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WINIFRED'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Newsletter No 5

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been yet another very busy week. St Francis and St James the Great led two lovely assemblies. As always, a huge thank you to all the parents who attend. St Francis class celebrated the feast day of their patron saint on Wednesday by having a celebration in their classroom. Year Two visited St Paul's Cathedral to learn about the Great Fire of London, their History topic. Year 6 were visited by one of our parents, who is a Consultant Vascular Surgeon. Mrs Redfern supported the children's learning in their Science topic on the circulatory system and answered all of their many questions. Thank you to Mrs Redfern for giving up her time to support the children in this way, it was fantastic!

Young Marketeers

Some of our children attended the annual Young Marketeers project in Borough Market on Wednesday, selling vegetables to raise money for a charity distributing food to fight hunger.

In April, the children had received training from the charity School Food Matters on how to grow vegetables in the kitchen garden. Throughout the summer term, they had been tending and watering the young plants. Finally, Maliah, Elivia and Joseph in Year 5 and Samuel in Year 6 were able to sell their wares and raised an estimated £70 in the process! This will be donated to the Felix Project, which helps school children make sure they have a proper meal so they can focus on their learning.

Communication

We are very aware that currently there seems to be a glitch in the system where not all of our text messages / emails from Scholarpack are being received. We have raised this concern with them and are also looking at other communication systems to ensure all messages are received. Could I ask that you share messages / emails in your class whatsapp groups to ensure everyone is kept up to date, whilst we try to fix this.

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 Juan Diego class – Year 6.

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)

October: Black History Month

10th: World Mental Health Day

12th: St Francis trip to Bank of England

11th: Reception Trip to Manor Park

St Joseph: 9am - 11.30am

St Mary: 12.30pm – 3pm

13th: Harvest Festival

17th: Nursery Autumn Walk

17th and 19th: Parent Evenings

23rd – 27th: Half Term

November

2nd: Early Years Coffee Morning

Parent / Carer Evenings:



It is almost time for this term's open evenings. This is an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss your child's attainment and progress.

Tuesday 17th October- 3.30 - 6pm (Last appointment 5:50pm)

Thursday 19th October - 3.30 - 6pm (Last appointment 5:50pm)

St Alphonsa: Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th October

Signing in sheets are available. You can sign up for your preferred time on the forms in the reception area inside the double doors (by the fish tank). 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.**

Harvest Assembly:

On Friday 13th October, we will be celebrating our Harvest Assembly. We are very much looking forward to it. Fr Emeka will be joining us on this special day. The children have been busy preparing work and songs to share at the assembly.

We will be collecting for our school foodbank and the parish foodbank at Our Lady of Lourdes. Could we please ask you to bring in the following donations:

Nursery: Tinned vegetables

Reception: Tinned tomatoes

Year 1; Baked beans

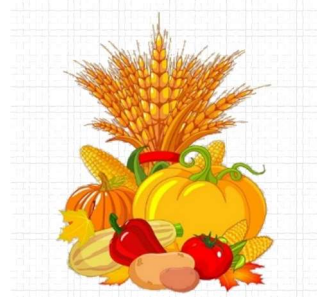
Year 3: Breakfast cereals

Year 5: Biscuits

Year 2: Pasta

Year 4: Rice

Year 6: Sugar



Early Years Coffee Morning

St Peter, St Mary and St Joseph classes

On Thursday 2nd November, 8.45-9.30am, Early Year's parents and carers are invited to a coffee morning in the main hall. Come and have a slice of cake and a chat with other parents. There will also be work on display and a slide show of photos so you can see some of the learning that takes place. We hope to see you there.

Donation request for Early Years

If anyone has any cushions, children's waterproof anoraks and trousers (aged 3,4, 5 and 6) or wellies they are not in need of, please could Early Years have them.



Reception 2024:

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2024 (born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020) or know someone who does, I hope that St Winifred's is your first choice! We will be hosting a series of open days until the application deadline – 15th January 2024. If you would like to book a place on one of the open days, please contact the school office.

