



St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

13th May 2016



Dates for Your Diary



From the Headteacher



16th May Y3, 4, 5 NFER Tests

16th May AM Nurs at Legoland - No PM Nurs

17th May 10:15am Y1 Assembly

17th May Y5 Swimming Lesson Cancelled

18th May 5:00pm Y6 Parent Meeting - Lake District

23rd May PM Nursery at Legoland - No AM Nursery

25th May 16 Children at St Stephen's Church

26th May Class Group Photos

27th May Y4 at London Zoo



Half Term Week - 30th May to 3rd June - School Closed

Inset Day - 6th June School Closed

- 7th Jun 9-9:15am Topic Information Morning
- 7th Jun Y6 at Theatre - Mousetrap
- 8th Jun 2.30 and 5.30pm Art Workshops for Parents
- 8th Jun Y1 at St Paul's Cathedral
- 8th Jun Y2 at St Paul's Cathedral
- 13th Jun Y4 at St Paul's Cathedral
- 13th Jun Y6 at Ullswater Lake District-All Week
- 14th Jun 10:15am Nursery Assembly
- 14th Jun Y4 at Tower of London-FOV
- 14th Jun Y2 at Greenwich Peninsula Park
- 15th Jun French Day
- 20th Jun Y6 at Time Tours London Bus History
- 21st Jun Y1 at Golden Hinde History Workshop



Dear Parents and Friends,

This week we have just completed the first part of the SATs tests for Year 6. I have to congratulate the children and the teachers for the hard work that they have put in, particularly since Christmas, when they started coming to school at 8am each day. Thanks also to the parents who ensured that their child was in school on time each day. Thank you too, for ensuring that your child completed all their written and Conquer Maths homework. It was very challenging and I don't think anyone could have done more to prepare for the SATs.

Next week it is the assessments for Year 3, 4 and 5 and so the children will need to make sure that they are ready for the tests by going to bed on time so that they are not too tired and of course getting in to school on time each day. Children can of course practise before the tests using Conquer Maths and BBC Bitesize and they should practise their times tables.

The week after next will then be the turn of Year 2 to do their maths, reading and grammar tests.

Last week we were very blessed when we went to the St. John Bosco Centre because of the wonderful weather. The children, as you probably know, enjoyed themselves immensely, and so too, it seems, did the adults. Thank you to all the parents and friends that came along and helped. It was very much like a big family trip. **James Allen**

Nursery Admissions - September 2016

If your child is 3 years old or will be 3 years before 31st December 2016 you need to complete an application form.

Please collect a form from the school office. Application forms must be submitted by 31st May 2016.



Sports News



- 17th May Borough Events at NLC – Newham Mini Games
- 25th May Years 3/4 Borough Events at Langdon - Tennis Mixed
- 8th Jun Years 5/6 at Langdon – Tennis Mixed
- 13th Jun Years 5/6 Borough Events at HUB - Quad Kids

Sainsbury's School Vouchers

This is a reminder to all parents that the school is currently collecting Sainsbury vouchers and they can be sent to school with the children.



Sainsbury's
Active Kids
Eat well • Move well • Live well

Uniform Reminder

Children need to follow the uniform code at all times, and this includes PE Kit.

Boys in KS2 must have ties.

All children must have black shoes

PE Kits must be - White Tee-shirt, Navy Blue Shorts, White or black Socks, Plimsolls. KS2 can wear trainers for PE.

No jewellery other than a watch

Children should not wear thermal long vests and leggings including boys during summer.

St Joachim's Citizen of the Year

Nathan was awarded Citizen of the Year last Friday by Bishop Alan at Brentwood Cathedral. Nathan was given the award for his outstanding example of service and responsibility in his roles as a prefect and Yr6 pupil. Well done Nathan.



Summer Term - Attendance

Attendance since 25th April to 6th May 2016

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	99.3	98.70	7
Y1	98.9	98.70	7
Y2	98.9	99.63	2
Y3	99.6	99.80	1
Y4	98.3	99.80	1
Y5	99.3	99.45	3
Y6	98.7	99.80	1



Winners

Attendance – Y3

Punctuality - Y3, Y4 & Y6 Well done!!

Science Day ~ St. John Bosco Centre

Thursday 5th May was science day at St John Bosco camp for Reception to Year 5. Each class participated in science-based field work around the meadow, woodland and river. The children carried out a range of activities; year 3 used magnifying glasses and a key to find different plants and observe how they pollenate.

Year 2 were looking at different habitats to see which mini-beasts lived there - under the log seemed to be a very popular place for them to live! Year 1 were investigating the types of trees that could be found on the camp, they collected leaves and even took rubbings of the patterns on the tree bark. The children were very interested to see the swans that had begun nesting in the centre of the lake and year 4 were certain that they had discovered an old swan egg near the scene.

The weather was fantastic and the children loved carrying out their investigations out in the open. A huge thank you to all of the children, parents and teachers who made the day such a success!



Children Visit the European Swimming Championships

On Thursday children from the school's sports club went to the Olympic aquatic centre. They were given the opportunity to watch the European championships and saw both synchronised swimming and diving. It was a great day and a wonderful experience for the children.

Let's hope this inspires some of our children to be British swimmers one day!



Former Pupils Making the News

Last week pupils of St. Bonaventure's achieved a new record by becoming the English Basketball champions in Years 7,8,9 and 10. Former St. Joachim's pupils Prince Attender and Tomas Augustauskas were among the winners. Tomas was also recently awarded a Jack Petchey award.



School Council serving Mary's Meals

The School Council have decided that they would like to support a Charity called Mary's Meals after having listened to a volunteer about the work that they do. Therefore the School Council would like children to bring in items that will be packed into little rucksacks and sent to children in countries where they do not have many of the basic necessities that we take for granted such as a toothbrush. Here below are the suggested items children could bring in:

- Nursery & Reception: Crayons, Pens and Pencils
- Year 1: Toothpaste
- Year 2: Toothbrush and Crayons
- Year 3: Pencil case (with pens, rubbers etc.)
- Year 4: Tennis balls and Skipping ropes
- Year 5: Reading books and Notepads
- Year 6: Soap and Towels and hairbands
- Anyone: Rucksacks.

We would really appreciate it if you could bring all these items back by Wednesday 25th May 2016.

New items are preferable - Thank you for your support

<https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>



Other Reminders

Nursery Visit to Legoland

Monday 16th May - Morning Nursery children at Legoland. Nursery will be closed for children who attend in the afternoon.

Monday 23rd May - Afternoon Nursery children at Legoland. Nursery will be closed for children who attend in the morning.



Year 1 at Custom House Centre, Dock Road

This Tuesday, a few children from year 1 were chosen to help the Mayor of Newham open the new Crossrail at Custom House DLR station in cutting the ribbon and were given the privilege Crossrail after it had been officially opened. They were very excited and proud to have been a part

