

20th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very successful Art Week all about 'Still Life'! Children have enjoyed learning all about still life art including looking at famous artists work.

On Wednesday, St Juan Diego class led the KS2 assembly. They framed their assembly around Art Week, stressing how important the arts are. They performed Maya Angelou's poem 'Life Doesn't Frighten Me', whilst displaying Jean Michel-Basquiat's art work inspired by the same poem. They read their own poetry, shared their art work from this week and we even had two children share their musical talents by playing the guitar and piano. They also looked at religious art and thanked God for all of our talents and thanked Him for art and artists. Thank you to all the Yr 6 parents, who attended this week's assembly. We very much enjoyed inviting you into school.

We were also very lucky to have a number of artistic parents/relatives of parents who came in to talk to the children about their work in year group assemblies. They also gave lots of valuable tips and advice on how to produce great still life work. A big thank you to Sarah McMichael, Martina Diez-Routh, Lara Giannetto and Nikolay Boyadzhiev!

Each class chose to work with a different media such as charcoal, watercolour, collage materials, pencil, paint or pastels. They have been hard at work and I can't wait to see the results. We hope to hold an art exhibition so you can view your child's work. Watch this space for more information! A huge thank you to Mrs Anthony, who has worked incredibly hard planning this very exciting week.

NEU Industrial Action

As I am sure you are all aware, the National Education Union balloted its members. 53% of teacher members voted and 90% of those, voted in favour to strike.



The strike days are: **Wednesday 1st February, Thursday 2nd March, Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March.** For further information regarding the rationale for the strike please visit the [NEU website](http://www.neu.org.uk).

As soon as I know more information about how the industrial action will affect St Winifred's, I will let you know.

January

16th -27th: St Juan Diego Swimming
22nd – Mass of Commitment – FHC
24th: Year 2 trip to the Horniman Museum
24th: Reception Stay and Play 8:30am
30th – 10th: St Alphonsa Swimming

February

1st: NEU Industrial Action
2nd: Year 1 & 2, Circus Workshop
6th - 10th: Children's Mental Health Week
7th: Parents' Evening
8th: Safer Internet Day
9th: Parents' Evening
10th: Valentine's Day Cake Sale – After School

13th – 17th: Half Term

20th: INSET Day
21st: Children return to school
22nd: Ash Wednesday

March

2nd: NEU Industrial Action
2nd: World Book Day
6th -17th: St Paul Miki Swimming
13th-17th: Science Week
15th: NEU Industrial Action
16th: NEU Industrial Action
16th: Year 3, National Maritime Museum
20th – 31st: St Josephine Swimming
21st: Year 1 trip to Docklands
23rd: Year 2 trip to Florence Nightingale Museum
27th – 31st: School's Holy Week
31st: School Closes 3pm



Class Assemblies:

Please try to come along to your child's assembly, it was fantastic to have the Year 6 parent and carers in attendance this week.

On the day of the assembly, come through the main gate, wait under the canopy and once I have rung the bell I will take you to the main hall.

January		March	
Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am	Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am
25 th St Alphonsa (Yr 6)		1 st : St Josephine B. (Yr 5)	2 nd : St Elizabeth (Yr 1)
February		8 th : St Paul Miki (Yr 5)	9 th : St Mary (Rec)
Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am	15 th : St Francis Assisi (Yr 3)	16 th : St Joseph (Rec)
1 st : St Kateri (Yr 4)	2 nd : St James (Yr 2)	22 nd : St Bernadette (Yr 3)	
8 th : St Martin (Yr 4)	9 th : St Veronica (Yr 2)		
	23 rd : St John the Baptist (Yr 1)		

Reception Stay and Play Sessions

Are you free on a Tuesday or Friday between 8.30 and 8.45am? Talk to your child's Reception teacher, Ms Murphy or Mr Cunningham about coming into the classroom on these mornings. Please see the attached flyer.

First Holy Communion

The Mass of Commitment for all our first holy communicants will be on Sunday at 9am at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Parking

Please care for our neighbours by parking with consideration. Please ensure that you do not park across driveways or in our local estates when dropping off or picking up your child. Our local estates are not public areas and therefore parking of unauthorised vehicles is against the law. **Also, please be careful when opening your car doors, look before opening as children maybe near the car door and could be hard to see by only looking in your car mirror.**

Friends of St Winifred's:

CAKE SALE 🍷🍰 The Friends of St Winifred's are hosting a Valentine's cake sale on the last day of half term, after school - **FRIDAY 10th FEBRUARY**. We would welcome any nut-free cake donations (they don't have to be Valentine themed!). See the poster attached for more information!