During the School Day		After School
9:15am – 10am	2pm – 2:45pm	4pm
Tuesday 17th October	Wednesday 11th October	Thursday 2nd November
Wednesday 8th November	Monday 13th November	Friday 24th November
Monday 27th November	Thursday 7th December	Wednesday 13th December
Tuesday 9th January		

[Applications for Reception Class](#) places for September 2024 can now be made on line.

Secondary School Admissions (Year 6):

You can apply for a secondary school place to start September 2024. The deadline for secondary school applications is Monday 31 October 2023. [Read about school admissions](#) on the Lewisham website.

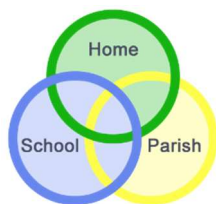
Class Assemblies and Mass:

You are all warmly invited to attend your child's class assembly in school or accompany your child's class to Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes.



Assemblies:

When dropping your child to school, you may enter through the main gate and wait under the canopy or in the foyer of the main hall. At 8:45am you will then be invited into the main hall for an 8:50am start.



Mass:

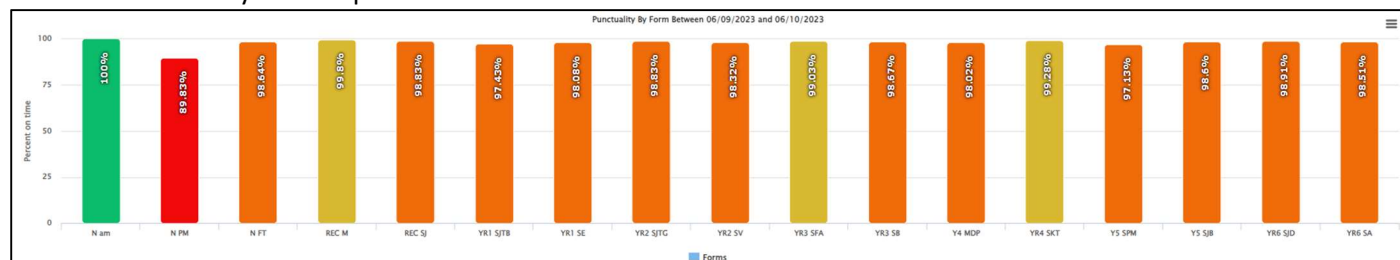
In order to continue to nurture our relationship with Fr Emeka and the parish, this term the children in their year groups will all be attending the parish mass at Our Lady of Lourdes at 9:30am. This will also help them learn the parts of the mass and the responses. If you would like to accompany your child when they go to mass, please talk to your class teacher, as help walking the children to church would be very much appreciated.

October			November		
Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am	Mass: Thursday 9:30am	Wednesday 8:50am	Thursday 8:50am	Mass: Thursday 9:30am
11 th : St Martin (Yr 4)	12 th : St Veronica (Yr 2)	12 th : Year 5	1 st : Year 6		2 nd : Year 2
18 th : St Kateri (Yr 4)		19 th : Year 3	8 th : St Josephine (Yr 5)	9 th : St Elizabeth (Yr 1)	
			15 th : St Paul Miki (Yr 5)	16 th : John the Baptist (Yr 1)	23 rd Year 1

Punctuality and Attendance

School attendance this year so far: 95.69% (DfE expects 95%)

The whole school is above 97% (not including Nursery pm)!!!! This is the first time it has happened in such a long time! Please let's try and keep it like this.



This week's winner are Nursery a.m. with 100%, St Mary, St Francis and St Kateri on 99%!! A very good week, keep it up!

Parent App:

Please download if you haven't already! From the app you are able to access all the information we hold on your children and report absence. If you need any help with downloading it, please do not hesitate to ask us.



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.

