



- 24th Mar 10:15am Y3 Assembly
- 24th Mar 3:30-6:30pm Parents Consultation Evening
- 25th Mar Y1 & 2 Boy's Handball @ St Angela
- 26th Mar 3:30-6:30pm Parents Consultation Evening
- 30th Mar Y3 @ McFry's World
- 30th Mar Y4 @ St Helen-Festival of Voices-Rehearsal
- 1st Apr 9:15am Whole School Lenten Mass
- 1st Apr 10:00am Easter Story Drama Club

1st April- End of Term-School Finishes at 3:15pm
Thursday 2nd of April to Wednesday 15th April-Easter

Holidays

Thursday 16th April - Pupils Return to School

16th Apr 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
- 8th May Citizenship Awards @ Brentwood Cathedral
- 11th May KS2 SATs Week
- 14th May Years 5/6 Mixed Tennis @ Langdon

From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Friends,

This week has been our spring term assessments for all children from Year 1 to 6. Teachers will be sharing these results with parents at the forthcoming parent consultation meetings on Tuesday or Thursday. Children in KS2 are invited to attend the meeting with their parents, so that they can gain an understanding of what they do well and what they need to work on. Letters for this meeting have already been sent out to parents that provides the time options.

This week our chair of governors sent out a letter to all parents confirming that St. Joachim's and St. Helen's will form a multi academy trust. This will happen on Wednesday 1st April. However, parents and pupils will not notice any real changes as the school will stay as St. Joachim's, the children will wear the same uniform and everything else will seem very much the same. The main reason we have joined with St. Helen's is that together we will form a stronger partnership, which will benefit all our children through even better school and education. Through this multi academy trust we will be able to pursue funding together for projects that will improve both our schools, such as bidding for money from the Education Funding Agency to build more classrooms. The academy will be known as Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy Trust, and this will now be shown on future letters and our website. I am very excited about our future prospects.

The new milk scheme in St. Joachim appears to be working very well, and everyone in the school who wants milk can have milk on a daily basis, free of charge courtesy of school funds. This of course will not be indefinite and we will review to see how it continues to operate and whether the school can afford to pay for children's milk.

James Allen

Reminders ~ Parents' Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 24th March & Thursday 26th March
3:30-6:30pm

KS2 children are invited to attend the meeting with their parents to discuss their progress and attainment.

Continued Easter Fundraising Event

CAKE SALE

Wednesday 25th March 2015

3.10 - 4pm

In the Inclusion room

30p-50p

Please support a worthy cause



Termly Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance since 23rd February to 14th March 2015

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	Number of lates
YR	97.7	0.67	6
Y1	97.1	0.89	8
Y2	98.3	0.11	1
Y3	95.2	0.89	8
Y4	100	0.33	3
Y5	98.9	0.44	4
Y6	98.7	0.34	3

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Perfect attendance by Y4!!!
Great 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.

Admissions

Throughout the year we do have families move out of the area and so from time to time we have vacancies at St. Joachim's.

If you know anyone who has a child that would like to send their child to our Catholic school, please let them know that they need to apply in order for them to have a chance for a place. Applications can be downloaded from our web site www.st-joachims.newham.sch.uk or you can come into our reception to ask for forms.

Sports News



Upcoming Events:

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Mini Vinnies

Yesterday St Joachim's welcomed the Mini Vinnies from 7 different schools in the borough (approximately 90 children) for our annual Mini Vinnie Festival. The children had a fantastic afternoon networking with other mini vinnies, they presented what they have been doing to help others and shared some memorable experiences from the past year.



The children came away feeling inspired and full of fresh new ideas to do more!

Red Nose Day Friday 13th March



A total of £315.40 will be donated to Red Nose Day.

Toast sale - £115.40

Face Painting - £200.

120 red noses were bought and sold for £1 each.

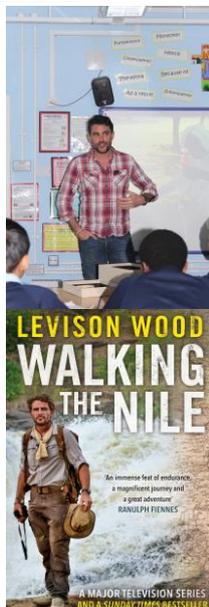
From each £1 spent on red noses 60p goes to charity.

Thank you for your generous support.

Levison Wood Visits Year 6!

Levison Wood is a writer, photographer and explorer who walked the entire length of the river Nile, as seen on Channel 4's 'Walking the Nile'. As part of the Jules Verne project, Miss Pape invited him in talk to year 6 about his explorations, and amazingly he agreed.

Levison did a presentation for Year 6, which included photographs he took on his exploration, video clips and artefacts. Year 6 were very impressed with the artefacts - especially as they got to examine them - which included: a spear, a 300 year old sword and a hippo's tooth. It was such a wonderful morning, which Year 6 will surely never forget!



St Bonaventure's School presents...

Born for This



The way of the Cross

Thursday 26th March 2015

7:00pm

Venue: St Antony's Church, Forest Gate, E7 9QB

www.sfbons.org



The Jules Verne Assembly

Today marks the end of our Jules Verne Project, and what a marvellous one it has been! For four weeks the children have studied Verne's most famous novels - developing their understanding of reading comprehension, and extended writing in the process. Key objectives of the topic included developing imagination, understanding context, exploring author's language choices and examining conventions of genre.

As a cross-curricular approach to the project, the children have also had the opportunity to learn about famous explorers and expeditions in Geography and Science, as well as attending workshops and performances.

The project was concluded with class assemblies which were of a very high quality, and the judging of competition entries. Special mention must go Reeyana in Yr 3, whose competition entry was simply superb! (as shown)



Nursery Chicks

Nursery have had the amazing experience of watching chicks hatch from eggs, and then looking after them in the class. We had 6 chicks sharing our classroom and loved every minute of it.

