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WINIFRED'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Council Attend Lewisham's Big Schools Climate Event

On Tuesday, seven members of the school council travelled to the Horniman museum to attend a special climate event. Organised by Lewisham Council and hosted by the museum, nine primary schools gathered together to learn about different ways to cut climate emissions.

In the morning, children attended sessions on composting, aquatic habitats and communications through drama. Equipped with these skills and knowledge, the children would take this back to school to help improve the local and wider environment.



After lunch, the children entered the Dragon's Den! Each school was pitching an idea for funding from the dragons, just like off the TV. These were Councillor Krupski – cabinet lead for environment and climate change, Councillor Barnham – cabinet lead for children and young people, Jentai Gen-One – Lewisham Young

Mayor and Sefkan Altuntop - Senior Air Quality Officer, Lewisham Council.

The children had thought of a project to create a board game to teach about climate change and making the right choices, but in a fun way! The game could be made from junk materials and so they wanted to create an instruction booklet. They stood in front of the dragons explaining this, telling how and when they would make it and how much they wanted. The dragons gave them £300 to print it and then offered another £100. Bernice Awoyale suggested they could buy plants to green the school grounds. The dragons agreed!

The children can now go ahead and design and make the game. They will be testing it out on the rest of the school, so look out for it being set as class homework in the summer term!

STEM Week: Leaders Award

Today, a letter was sent to all parents/ carers asking for help with an engineering project. If you have a background in engineering and could support the children, please contact Ms Gordon.

February:

- 5th – 9th: Children's Mental Health Week
- 6th: Safer Internet Day
- 6th: Parents' Evening
- 6th: Art Exhibition – Main Hall
- 8th: Coffee Morning – [Internet safety](#)
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- 8th: Art Exhibition – Main Hall
- 9th: Early Years Cake Sale

Half term: 12th – 16th

- 19th: Return to school
- 22nd: Coffee Morning
- 22nd: Year 4 Trip to Science Museum
- 27th: Police Visiting Nursery
- 29th: Coffee Morning
- 29th: Year 3 Trip to Maritime Museum

March:

- 1st: Drama Workshop EYs & Year 1
- 4th – 15th: St Kateri Swimming
- 4th: Year 2 trip to Hornimans
- 7th: World Book Day
- 7th: Coffee Morning
- 8th: Early Years Mothers' Day
- 11th- 15th : STEM Week
- 15th : Spring Concert 4pm
- 22nd : Year 4 Trip to Greenwich Park
- 28th : Last day of term

IF YOU WERE AN
ENGINEER
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?®

Spring Concert: 15th March

The first of our school concerts will be held on Friday 15th March at 4pm in the main hall. This will be for the following instrumentalists:

- Violins
- Clarinets and Flutes
- Trumpets
- The orchestra and the choir.



Children who are interested in taking part must speak to their instrumental teacher or Mr Howell to secure a place by the 8th March.

We will be holding a further concert in the summer term which will feature ukuleles, guitars, drums and piano.

Reception and Nursery Cake Sale

The Early Years will be hosting a cake sale on the last day of term at home time. Donations of cakes and biscuits are greatly appreciated (no nuts please). Donations can be handed in at the Early Years entrance or at the office on Friday morning. Please head round to the Early Years playground at the end of the day. All money raised will go towards Early Years equipment.



Children's Mental Health Week



Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 5-11 February. This year's theme is [Let's Connect](#). Throughout the week, we will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how we can make meaningful connections that support our mental health.

Human beings thrive in communities, and this connection is vital for our wellbeing, and our survival. When we have healthy connections – to family, friends and others – this can support our mental health and our sense of wellbeing. And when our need for rewarding social connections is not met, we can sometimes feel isolated and lonely – which can have a negative impact on our mental health.

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections for all, during Children's Mental Health Week - and beyond.

Safer Internet Day



On Tuesday, it is safer Internet Day. This year it links beautifully with the theme for children's mental health week. Learning on this day will be based around this year's theme: [Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online](#)

Considering how many of the children communicate on a variety of digital platforms, this day is incredibly important in helping us with our ongoing aim of promoting the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology. Please visit the website for [Top Tips for Parents](#)

Coffee Mornings:

On Thursday, we will be talking about safe internet use in the home, parental controls and cyber bullying. Pop into the small hall once you have dropped you children to school and have a cup of tea / coffee. We look forward to seeing you there.



Art Exhibition:



The children's art work is to be exhibited in the main hall after school during the parent evenings on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February. This year's theme is: Shape and Form. We are hoping that when you come to school to attend the meeting with your class teacher, that you take some time to go and see the children's art in the hall. Please feel free to drop into the hall after school on these days.

Monthly book reviews!

Inspiring our children to Read for Pleasure! Each month we post book reviews from our book loving pupils, to promote reading for pleasure. This week the reviews are from St Josephine class – Year 5.

