



Dates for your Diary



From the Headteacher



- 1st Mar Y6 Visit Charles Dickens Museum
- 2nd Mar Y5 Pupils at St Stephen's Church
- 3rd Mar Y3 at GLA City Hall
- 4th Mar Y5 Visit Charles Dickens Museum
- 4th Mar Y4 Dickensian Walk
- 9th Mar Y5 Pupils at St Stephen's Church
- 15th Mar **Parents' Consultation Evening**
- 16th Mar Y2 Pizza Workshop
- 17th Mar **Parents' Consultation Evening**
- 22nd Mar 10:15am Y3 Assembly
- 24th Mar 9:15am End of Term Mass



Thursday 24th March - School Finishes at 3:15

Friday 25th March - Start of Easter Holiday

Thursday 7th April - Pupils Return to School

7th Apr 9:00am Parents Topic Information

Breakfast Club starts at 7:45am- £2 per session

Morning Clubs start at 8:15am

School Starts: From 8:45am ~ Children can go directly to their class



Child Road Safety - IMPORTANT



We would like to remind some parents that the yellow zig-zag lines around the school are no parking. They were put on the roads for the benefit of the children only to keep them safe.

Please do not park on them.

Even more importantly there are ramps near the school entrances as crossing points for children.

Please do not stop on them at all.

It only takes one accident! Most people are considerate and cooperate well. We don't really want to request for parking attendants outside our school to fine people.

Please work together to keep all our children safe.

Attendance



Illness- We would like to remind parents to send a note when their child has an absence from school because of sickness. It is important that we know the reason why the child was absent, in writing.

Medical- Non urgent appointments should be done outside of school hours. Letters of appointments from hospital, doctor, dentist etc. have to be shown to the office staff when collecting children during school hours for their appointment.

Other Absence- There is a 'Leave of Absence' form (available from school office), that parents must complete if a child is being taken out of school during term time.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Dear Parents and Friends,

We had a lovely start to the new half term dressed as Victorians for our Charles Dickens project. Once again we were fortunate (although some may disagree) to be visited at our whole school assembly by the weasely character of Fagin and his very light fingered friend, Jack Dawkins (although he calls himself Artful Dodger). Although they are not the two greatest role models they did launch the project exceedingly well and the children seem very enthused by the whole programme ahead.

Recently we have been having a number of sporting successes across a range of sports which is very pleasing for our children. In particular, our Girls' Football team have been brilliant with 7 wins and one draw. They should now go into the final. Well done Mr Curran for all the training you have done to achieve this great run of results.

As for the past 5 years, we are hoping to do our annual day trip to Paris again. We need to know how many are interested now so that we can book seats on the Eurostar. We normally take between 40-50 children but we need a minimum of 30 to make it a viable trip. It is heavily subsidised by the school. Please return your forms.

This week it was reported to me that some parents are actually stopping on the ramps at the school entrances. I have asked staff to report to me anyone that does do this as it endangers our children.

Finally I would like to draw your attention to the forthcoming parent consultation meetings. We invite the children to attend with their parents, particularly in KS2. We will be providing you information on your child's progress against the new curriculum (but without levels as these have been made obsolete).

James Allen



Sports News



- 9th Mar Y3/4 Handball Mixed TBC
- 16th Mar Y5/6 Boys' Basketball at Langdon
- 23rd Mar Y3 & Y4 @ St Angela's Sports Athletics
- 13th Apr Years 5/6 @ Sandringham ~ Streetball Basketball

Spring - First Half Term Attendance

Attendance since 4th January to 19th February 2016

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	96.4	1.15	20
Y1	97.6	1.09	19
Y2	99.0	0.34	6
Y3	98.8	0.12	2
Y4	98.7	0.46	8
Y5	98.6	0.40	7
Y6	98.4	0.05	1

**Fantastic attendance by Y2 at 99%
Excellent punctuality by Y6 and Y3.
Well done!!**

At the end of the school year we will look to see which class has won over all in attendance and punctuality.



Charles Dickens comes to life at St. Joachim's!

The first Monday back after half-term saw the launch of our four week *Charles Dickens* project, introduced by an entertaining and fun-filled assembly. Leading the assembly were the famous Fagin and the Artful Dodger (*Oliver Twist*). To say that we were surprised to receive such visitors is an understatement!

The characters entertained the audience with their rascally ways, and shared a great many facts about the Victorian Era from which they hailed. They finished off the launch assembly with a rousing rendition of 'Pick a Pocket or Two' before scarping off - no doubt heading back into the depths of London to carry on their infamous trade!

After the assembly, we continued to celebrate Dickens - but with an unusual twist! We were transformed back in time! The school became Victorian, and indeed all the children and staff were dressed for the occasion in their pinafores, caps and smocks. Lessons were carried out Victorian-style, no doubt to the consternation of the children, as Victorian schools were very strict! Even our Lunch was an entirely Victorian affair, with such delights as Bread and Butter pudding on the menu.

We will continue to celebrate and explore all things Dickensian, as we study selected novels by Charles Dickens, complemented by workshops and educational visits. It promises to be a rather exciting project!



Chess Tournament

Three year 4 pupils (Rachael Moseray, Dino Maras and Micaiah Napa) attended a chess tournament at Ellen Wilkinson Primary School on Wednesday 10th February. All three players were very successful in their chess matches but Micaiah rose to the top and won the 'Top Score - age eight' competition. Well done to our three chess players!

Year 4 Top Scorer!



Newham Mini Games

On Tuesday 9th February, 30 children from Year 5 and Year 6 attended the Newham Mini Games. The children had trained very hard in these events and performed very well. The Netball team reached the quarter finals and the Tag Rugby team reached the semi-finals.

Special congratulations to Amanda, Pamela and Burang who came third in the Boccia event.

Well done
St Joachim's!



Y5 at Tate and Lyle

Just before half term, Year 5 went on a trip as part of our Citizenship project. We travelled by mini bus to Tate and Lyle where we were met by lots of members of the Police Force. We took part in lots of workshops while we were there, learning all about being safe in Public Places. There were staff from British Transport Police, Saint John's Ambulance and London Fire Brigade present. Some children even got kidnapped by a lady pretending to be working there! Luckily, she was an undercover police officer. This taught us a very important lesson about Stranger Danger.



We enjoyed our trip and will now be much more aware of our surroundings when travelling alone.

Visit to Paris



Following our successful day trip to Paris

last year, we plan to take KS2-Years 3, 4, 5, 6 children for an exciting day to Paris during the summer term.

The children will speak and hear French all around them for the day and we hope that this will encourage and support their work.

The cost per child is around £90, but parents contribute only £45 towards it. This includes travel, meals and entry to places of interest. The children will be travelling by Eurostar to Paris accompanied by 6 members of staff.

If you would like to send your child, please bring your child's passport and payment to the school office.

You need to do this as soon as possible to avoid disappointment as we already have a number of children on the list.

Year 4 Trip to the Royal Albert Hall

On Thursday 25th February Year 4 went on an exciting trip to the Royal Albert Hall for an interactive Victorian tour as part of our exciting new Dickensian Project. We went back in time to the 1800s and learned all about the Victorian era and life for the rich and the poor. We also learnt about different characters from the Victorian age and how they represented different sections of society. We learnt about the history of the Royal Albert Hall and we even got to take a peek at the Queen's very own box where she views concerts and plays. The viewing box has been used by the Royal family since 1800s until today. We also learned about Joseph Bazalgette and how he solved the problem of the 'Great Stink of London' in the 1860s.

