



St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

21st November 2014



Dates to Remember

- 26th Nov Year 1 and Year 2 - Hot potato Mixed @ St Helen's
- 26th Nov Year 2 @ Royal Navel College - 9am -3:15pm
- 26th Nov KS1 Film Night 3:30pm-5:30pm
- 27th Nov Brentwood diocesan Carol Concert - Y6 choir
- 27th Nov 2:15pm Greek Myths Assembly - Y3, 4, & 5
- 1st Dec Greek Mythology Workshop @ Stratford 9am-1:45pm, Y3 & 4
- 2nd Dec 10:15am Greek Myths Assembly - Y6
- 3rd Dec KS2 Film Night 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- 5th Dec Carol singing @ Canada Water 6:30pm-10pm
- 9th Dec Mini Vinnies Movie Night 3:30-5pm
- 10th Dec Year 3 @ Saatchi Gallery all day
- 11th Dec 10:00am KS1 and Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
- 12th Dec 1:30pm KS1 and Foundation Stage Christmas Performance
- 15th Dec 7:00pm KS2 Carol Concert/Nativity in St Anne's Church
- 17th Dec 6:00-8:00pm School Disco
- 19th December last day of school**
- School finishes at 1:30pm**
- Christmas Break starts 22nd December**
- Tuesday 6th January Whole School Returns**
- 7th Jan Rec. Parents' Phonics Meeting @9am and 2pm
- 14th Jan Y5/6 Athletics @ UEL

From the Assistant Headteacher



Dear Parents and friends,

What a very busy week it has been for our school! So many exciting events and assemblies have happened that it seems the week has flown by very quickly indeed. On Tuesday, our pupils from Yr 5 travelled to Rome with Mr Allen, Miss Wilson and Mrs Patel for a four day pilgrimage - with the aim of exploring as many of the religious and significant landmarks of the city as they could. They are having such a wonderful time visiting so many different places, including the Colosseum and Vatican City, but their favourite event so far has to have been their audience with Pope Francis. What a truly wonderful privilege, and a memory I'm sure they'll keep forever.

In school, we have also had a busy and enjoyable week. Yr 4 started our week off with their exciting class assembly, where they retold the legend of Odysseus. Yesterday, our poetry group (consisting of members of Yrs 5 and 6) took part in the Newham Schools' Choral Speaking Competition, which consisted of 20 schools. It is with great pride that I can announce that St. Joachim's came 1st place! What a fantastic achievement! Congratulations to the children and Mr Helliwell for all their hard work. Finally, our week was concluded with the EYFS and KS1 celebration assembly for our Myths and Legends project, where I was not only impressed with the dramas, but the many varied and wonderful competition entries! **Miss Pape**

FOSJA



Meeting: Monday 24th November at 3:30pm

On Monday 24th November there will be a FOSJA meeting at 3:30pm.



KS1 Film Night: The Snow Queen

Date: Wed 26th Nov Time: 3:30pm-5:30pm Cost: £2.00

On Wednesday 26th November there will be a film night for KS1 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. We will be showing The Snow Queen. Cost: £2.00. Popcorn and a drink will be provided.

Friends of St. Joachim's are also planning the following activities; movie nights, carol singing (5th December at Canada Water), Christmas card designs and Christmas raffle. Thank you for your support.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Have you registered to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals? If not St Joachim's needs you to go on to this website:

<https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

This is an easy to use checker and it could result in St. Joachim's receiving an extra £1300 towards your child's education. Please check today!

Reminder - Collecting Children

Please ensure that we have contact details of anyone collecting your child, even if it only happens on occasion. Information should be given to the school office.

Termly Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance since 3rd November to 14th November 2014

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	Number of lates
YR	98.0	1.30	7
Y1	97.7	0.77	4
Y2	97.6	0.74	4
Y3	99.4	0.57	3
Y4	99.6	0.74	4
Y5	99.3	1.85	10
Y6	99.6	0.96	5



Very Good attendance by Y4 and Y6!!
Good punctuality by Y3!!!

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

Trip to the Synagogue

During Judaism week (November 10th - November 15th) Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 made a trip to a local synagogue. We travelled there and back by DLR and all children were extremely sensible throughout the journey. The minister and his wife, who are in charge of the synagogue, were extremely welcoming when we arrived. We saw a special cupboard called the Ark and it contains the Torah scrolls which have been written by a scribe in Hebrew. The children asked lots of interesting questions and brought back lots of useful information to use in their schoolwork and learning.



Ciao da Rome!



The children are enjoying their time in Rome. The weather has been sunny and everyone is well. The children have visited various places and events including an audience with the Pope, the English college and The Vatican City.



Emails – We have set up an emailing service to parents. If you have an email address and would like to receive newsletters and other information by email please inform the office staff.

RECEPTION 2015/2016

If your child was born between the above dates you need to complete the application forms.

There are 2 application forms to complete if you are applying to a catholic school;

the **Common Application Form for the Local Authority** and the **Supplementary Form and Priest Reference Form**.

If you are not sure, please contact the school.

Application forms must be submitted by 15th January 2015.

We advise that you submit the forms at least a week before this date for checking.

Year 4 Assembly

On Tuesday morning, Year 4 transported us to Ancient Greece. They performed scenes from the Odyssey; a dramatic tale of adventure and mythical beasts!



Remembrance Day 2014

Our School Council and other representatives, such as MPs and the Mayor, joined pupils from various schools, and members of the British Legion to mark the day of Remembrance at Central Park on 11th November.



Choral Speaking Competition 2014

We are proud to announce that this week a group of children from year 5 and 6 were crowned 'Newham Choral Speaking Champions' for 2014 at a competition at Stratford Circus.

The children performed a piece of choral poetry titled 'Lest we forget, never forget', based on the works of Wilfred Owen. The judges were unanimous in their decision and St Joachim's scored a total of 95 marks out of 100! Huge congratulations to everyone involved. Well done!

