Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term break to what promises to be another busy term.

The season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday during the half term. This week, the first week of Lent, saw our Mini-Vinnies introduce our new catholic social teaching programme, through Caritas. The theme this term is community and participation and the Mini-Vinnies led an assembly to share how we can all support others during Lent.

The weather is certainly unpredictable at the moment. Please ensure your child has their school coat and that it has their name in it.

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
19th February 2024

Reception: Amelia & Modupeola
Yr1: Eleanor & Gabriel
Yr2: Elikya & Natan
Yr3: Laura & Gabriella
Yr4: Nathan & Shalom
Yr5: Naana & Julia
Yr6: Alice & Dominik



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. George 's who received the most house points last week.

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

The children in St. George'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	153
St Andrew	142
St George	165
St David	119
St John	135
Overall Winner	St George's

Punctuality & Attendance

Position	Year	%	Late
1st	6	96.7	10
2nd	2	96.6	1
3rd	5	94.3	0
4th	3	94	4
5th	4	91.3	1
6th	Nur	84.3	2
7th	Rec	82.6	1
8th	1	81.7	2







Congratulations to Year 6 on their 96.7% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play!

Important Dates February & March

Friday 23rd February
4:30-6:30 Valentines disco

Monday 26th February
- Yr1&2 Great fire of London workshop

Thursday 29th February
2:45 Yr1 Celebration service—postponed; date TBC

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

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

Sports Leaders

Every week, at celebration assembly, our Sports leaders will be awarding two Stars of the Week.

These stars will be chosen as a result of their contribution, enthusiasm and participation during the activities that the Sports leaders are providing during lunch time play.

This week the winners were
Stella & Eliyka



Health and safety assembly

This morning we welcomed back the Health & safety team who are working at the Paragon site. The team came to announce the winners of the Health and safety competition. Lots of children entered the competition and the team said it was very difficult to chose just five posters.

Congratulations to Bella, Zuzanna, Olivia, Emily-Rose & Victoria. These children will have their posters enlarged and displayed along the railings as we walk up to the school. The children were also presented with an art box.



Yr3&4 Multi skills festival

On Wednesday we took Saskia, Liwia, Julieta, Bella, Ahmed, Leon, Laurence, Emily Rose and Otto to the yr3/4 Multi-skills festival at Osterley sports centre. For some of these children it was the first time that they had represented OLSJ at a tournament.

There were 24 teams in Hounslow being represented. The day was based on a carousel of activities. For each activity we had to score as many points as possible. All the points would be then added together to decide who the overall winners would be.

There were a carousel of 12 activities. These included: Handball, bowling. chest push, target practice, netball passes x 2. football dribble, basketball dribble, hockey goal, rugby tag, beanbag throw, throw and catch. All activities were timed and it was our job to score as many points in the allocated time.

The children did exceptionally well in all the activities. They listened and watched intently how each activity needed to be played. As a team, the children showed great skill, speed, accuracy, coordination and team spirit. Supporting each other to do the best they could.

The children did not stop from the time we started. Over 3 hours of non stop activities, but this did not put them off.

A huge congratulations to the team. Out of 24 teams we came 5th. A huge achievement. The children should be very proud of themselves, as we are.

A big thank you to Laurence and Emily -Rose's mum for their help.

