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WINIFRED'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it's been!

This week has been Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme was [My Voice Matters](#). We hope that during this week all the children understand the importance of looking after their mental health as much as their physical health. All the lessons and activities during this week, included one or more of the 5 steps to positive Mental Health:

- Exercise,
- Being Kind,
- Connecting with others,
- Being Mindful,
- Learning new things.



I really do hope that you all took the opportunity to see our Art Exhibition this week. The children worked incredibly hard on their Shape and Form pieces. Not only are our children very talented artists, the progression in their skills was evident as you made your way from the Nursery to Year 6. Again, a heartfelt thank you to all the teachers for giving up their time late on Monday evening, to set the hall up and display the work so beautifully and to Ms Anthony, our Art lead.

Thank you to St Martin class, who led the class assembly this week. St Martin shared their knowledge of times tables and the digestive system. We are overwhelmed by the number of parents and carers, who are finding the time to attend the weekly class assemblies. Thank you!

We ended the week by all watching Inside Out. Not only was it a fun activity to end a busy term, it was all about our mental health and emotions.

STEM Week: Leaders Award

If you have a background in engineering and could support the children, please contact Ms Gordon.

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.

February:

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

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Golden Achievers

Today, we did not have Merit assembly, we celebrated with our Golden Achiever assembly. One child from every class was chosen by their teacher to be celebrated for their efforts and achievements during this half term. The reasons why these children were shared with the whole school community and their photo will be displayed on the 'Golden Achievers' display. Well done to all the children chosen!

| Class | Name | Reason |
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| St Peter | Wura Adams | For being a kind and helpful member of the class. |
| St Mary | Ivy Morris | For a wonderful, positive attitude towards learning. Ivy has made great progress in her reading and loves to share her book. |
| St Joseph | Zakariya Chetouane | For making great progress in his reading and handwriting! |
| St Elizabeth | Leone Palladino | For always showing an eagerness for learning and always being polite and kind. |
| St John B. | Noe Iakobidze | For amazing effort in all subjects across the curriculum. Noe is always ready to listen and learn. |
| St James | Kelechi Nwadinobi | For working really hard and making great progress in writing. |
| St Veronica | Aoife Conroy | For being a very helpful member of St Veronica class this term. She has demonstrated confidence, reading stories to the whole class and is always keen to offer her assistance. We all enjoy Aoife's groovy dance moves and one-liners! |
| St Francis | Aadauv Prasath | For being a super role model in class. For excellent behaviour in class and around the school. |
| St Bernadette | Maya Shanahan-Clarke | For being a model student in following the St Winifred's Way and for a remarkable improvement in reading comprehension. Well done Maya! |
| St Kateri | Blessing Balogun | For super progress and amazing effort. |
| St Martin | Miles Neil | For great academic progress this half term. |
| St Paul Miki | Florence Diggins | For her positivity and engagement across all her subjects and in particular, her enthusiasm for maths. |
| St Josephine | Alicia Comboni Peducasse | For all round dedication to her work and exemplary behaviour in class. |
| St Juan Diego | Genesis Olatunde | for being an exemplary member of our school community. |
| St Alphonsa | Heaven-Leigh Hamilton | For making significant progress in all areas of your learning and for tremendous resilience. |

Housing Issues / Skills



In our coffee morning last week, I shared various situations some members of our school community were facing in regards to their housing. We discussed what support could be provided by the council but also what we could do to offer support and help. We thought about the impact this is having on the children's physical and mental health. What impact is it having on their education? Despite some awful living conditions, the children still come to school and try their best. It was suggested that I ask for the goodwill of parents / carers, who may be able to donate their time and skills to help members of our community.

As part of our work with Citizens UK, local schools and community we have been talking about housing issues that members of our communities are facing. As there is going to be a by-election on March 7th, we thought we could put pressure on the council to make housing a top priority. On Friday 1st of March, some children from St Winifred's and from other local schools will be holding an assembly at Rushey Green Primary. Brenda Dacres, the Labour candidate will be in attendance. The children will share housing issues known to school communities and will put questions to Ms Dacres, in the hope that she listens to the needs of the community she may be serving. The assembly will then march to Lewisham Town Hall in Catford.

Yesterday evening, I sent a School Ping with a form attached in order to gather information. I'm asking parents to share what skills they have to offer. I am also asking parents in rented accommodation to share the issues their facing. If you would like to be involved in the campaign please also indicate it on the form.

Parent / Carer Evenings:

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening this week. If you were not able to attend for whatever reason, please do arrange a time with your class teacher in the new term.





Coffee Mornings:

Yesterday, we spoke about safe internet use in the home, parental controls and cyber bullying. Following the meeting I sent a School Ping with lots of information regarding parental controls. Do try to 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 every Thursday.

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



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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.

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 |
| 21 st : Year 6 | 22 nd : St Mary | 6 th : St Paul Miki | 7 th : St John the Baptist |
| 28 th : St Josephine | 29 th : St Elizabeth | 13 th : St Francis | 14 th : St Joseph |
| | | 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>.

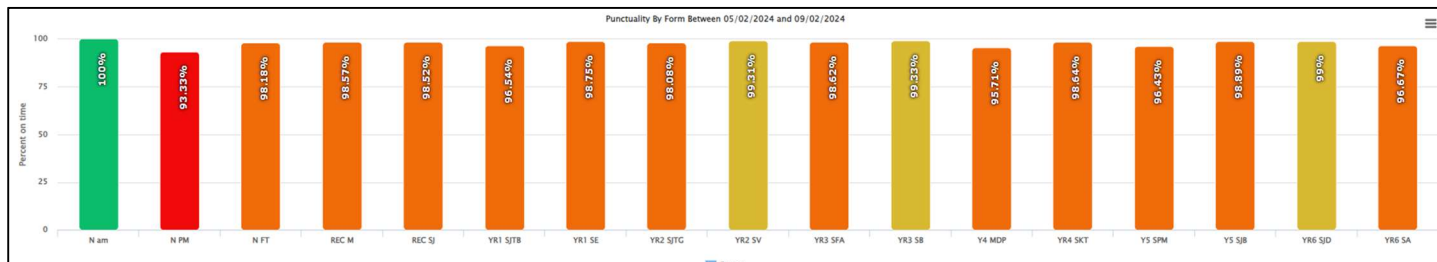
Wednesday Word

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: 95.08% (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 a.m with 100%, followed by St Veronica, St Bernadette and St Juan Diego on 99%! Most others are above 96%! St John the Baptist, St Martin and St Paul Miki, I know you can do better! Let's keep trying for everyone above 97% after half term!

School Ping

Thank you to everyone who has started using this app, 90% 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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Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Have a lovely half term holiday, see you all in a week.

Claire Gillespie