

Dates for Your Diary



- 27th Feb Y5 at Design Museum
- 28th Feb Mini Vinnies Festival
- 1st Mar 9:15am Whole School Mass - Ash Wednesday
- 2nd Mar **World Book Day – Dress up day**
- 3rd Mar Y4 Shakespeare Walk
- 10th Mar Y3 Visit to GLA
- 13th Mar Y5 at Horse Guards Parade
- 14th Mar Y3 at Design Museum
- 15th Mar Y4 Festival of Voices Practice at St Helen's
- 21st Mar 10:15am Y3 Assembly
- 21st Mar 3:30-6:30pm Parent/Teacher Consultation
- 23rd Mar 3:30-6:30pm Parent/Teacher Consultation
- 29th Mar 2:30 and 5:30pm Maths Parents' Workshop
- 4th Apr Whole School Mass-Holy Week
- 7th April – Last Day of Term – School finishes at 3:15pm

10th April to 21st April – Easter Holiday

24th Apr Return to School

Sports Events

- 28th Feb Boys and Girls Football league
- 28th Feb Newham Winter Mini Games
- 1st Mar Handball mixed Y1 and Y2 - Venue TBC
- 8th Mar Handball Mixed Y3 & 4 TBC
- 9th Mar Boys and Girls League Match at Rosetta
- 15th Mar Basketball Boys Y5 and Y6 at Langdon
- 22nd Mar Sportshall Athletics Y3 & 4 Venue TBC
- 29th Mar Y5/6 Table Tennis Mixed

Important Message to Parents

Online Safety



We tell our children to share but online it's different. In fact, sometimes sharing online can be dangerous. [Talking to your child](#) is the best way to help keep them safe.

If you need help now...

1. You can phone the friendly experts on the free NSPCC & O2 helpline [0808 800 5002](tel:08088005002) to get advice on anything from the latest social networks to parental controls.
2. Read the advice on [talking to your child](#) about online safety. Talk about what might be OK for children of different ages. Ask your child what sites or apps they like. Write a list, and look at them together.

Be positive about what you see, but also be open about concerns you have: "I think this site's really good" or "I'm a little worried about things I've seen here".

Talk to your child about what you think is appropriate – but also involve them in the conversation. Ask what they think is OK for children of different ages – they'll feel involved in the decision-making.

Be aware that your child might talk about friends who use apps or visit sites that you've decided aren't suitable. Be ready to discuss your reasons, but recognize that they may not agree with you. Listen carefully for the reasons why.

Go through a final list of sites you both agree are OK, and work out when you'll next discuss it. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>

Enjoy Jazz Music at Beckton Library!

Mr Prosser, one of our ECAM tutors, will be doing a presentation at Beckton Library, The Globe, on the history of jazz music on **Saturday 25th February, 2017**, from 4.00pm to 4.30pm followed by some live music until 5.30pm. The event is FREE and open to the public. Go along if you would like to brighten up your weekend with some lovely live Jazz music!



From the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Friends,

It was good to return back after half term to our next whole school project on Shakespeare. We had an amazing launch assembly with two very notable Shakespearean actors who set the scene for this project very well. As usual there will be plenty of exciting learning activities including drama workshops educational visits and of course our end of topic celebration assembly. Also there are the various writing and making competitions with prizes for the winners. It is all very exciting. This week we also had our annual e-safety day with the pupils. We had an assembly and an expert went round to each class talking and showing the children how to keep safe. Keeping children safe using computers, laptops and phones is very challenging. As a parent, I know that our children do not share all they do on the Internet, and as parents we are not often familiar with all the latest apps and gadgets. However, we do need to do our best to protect children. Last year we found a large number of children were on their phones at 11pm and later. Worst still some were on their parents' phones looking through all kinds of inappropriate videos and corresponding with others in ways which is totally unsuitable. Please read our Online Safety guidance.

This Wednesday is the start of Lent and we will be attending Mass at 9.15am at St. Anne's for Ash Wednesday. We will also be doing our usual fundraising during this period as part of giving alms. We hope that you will be able to support us.