If you do read one of the recommended books, let us know or take a picture of you reading it! Reading for pleasure has been proven to be beneficial to children's health as well as their academic progress in all subjects and areas of life. For further information on the benefits of reading for pleasure see [reading for pleasure.pdf](#) ([publishing.service.gov.uk](#))

St Winifred's Community WhatsApp Groups

Everyone should have received a School Ping with the link for each class group. Please feel free to join. These community groups have been created by parents with the aim of helping disseminating key information relevant to the school or particular classes.



Uniform Provider: Bailwood

Our new school uniform provider is Bailwood, they have a school shop in Lewisham High Street near the Railway Bridge. Bailwood will be selling all our uniform i.e. bookbags, ties, jumpers & cardigans with logo, they sell both in their shop and [online](#). A flyer giving further information was sent on School Ping this week. We still have stock of ties, bookbags and P.E. bags in the office (cash only), but once it has gone we will no longer be selling from the office.



BAILWOOD

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Parent / Carer Evenings:

Please be reminded that, on School Ping, an invitation to parents' evening was sent. A reminder was also sent to those who hadn't booked. You will find the booking invite in 'My Messages'. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss your child's attainment and progress.

Tuesday 6th February - 3.30 - 6pm (Last appointment 5:50pm)

Thursday 8th February - 3.30 - 6pm (Last appointment 5:50pm)

St Mary & St Martin: Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th February



Book on School Ping. You can sign up for your preferred time using the booking system on School Ping.

If parents need two separate appointments, please contact the office, as the system does not allow two bookings to be made for one child. I have fed this back to the company, as something which could be improved.

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.**

Class Assemblies

As always, you are invited to attend your child's class assembly. This term we are going to trial a new time for Early Years and KS1 assemblies. These assemblies will be at 2:45pm on Thursdays. The rationale behind this change is that we have observed that many of our younger children become very upset when saying goodbye to their parents/carers after the morning assembly. Our aim, by having it at the end of the day, is that they will not have to say goodbye, they will be able to go home with the adult who has come to watch.



Therefore, if you are coming to a KS2 assembly, you may enter through the main gate and wait under the canopy after bringing your child to school in the morning. At 8:45am you will then be invited into the main hall for an 8:50am start. If you are attending an assembly in the afternoon, you will come through the main reception and be escorted to the hall for the 2:45pm start.

February		March	
Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 2:45pm	Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 2:45pm
7 th : St Martin		6 th : St Paul Miki	7 th : St John the Baptist
21 st : Year 6	22 nd : St Mary	13 th : St Francis	14 th : St Joseph
28 th : St Josephine	29 th : St Elizabeth	20 th : St Bernadette	

Nursery Places for September 2024

If you have registered interest for a full-time or part-time Nursery place in September 2024, you will be receiving an application pack soon. This will be for children who were born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021. If you would like an application form and have not registered, please contact the school office or find it on the [website](#).

We will be hosting a series of open days this term. If you would like to book a place on one of the open days, please contact the school office. Please feel free to share this information with prospective parents you may know.

During the School Day		After School
9:30am – 10.15am	2pm – 2:45pm	4pm – 4:45pm
Friday 8 th March	Monday 19 th February Tuesday 19 th March	Wednesday 27 th March

All parents are entitled to 15 hours free nursery provision but some may qualify for the 30 hours free provision. If you think you may be entitled to the 30 hours provision you should apply for an eligibility code at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare>.

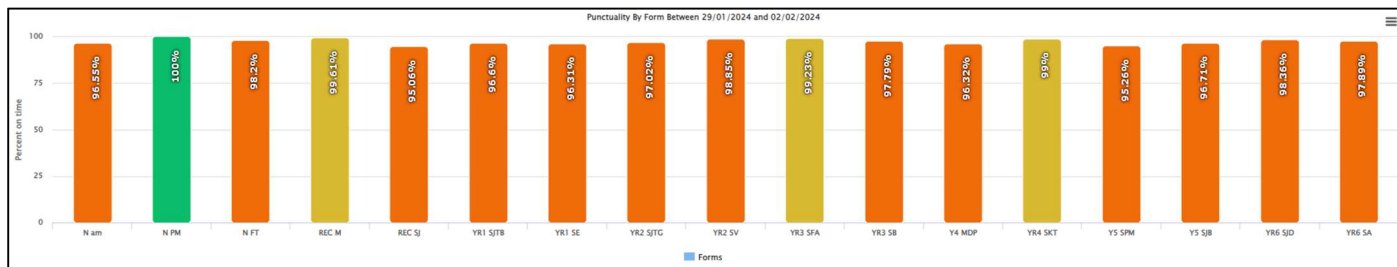
Wednesday Word

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.

Punctuality and Attendance

School attendance this year so far: 95.12% (DfE expects 95%)

Punctuality is ever so important, the aim is for 97% or above. Please continue to support us by getting the children to school on time!



This week's winners is Nursery p.m with 100%, followed by St Mary, St Francis and St Kateri on 99%! Most others are above 96%! St Joseph and St Paul Miki, I know you can do better! Let's keep trying for everyone above 97% next week!

