

Dates for your Diary



- 6th Dec NHS Flu Vaccine Years 1, 2, 3
- 7th Dec Choir-Carol Singing at Trafalgar Square 5:00 -6:00pm
- 12th Dec 1:30pm KS1/FS Christmas Performance
- 13th Dec 9:30pm KS1/FS Christmas Performance
- 14th Dec Christmas Lunch
- 14th Dec 6:00-8:00pm School Disco
- 16th Dec 9:30am KS2 ECAM Music Concert
- 19th Dec 7:00pm School Carol Service at St Anne's Church

21st December- Last Day of School

9:15am Whole School Mass

Pupils Finish at 1:30pm-Please Collect Children Promptly

- 3rd Jan Staff Inset - School Closed
- 4th Jan Children Return to School
- 4th Jan 9:00 -9:15am Parent information Morning
- 11th Jan 9:00am Reception Parents' Phonics Meeting

Sports Events

- 14th Dec Cricket Mixed Y5/6 at A2 UEL
- 11th Jan Sportshall Athletic Year 5 and 6 at A2 UEL

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- 30th Nov Handball Girls Year 3 and 4 at Langdon
- 14th Dec Cricket Mixed Y5/6 at A2 UEL
- 4th Jan Sportshall Athletic Year 3 and 4 at A1 UEL
- 11th Jan Sportshall Athletic Year 5 and 6 at A2 UEL

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

Reception to Y6 Mid Year Admissions

Throughout the year we do have families move out of the area and so from time to time we have vacancies at St. Joachim's. If you know anyone who has a child that would like to send their child to our Catholic school, please let them know that they need to apply in order for them to have a chance for a place.

Applications can be downloaded from our web site.

www.st-joachims.newham.sch.uk or you can come into our reception to ask for forms.

Nursery Applications for January Start

Apply now if your child is 3 years or will be 3 years before 1st May 2017.

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Year 5's Pilgrimage to Rome

"The trip to Rome was exciting and new. We got to see ancient artefacts and churches from old Rome. I really loved visiting St Peter's Basilica." Jessica

"I loved going to a real-life volcano and the relics in the Santa Croce, Gerusalemme." Leona

"I loved walking up Mount Vesuvius and watching the 5D movie!" Ellie



From the Assistant Headteacher Miss Pape

Dear Parents and friends,

What a busy week it has been! 19 of our year 5s have spent the past 5 days in Rome on a special pilgrimage, and by all accounts it sounds as if they have had a wonderful time. They have visited the Vatican, shared Mass with thousands of other pilgrims, seen Pope Francis, taken in the sights and sounds of Rome and even visited the historic Pompeii! We can't wait to hear all about their exciting travels when they return to class on Monday.

Meanwhile, at school, we have just concluded the wonderfully fascinating and stimulating *Science-fiction* project. We have been running the English Project for 4 weeks, and yesterday saw the conclusion of it with some very exciting class dramas. Years 1 to 6 retold the stories they had been exploring with inspired performances, and I was very proud of all the children for their enthusiasm and dedication to their parts. I was also very impressed with the wonderful entries for the competitions which were run throughout the project. Some of the models were just fantastic, and the winning writing entries were of an excellent standard.

In other news, 8 of our KS2 girls went to Colchester on Thursday to represent Newham in football. They displayed great sportsmanship and skill, and came a very reputable third place. We are very proud of them.

As the term continues we look forward to focussing on Assessment Week, the upcoming nativities and our annual Christmas Carol Service.

As always, I wish you all the very best.

Kirstian Pape

We Are Writers

NEARLY SOLD OUT!



Come and see our book!



A copy will be at the Book Fair.

You can buy a copy of this fantastic book for £6.00 from the school office. Only a few copies left, so hurry if you don't want to be disappointed!

Autumn First Half Term Attendance

Attendance since 1st September to 22nd October 2016

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %	No of Lates
YR	98.6	99.84	3
Y1	99.7	99.76	5
Y2	99.1	99.10	19
Y3	98.0	98.83	24
Y4	99.0	99.67	7
Y5	98.9	99.39	13
Y6	98.8	99.53	10

Winners

Y1 for 99.7% attendance

Rec for 99.84% punctuality!!

Excellent !!!



Y5 and Y6 at the Science Museum

On Monday, the Year 5 and the Year 6s went on a fantastic trip to the Science Museum. We discovered numerous things and learnt about planets beyond our own. We also enjoyed the interactivity of the museum that was there. We were nurtured with some amazing, mind-blowing facts about; Space, Engineering, the history of our country (the first robot ever built -1920) and technology that went just before the industrial revolution right up to the 21st Century. It was all very interesting. **By Peace Yr 6.**



Y2 Natural History Museum



In Year 2, we have been learning about fossils and the explorer Mary Anning. On Wednesday 23rd November, we visited the National History Museum to see some fossils for ourselves. We were amazed when we saw some fossils which were over 200 million years old!



We also learned more about Mary Anning and how fossils are formed. What an exciting trip!



St. Joachim's Girls Playing in the Essex County Cup

On 24th November St. Joachim's girls football team, represented the borough of Newham in the Essex County Cup and were the first girls football team to represent the School at such a high level. The girls managed to brave the cold conditions and string together a record of Won-2, Lost-2, Drew-4. They played against teams from inner and out of Essex coming third. This is a massive achievement and the girls should be every bit proud of themselves as I am for them.

C. Curran



Y2 Learning about Fire Safety



Year 2 were visited by a representative from the London Fire Brigade. They gave us plenty of information about how to prevent fires from happening in our homes and also what to do in case of a fire. We learnt about their special uniforms and even got to try one on!

Sci-fi Celebration Assembly and Competitions!

Yesterday saw the conclusion of our 4 week Science-fiction project, as part of our English curriculum. The purpose of the project was to increase imagination, provide exposure to different writing styles, and explore quality novels. The project was drawn to a close with a celebration assembly. The dramas were wonderful and evidenced the children's clear enthusiasm for the project.

Well done to our competition winners – the entries included fantastic poems, a gripping diary entry, wonderfully-constructed models of aliens, space ships and even a clock.



You should by now have received your registration email or text, and have registered your account. If you need help doing this, go to <http://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp>. If you receive a message from Parent Mail you have to register. We will send the newsletter via email which will not only save paper but you will be able to go back to it. We will also be able to send you emails rather than text messages which is more cost-effective for the school.

Reading Homework



Children from Reception to Y6 should now have access to our online reading scheme. If your child needs their password and login, please speak to their class teacher. To make the Bug Club effective, please monitor your child's progress as they complete the tasks. It is also an opportunity to listen to your child read aloud. Fluency in reading is a key area in the Curriculum, and is the foundation of comprehension. If you have any questions regarding Bug Club, please feel free to speak to me. **Miss Pape**