Finally, we are really pleased with the success of our Year 6 children who took part in the Brilliant Club and graduated at Oxford University. We had four children get 1sts, five got 2:1's and one 2:2. Brilliant! **James Allen**

Social Media-Parents' Workshop

On Tuesday 21st February St Joachim's took part in an Online Safety Day. One of the main focuses of the day was to teach children about their digital footprint and how it can affect their lives. The Parent's workshop looked at social media especially the age restrictions.

Age Restrictions On Social Media

13	14	16	17	18	18
Twitter Facebook Instagram Pinterest Google+ Tumblr Reddit Snapchat	LinkedIn	WhatsApp	Vine Tinder	Path	(13 with parents consent) YouTube Keek Foursquare WeChat Kik Flickr

Spring Term Attendance

Attendance since 30th January to 10th February

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No
YR	99.0	99.5	3
Y1	98.8	99.83	1
Y2	98.3	99.33	4
Y3	100	99.67	2
Y4	98.5	99.67	2
Y5	99.7	99.32	4
Y6	99.0	100	0



Winners

Y6 at 100% for punctuality!! ~ Amazing
Y3 at a perfect 100% attendance. Excellent!!!



This week we received our brand new school minibus with our school logo emblazoned across it. FOSJA has been raising money for it since 2008 through cake sales and fun days and much more. Mrs Halliwell, former chair of FOSJA and now school governor said, 'The best things in life are worth waiting for. This is wonderful news'. Claudia Sharpe FOSJA's former chairperson was absolutely thrilled that the school finally got the bus.

Our bus will enable us to take children to and from many of the local sporting and other inter-school events more quickly and safely.



Girls School 2 Pack Short Sleeve Blouses

Blouse for KS2 Girls

We have noticed that some girls in KS2 are wearing the wrong blouse. A girl's blouse has an open collar and should not have a button at the top.

Blouses are available from Ian Howard (school shop in East Ham) Asda, Tesco and John Lewis.



Lost Property

We have lots of items especially coats left behind in lost property with no name. Please ensure to label all your child's belongings. Laundry permanent marker pen can be purchased for £6.00 at M&S.

Y5 at Tate and Lyle

On Tuesday 7th February Year 5 went to the Tate and Lyle factory for a Junior Citizens Day as part of our annual citizenship week project. The day was arranged by many different organisations such as the Police, London Fire Brigade and TFL. The main aim of the day was to make the children aware of the dangers that they face in society and how to stay safe. It was an extremely interesting and educational day. **Chiamaka**



All the school's a stage!

This week the children of St. Joachim's were treated to a visit from two famous Elizabethan actors! As part of the launch of the school's Shakespeare project, John and Olivia took time away from their busy acting schedule with the Lord Chamberlain's men to introduce children to the world of William Shakespeare.



The children discovered which play they would be studying this term and some of the exciting competitions that are on offer.

The famous duo also entertained the children with their soliloquys and wowed their audience with their mesmerising sword-fighting skills! (Amazingly Miss Pape and Mr Helliwell were nowhere to be seen!)



It has now been nearly two years since St Joachim's joined with St Helen's to form Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy Trust (OLOG).

During that time we have worked together in many ways, including:

- Employing a Principal Finance Officer to help the schools comply with financial regulations and save money with contracts.
 - Employing a Network Manager to ensure technology works across the two schools and help us update our equipment.
- The curriculum subject leaders are working together to raise standards and improve opportunities. Other examples of the two schools working together include a joint pilgrimage to Walsingham, Black History Project, Citizenship Weeks, Artsmark and most recently a joint science project with our science ambassadors.

We look forward to doing many more things together for both schools. www.ourladyofgraceacademy.org.uk

Brilliant Club

Before the end of term, a group of Year 6 students who had been selected for the 'Brilliant Club' programme attended their graduation ceremony at Oxford University. It was a fantastic day out to celebrate their success and the children enjoyed getting a taste for University life. The children worked very hard to produce a 1000 word essay and we are very proud of our graduates, particularly those who achieved the highest possible grades in the programme.



Tag Rugby

On Wednesday 8th February Yrs5&6 took part in a Tag Rugby competition at Langdon Academy, making it all the way to the semi-finals taking home a third place medal seeing off competition from St. Edwards, Gallions, Nelson, Langdon and Sandringham.



Well done girls!!
Onwards and upwards.