EASTER EGG HUNT 🐣 The annual Easter Egg Hunt is only 10 weeks away! We are once again aiming to make sure every child gets to take home a full-sized Easter Egg after the hunt. We have reached out to organisations for Easter egg donations but if you have any contacts or would like to make a donation, then please get in touch stwinifredsfriendsse12@gmail.com

Open Evenings:



Parent Evenings will be at the end of this term.

Tuesday 7th February- 3.30 - 6pm

(Last appointment 5:50pm)

Thursday 9th February - 3.30 - 6pm

(Last appointment 5:50pm)

St Kateri Class: Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd February (After half term)

Signing in sheets are available. You can sign up for your preferred time on the forms in the reception area at the back of the office inside the double doors. If you cannot pop in to sign up, then call the school office after 9.30am and before 2.30pm and we will do our best to accommodate you. Do not contact the class teacher to arrange an appointment, as the booking in sheets are being kept in the office.

You can make an appointment for a 10-minute discussion with your child's teacher, in your child's classroom. You will also be able to spend time looking at your child's work before your appointment if you arrive a bit earlier. **In order to ensure you don't have to wait, teachers will use timers. It is really important that appointments do not overrun but if you need more time then you are welcome to arrange a follow up meeting.**

Swimming:



Being able to swim is a vital life skill and due to this, it is on the curriculum. This opportunity stopped during the pandemic. This year we have managed to book into the Glass Mill in Lewisham. Before the pandemic these were weekly lessons, across a term. The pools have now decided that intensive blocks are more effective in being able to teach the children to swim. These blocks consist of 10 consecutive hourly lessons, over two weeks. The children in

Years 5 and 6 will go swimming this term in the afternoon. Parents/carers will receive letters regarding their child's swimming lessons a few weeks before their block of lessons commence.

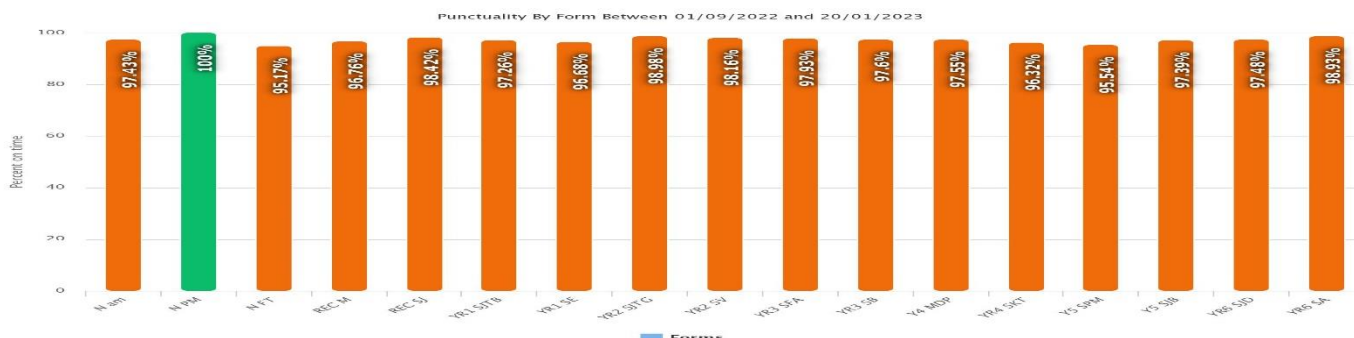
Spring 1: Year 6	Spring 2: Year 5
16 th – 27 th January: St Juan Diego	6 th -17 th March: St Paul Miki
30 th January – 10 th February: St Alphonsa	20 th – 31 st March: St Josephine

Volunteers:

Now that we are able to welcome more people into school, it would be fantastic to increase the numbers of volunteers. If you are able to spare some time on a weekly basis and would like to volunteer in school, please let Mrs Carey (mcarey@swcps.lewisham.sch.uk) know. Mrs Carey can then meet with you, discuss what you would be able to offer and ensure all safeguarding checks are completed before commencing.

Punctuality:

It's incredibly important to get the children to school on time. We expect 97% + for all children.



This week's winner is St James the Great with over 98%! Well done.

Wednesday Word

Please see the [link](#) to this wonderful resource to share with your child, to support them in understanding the Mass Readings for the coming weekend.

Parent App:

If you need any help with downloading the app, please do not hesitate to ask us. Many parents in the school use it to update our records and to inform the office of absence.



Social Media:

Just to remind you, follow us on:



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Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter,

Claire Gillespie