



Dates for your Diary



From the Headteacher



Thursday 2nd of April to Wednesday 15th April-Easter Holidays

Thursday 16th April - Pupils Return to School
16th April @ 9am Topic Information Morning

- 23rd Apr 9:15am Whole School Mass-International Day-TBC
- 28th Apr 10:00am Y5 Assembly
- 28th Apr Y2 @ Stratford Pizza Workshop
- 29th Apr Y3 & 4 @ Langdon Mixed Dodgeball
- Monday 4th May-Bank Holiday-School Closed**
- 6th May Years 3/4 Mixed Tennis @ Langdon
- 7th May **Science Day St. John Bosco Centre Yrs R-5**
- 8th May Citizenship Awards @ Brentwood Cathedral
- 11th May AM Nursery @ Legoland
- 11th May **KS2 SATs Week**
- 14th May Years 5/6 Mixed Tennis @ Langdon
- 19th May Y1 Assembly
- 20th May Y1 & Y2 Mixed Quad Kids @ St Helen's
- 21st May PM Nursery to Legoland
- 22nd May **Class Photograph and Whole School Photograph**



We Welcome our New Parish Priest

Today we will have the opportunity to meet our new parish priest at our end of term Holy Week Mass. We are looking forward to working closely with him and continuing the great work Fr. John has done with our school. Welcome Fr. James MacKay.



Termly Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance since 3rd September to 27th March 2015

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	Number of lates
YR	97.2	0.68	49
Y1	97.7	0.57	43
Y2	98.3	0.33	25
Y3	97.8	0.71	53
Y4	98.7	0.48	33
Y5	98.9	0.83	63
Y6	98.9	0.88	65



Excellent attendance by Y5 and Y6!!!
Good punctuality by Y2!!!

Don't forget parents that children must be in school at 8.45am, or even earlier if they attend one of our morning clubs.



Dear Parents and Friends,

I want to thank everyone who came in for parent consultation meetings last week. As always we had an excellent turnout and the feedback I had from teachers was that the meetings were well received and helpful to parents. All the parents I met were very happy with what they saw, which obviously makes me happy too.

I would like to thank all the children, families and staff who have supported so many good causes this term through various fundraising activities. Money has been given to Brentwood Catholic children's Society, CAFOD, St. Vincent De Paul society and the De Paul Trust. Thank you to Miss Wilson, who will be once again running the London Marathon for CAFOD and together with the Mini Vinnies is working hard to get sponsored in order to raise more money for CAFOD

We have had an excellent spring term with successful whole school projects, which started with the Citizenship project of Serving and Service and was complimented with our English journalism project which was followed by our Jules Verne author project.

On Friday last week Y2-6 took part in the Stations of the Cross in St. Anne's. This helped focus the children on Christ's passion and death. The service was very reflective.

Finally, once again our drama club will be dramatizing the Passion of Jesus Christ for the whole school this afternoon. I know it will be delivered with great reverence and sincerity. The children have been working hard on this for the past couple of months.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and holy Easter holiday on behalf of the staff and governors of St. Joachim's **Mr Allen**

Religious Education Section 48 Inspection

As you may now know we will be having a Religious Education inspection on Monday 20th April. The inspector will be looking at the religious education we provide our children, the opportunities for collective worship and the Catholic ethos of our school generally. The inspector will observe lessons throughout the school, watch an assembly and meet staff and pupils to discuss the religious life of the school. It is important that parents views are heard and so we would strongly encourage you all to send back your parent questionnaire on the first day back to school. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Spring Term House Cup Winner

The winner of spring term was Blessed Mother Teresa whom celebrated with the traditional celebratory house party yesterday afternoon.

Results

- 1st BessedMother Teresa – 4 wins
- 2nd Blessed Fr Tansi – 3 wins
- 3rd St.John Bosco – 2 wins
- 4th St Josephine – 1 win

Well done to all everyone who worked hard to achieve so many points. The competition starts again after Easter.





Upcoming Events:

29th Apr - Y3 & 4 @ Langdon Mixed Dodgeball
 6th May - Years 3/4 Mixed Tennis @ Langdon
 14th May - Years 5/6 Mixed Tennis @ Langdon



The Girls' Handball Competition

The girls finished second and the children who took part were; Giorgia, Nicol Priscila, Eloghosa, Whitney, Reina, Emmanuela, Elizabeth Palmer, Isabel, Zoe and Marvelle. They finished second in the tournament.

Nursery Admissions - September 2015

If you child is 3 years old or will be 3 years before 31st December 2015

you need to complete an application form. Please collect a form from the school office.

Application forms must be submitted by 31st May 2015.

Y1 at London Zoo

On Friday Year one went on a trip to London Zoo. The purpose of the trip was to help the children understand how to group animals. They were able to see many different types of mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, birds and insects. Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped make it such a fantastic day.



London Fire Brigade Workshop

On Monday Year 2 and Year 5 were visited by the London Fire Brigade for a workshop about fire safety. We looked around a virtual house to see if we could spot any fire hazards. Afterwards we learnt a song with actions to remind us what to do if there is a fire. Our favourite part was dressing up in the fireman's uniform!



Y3 at MuRFy's World

On Monday Year 3 went on a trip to MuRFy's World to learn more about their Geography topic on environment and the importance of recycling. The workshop focused on the 3 R's (reduces, reuse and recycle). The children had an opportunity to make their own jewellery from recycled magazines. We also looked at different materials that we can recycle at school and at home. We sorted the rubbish into different bins to be recycled at the centre. The interactive classroom showed us many different ways we can make a difference to our local community.



Miss Wilson Running The Marathon

Miss Wilson will be setting a great example to us all on keeping fit and at the same time helping others. She will be running the London Marathon (for the 2nd time) on Sunday 26th April to raise money for Cafod. Cafod works across the world to bring hope and compassion to poor communities, standing side by side with them to end poverty and injustice. They work with people of all faiths.

Mini Vinnies have already set Miss Wilson with a great boost and if you would like to sponsor her in this feat, then please feel free to see her or go on the website below to make a donation.

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