more photos

Yr5&6 Girls football

On Thursday 22nd February we attended the year 5 and 6 girls football tournament. The girls were really excited before the event, they warmed up fantastically and looked prepared, but unfortunately the heavens opened! This brought down the groups morale and resulted in several huddles under shelter to try and stay dryer.

On the pitch our girls battled really well, they became a nightmare for other teams to get through as they were so tenacious in their attempts to win the ball back.

Overall we managed a couple of wins and draws but not enough points to progress to the quarter finals. Some stand out performances from Pola who kept the green team in the game as her tackling and game understanding were unmatched. With our other team, some great attacking play and turns were almost enough to secure top spot in the group, a couple of great goals including a 20 yard long shot from Zuzanna.

A cold and wet day to compete on, but a few renditions of 'Barbie girl' and 'baby shark' helped raise spirits and provide entertainment for us and the other schools to enjoy.

Well done to everyone and thanks to the parents who supported with transport.





Mini Vinnies



Catholic Social Teaching – Community & Participation by the Mini Vinnies

Last week, the Mini Vinnies, launched the Catholic Social Teaching theme – Community & Participation. We spoke about how we are all called to live in community, with others, get involved and grow together. Pope Francis said "Don't be observers, but immerse yourself in the reality of life, as Jesus did."

For years 1-6, our mission is to research St Vincent de Paul and create a piece of work that shows how he helped others. Please send all work to Ms Grimshaw by Friday 15th March.