

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

08th March 2024

What a morning!

As part of our celebration of World Book Day, Mother's Day and International Women's Day, we saw the return of the annual Mother's Day Reading Breakfast – and what a return it was!!

We were overwhelmed by the number of families who came together to spend some time with a book. It was wonderful to see the school so busy with reading... and let's be honest, that's what World Book Day is about. Aside from providing enjoyment, reading enables our girls and boys to navigate their way through information. This is what empowers a decent and caring society.

Thanks as ever to all the staff, but especially the army of breakfast makers and servers!

In class, World Book Day activities focused on wordless books, exploring the theme, "What makes a book a story?". There was also the annual teacher swap, as each class teacher read the end of the day story to a different class. Such activities truly celebrated the power and importance of reading.



Catholic Life of the School

The Wednesday word is **SELF-GIVING**

"It is in the giving that we receive." St Francis of Assisi

We have an opportunity to live this out during our Big Lent Walk activity. The children will be walking and running throughout March and then parents will have to visit the just giving page to donate to CAFOD.

https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/sacred-heart-battersea?utm_medium=email&utm_source=PostOffice&utm_campaign=DS_EVENTS-LFC_Trans_NthDonation

Family Prayer Group and Stations of the Cross

Friday remains a heart-warming day. We are still welcoming families to the 8.40am Family Prayer Group and both schools meeting over zoom for Stations of the Cross.

Father Peter is joining us again today to hear Confessions in Year 4. We are so fortunate to have such good links with our Parish clergy.

Fire in the School

Parents may have heard that the school had a fire incident last Friday afternoon. The fire was fortunately contained to the mens' toilet and we are waiting for a fire assessor to view the damage. The reason I am sharing is because all the systems worked effectively. The school was full at the time with children in gymnastics and Fruity Club, and despite having to brave the cold, the evacuation procedures all worked really well.

I am particularly grateful to all involved.

Trips and Visitors

Today we welcomed Marina Ahmed and Leonie Cooper, elected members of the London Assembly who came to have lunch with the children. Ms Ahmed and Mrs Cooper sit on the London Assembly Cost of Living committee and are reviewing the rollout and extension of free school meals (FSM) for all London children.

They very much enjoyed their lunch and the children's company.



Year 5 Trip to the British Museum

It was clear that the children loved their visit and it reinforced their history learning. Here are some of their reflections.

Sebastian - The highlight of my day was seeing the stone statues of the Greek gods, because I really like Greek myths.

Stevie - besides having a great partner, my favourite part of the day was exploring and learning about all the artefacts and how they were used in the past. It was such a fun trip.



Kenaya - the Anglo-Saxon area was my absolute favourite because of the fancy jewellery they used to wear and my scrumptious lunch.

Today the same children are visiting the Science Museum. Thank you for all the adults who have helped the teachers and children. I will share their reflections next week.

Parent Volunteers and Community Garden Day

Saturday 16th March 9am

Parents are invited to join Mr Madden, myself and Jane (one of the garden volunteers) to get the site ready for the spring planting and bloom.

Upcoming Dates

20th March	Class school photos and Y6 individual photos 9am Y2 Celebration of the Word in the hall - Parents welcome. 9.15am
25th March	Holy week service - Parents welcome 9.00am
28th March	Last day of term. School closes at 1.30pm
15th April	INSET Day - School closed
16th April	Summer term - School re-opens
24th April	Parents' Evening - School closes at 1.30pm