School Ping

Thank you to everyone who has started using this app, 89% of parents have downloaded the app. If you haven't yet, you should have received an email regarding School Ping. SchoolPing is a free app which sends instant messages straight to your smartphone, wherever you are, please remember to turn on your notifications. If you do not have access to a smartphone, you can also receive messages via email or by logging in to your account on the web. Whether you're at work, at home or on the go, all you need is an internet connection to stay up to date with all of the school's news. Moving forward, all communication from the school will be via this app. From feedback, we could see that not all parents were receiving our emails and the current ScholarPack App does not have the same functionality. Please make sure the school has your current email address.



Social Media:

Just to remind you, follow us on:



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@stwinifredslee

Scroll onto the next page for the book reviews from St Josephine class.

Dork diaries
I Love Paris

The Author of this book is Rachel Renée Russell

Nikki goes to Paris with her band to make dreams come true but her enemy Mackenzie and her old friend André are there, so will Nikki's dream become a nightmare?

The main character is Nikki J. Maxwell.

The setting is in places around Paris

I like the pictures because they are very detailed

I recommend this book for people who like drama and for kids to

by Alicia

Dog Man
Fetch 22

By Dav Pilkey

In this moment it takes some serious courage to stand alone if you ask me to do great and to change the world.

Main characters

Dog man is the star of the book cause he is the one who saves everybody. He captures one of petey's schemes or plans.



Setting

The story is set in the outside world so far it is like in the school.

What I like

I like how the woman was very shouty cause they wanted to capture cat kid and I cant wait to read on.

My favourite part

My favourite part of the book was when dog man always know to solve the problems.

Kick

30/1/20



Author: Mitch Johnson

Budi's plan is simple really, he is going to be a star.

He is going to play soccer for the greatest team on earth. Though one kick, brings his life's dream to an end and now he's not only fighting for glory but his life.

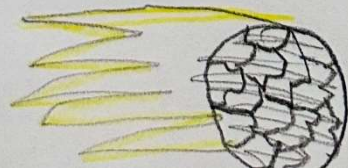
They made cool characters as one is called Budi who is the main character and another is called Rocky who is Budi's friend.

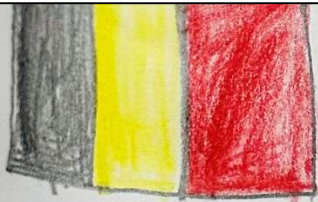
Then there is the deadliest man in Jakarta called the dragon.

The story is set in the middle of Indonesia at a cracking apartment and a shoe factory full of staples and stitches.

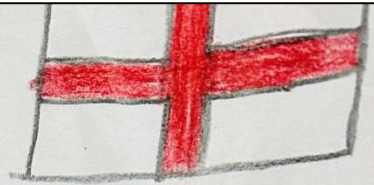
I have not read it all yet though what I like about it is that the phrases sound so realistic its like being there yourself. What I don't like is that the book has not got a lot of interesting vocabulary.

Ethan





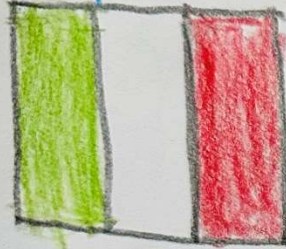
Jamie Johnson



Skills from Brazil
By Dan Freedman



Jamie Johnson goes to Brazil to meet the Brazilian Master minds

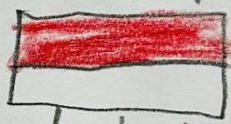


Main Characters

Jamie Johnson is the star of the book but ronald his friend and Mestre the legend also play a big role.

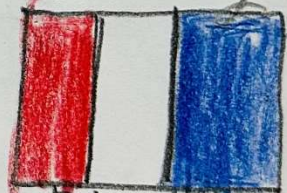
Setting

The story is mainly set in England but they go on a big trip to Brazil!



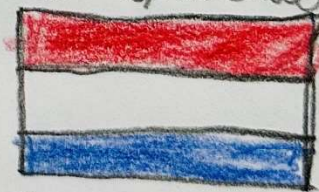
What I like

It reminds me of legendary players like Pele, Ronaldo, Ronaldinho, Rivaldo and Kakka



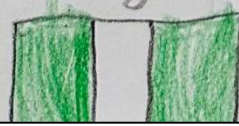
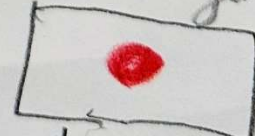
What I didnt like

It is such a good book that I love everything!



My Favourite

It is my favourite book because it reminds me of ronaldo who is my 2nd ever favourite



by Joseph



Boot it!

Overview (Blurb)

Ali and Sam want to be in the school football team but they always go to the park after school and train but one day a girl comes who is better than Ali and Sam.

The characters are Ali, Sam Nathan (the bully) and Grace.

The book is set at school and at the school.

My favourite part of the story is when the kids are playing football at the school and park. I like how it's teaching kids to never give up and achieve your dream. I like everything, there is nothing I don't like about this book.

I would recommend this to footballers and people who love football.

The age for this book is nothing because it's such a good story for everyone.

Wrote by Conrad.

By Conrad

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Claire Gillespie