



# St Joachim's Primary School Newsletter

22<sup>nd</sup> January 2016



## Dates for your Diary



## From the Headteacher



- 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 10:15 Year 2 Assembly
- 27<sup>th</sup> Jan Y4 at Royal Society for Intl Year of Light Celebration
- 29<sup>th</sup> Jan Y3 & Y6 visit Sikh Temple in Ilford
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb Reception at Pizza Express
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb Individual Photographs
- 4<sup>th</sup> Feb Y4 & Y5 visit Sikh Temple in Ilford
- 8<sup>th</sup> Feb Y5 at Tate & Lyle – Junior Citizens
- 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 10:15am Rec Class Assembly

### **15<sup>th</sup> February - Start of Half Term Week- School Closed**

### **22<sup>nd</sup> February – Pupils Return to School**

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 9:00am Parents' Topic Information Morning
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb Rec & Y6 Weight & Height
- 1<sup>st</sup> Mar 2:30 & 5:30pm English - Parent Workshop

**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**

## Sea Cadets



Get on, get out on the water with us!  
 Aged 10-18? Want to try a new watersport? Join the Sea Cadets every Saturday! [www.sea-cadets.org](http://www.sea-cadets.org)

## First Holy Communion

It was good to see that 33 children have enrolled at St. Anne's Custom House.

## KS1/KS2 Christmas DVD ~ £5



If you ordered a KS1 and Early Years Nativity DVD, it is ready to collect.

The DVD for Key Stage 2 Carol Service will be ready to collect next week. A text message will be sent out.

**There is still time to order a DVD. Please ask at the office.**

## Sports News



- 27<sup>th</sup> Jan Year 5/6 Basketball mixed at Langdon
- 28<sup>th</sup> Jan Year 6 Sportshall Athletic at NLC
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb Y1/2 at Vicarage – Mixed Handball

## Individual Photographs



Children will be having their photo taken on **3<sup>rd</sup> February**. Please ensure that your child is in full uniform and the boys are reminded to wear their ties.

### Dear Parents and Friends,

We have now completed our short classic poetry project and we are now moving onto annual Citizenship Week Project which focuses on Gospel Values. The aim of the project is to get children to learn about British and Gospel values and how they are not conflicting but that are supportive in many respects. Children will be going on the usual various educational visits and there will also be some drama workshops. During the project the children will be asked to support a charity called Mary's Bread, which is a charity that 'fed a million from a shed'. It should be a very engaging project as always.

It isn't often that I can say I am really amazed, but last week I had the privilege to watch and listen to a number of our children recite classic poetry individually in front of myself, Miss Pape and Mr Helliwell, such poems as 'Wind on the hill' by AA Milne and 'I wandered Lonely as a cloud' by William Wordsworth. I thought it might be a bit boring to hear so many recitals but how wrong I was. It was breathtakingly fantastic and I was genuinely filled with enormous pride and joy at the effort and quality our children gave. Simply to say they were all magnificent. Thank you to all who entered and thank you to Miss Pape for organising this event.

From time to time as a Headteacher I get to hear about and sometimes meet ex-pupils of St. Joachim's and this week I was informed that 2 such pupils have been doing ever so well. The lads are Nana-Kofi Busia, 26, and his younger brother Junior, 22. They went to St Joachim's and still live in Canning Town.

They are a production duo called Dr Vades and signed to Universal Records. They have enjoyed quite a bit of success and had a big hit last summer with an American singer songwriter called Bryson Tiller called 'Don't'. It sold over 1.5 million apparently. They had a song out called 'Balenciaga' too. Check them out on you tube.

Of course we shouldn't forget Jermain Defoe who is still having great success at Sunderland. Jermain attended St. Joachim's in the late 1980's. Mrs Legg was telling me how he used to arrive early at school every morning to practice football in the playground. He is still scoring many goals including a hatrick the other week against Swansea.

It's great to see former pupils doing well.

**James Allen**

## Termly Punctuality and Attendance

Attendance since 4<sup>th</sup> January to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	96.5	0.18	1
Y1	96.9	1.11	6
Y2	100	0.18	1
Y3	98.1	0	0
Y4	98.5	0.37	2
Y5	98.7	0.37	2
Y6	97.4	0.18	1



**Fantastic attendance by Y2 100%**  
**Excellent punctuality by 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.**

## Poetry Recitals: Classic Poets

Last week, each class had to study, learn and recite (off by heart) a classic poem, to the rest of the school and their parents. The performances were absolutely wonderful, and really impressed everyone who attended.

As part of the project, we also ran Recital Competitions for solo performers. Children from years 2 to 6 were invited to sign up and perform in front of a panel of judges. The performances were judged on strict criteria, and awarded marks. We had lots of entries, and were very impressed by the absolutely wonderful and emotive recitals. It was so hard to pick winners as it was truly fantastic to see how much effort everyone had put in.

### Our poetry recital winners for 2016:

Kelechi - Yr 6

'Remember'

by Christina Rossetti

Leona - Yr 4

'Wind on the Hill'

by A.A Milne

Our runners-up- 2016:

Marvelle - Yr 3

'Wind on the Hill'

by A.A Milne

Elissia - Yr 6 -

'The Lamb'

by William Blake



## St. Joachim's Breakfast Club Vacancies

We currently have a few places available for our popular breakfast club.

**Cost - £2 per day Starts: 7.45am**

**Breakfast** is cereal, toast and something cooked such as scrambled eggs, beans or bacon. They can also have juice, as well as fruit and yogurts.



**Apply by phone or at the school office.**

## Sports Event at UEL

On Wednesday 13/1/16 Mrs Gay and Mr Curran took a team selected from Years 5 & 6 to the 'Sports Dock' at UEL. The team competed against other schools in the borough and participated in many different sports events. It was a good team effort and finished 4th overall. Well done to all who participated.



## Hair Policy - Polite Reminder

At St. Joachim's we do not stipulate what hairstyles children should have, however there are occasionally some that we feel are not appropriate. We ask that boys **do not** have Mohican style hair or any kind of tram lines or logos cut into the hair.

*Thank you for your support*



## Ringworm - Advice

From time to time it is noticeable that some children appear to have ringworm, particularly boys. It is highly contagious when not treated. However once treated with the correct medication, children can and should return school.

What is noticeable that boys who get their hair cut very short or shaved off appear to get ringworm most. This is quite possibly due to the hairdressing equipment not being adequately sterilised. **Please take care.**

## Athletics Champions 2016



A team of 8 pupils from Y3/4 took part in Athletics Competitions at St Angela. Points were given on each event St Joachim's team excelled in the relay race and came first with the most points overall. Excellent team play. **Well done!!!**

Overall		
P	School	Total
1	St Joachim's	176
2	St Edward's	170
3	St Antony's	156
4	Aldersbrook	152
5	St Helen's	120
6	St Michael's	94
7	Essex	82
8	Star	62

## Inter-faith Workshop at St Helen's

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 ten children were selected from Ys3 & 4 to represent St. Joachim's at an Inter-faith workshop at St Helen's primary school.

The children were selected to learn about other faiths, while linking this to our British Values. At the workshop the children were separated into groups with children from 3 different schools: St Helen's Primary School, Range Primary School and Star primary school. The children enjoyed asking questions and comparing their faiths with the other children.