Social Media:

Just to remind you, follow us on:



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

SMILE
BY RAINA TELGEMEIR

Raina just wants to be a normal sixth grader. But one night after Girl Scouts she trips and falls, severely injuring her two front teeth. What follows is a long and frustrating journey with on-again, off-again braces, surgery, embarrassing headgear, and even a retainer with fake teeth attached.

Smile is based on the author (Raina Telgemeir) and her life from sixth grade to high school. The story involves dental drama, fake friends, a major earthquake and a whole lot more. The book has won Will Eisner comic industry award winner, Boston Globe-Horn book honor book and the New York Times Editors' choice.

My favourite part of the book is when Raina goes to the Periodontist for a deep cleaning of her gum, the man does it very badly causing Raina's gums to turn black and blue. When Raina see's that she passes out. Her Mum gets very mad and yells at the Periodontist and storms out.

I don't dislike any part of this book as I loved reading it. I would recommend this book to ages 8+ as some parts are a little bit hard to understand, especially for younger children. Overall I really recommend you to read this as its funny, action packed and interesting.

Written by Annie-Rose Collins

Floodland

The main character Zoe lives in the uk which is sinking and only norwich is left. Zoe tried to escape with her parents but she got knocked out so she couldn't get on a different boat.

From there Zoe became a loner and the only person close to her was a girl named Natasha. This book was written by the marvellous Marcus Sedwick.

Zoe was just a young girl at 10 years old and she was living alone anywhere where she could, she was living in an abandoned building when she found a boat so she could escape when she wanted to. A gang was chasing her, she tripped but got back up and climbed over a wall and she escaped using her boat, some of the members were begging her to bring them with her, but she knew there would just be a fight if she went back. She rowed until she blacked out, she then found an eel island and got her boat confiscated.

I dislike the part that she left Natasha because she was a good person because she asked if Zoe wanted to live with her since she knew about the incident when Zoe's parents left without her.

I recommend this book to people who like fiction and to people that are about 8+ because it is a dark book.

By Antoni Danilczuk

Mira Levenson is a girl whose life is spinning out of control. Will she be able to let someone into her heart when it feels that her heart is about to break? A beautiful and interesting story by Sita Brahmachari. Mira Levenson is living in a crazy and chaotic family with an outspoken grandma, younger siblings and busy parents. She loves them all, with all her remaining parts of her heart but needs a place to be herself. Meanwhile Mira does have secrets, her best friend is drifting away and her nan is dying and she can't stop thinking about the strange mysterious Jide Jackson who definitely has secrets of his own.

I love this book because it is moving and involving and it is based on growing pains and expressing yourself through art and words. Millie is my favourite character because she is always there for Mira so she doesn't get embarrassed.

I would give this book:



By Bernice

Book Review!!

This book is the third book of the following series to "Percy Jackson", written by Rick Riordan. The Percy Jackson series is all about what it would be like to have mythological beings in the modern-day world.

The protagonists of the heroes of Olympus series are Annabeth (daughter of Athena), Percy (son of Poseidon), Jason (son of Jupiter), Hazel (daughter of Pluto), Leo (son of Hephaestus), Frank (son of Mars) and Piper (daughter of Aphrodite).

This book starts with Annabeth, Leo, Jason and Piper picking up Percy, Frank and Hazel from New Rome/Camp Jupiter (a Roman demigod training camp) with the help of the **Argo II** (a boat made by Leo that can fly and travel the sea). They sail across the sea to Italy to find the Ancient Greek statue called the **Athena Parthenos**. Annabeth has to face her fear of spiders by battling Arachne, a Greek being that was cursed by Athena to have the upper body of a human and the lower body of a giant black widow. Once she's defeated the abomination that is Arachne, the temple falls apart and Percy and Annabeth drop into **Tartarus!!** 😞

I really liked this book "**HEROES OF OLYMPUS : MARK OF ATHENA**" because the tension is brilliant and the battles are amazing!!

THERE IS NOTHING TO DISLIKE!!

I would recommend this to anyone who likes Greek mythology or fantasy.

By Thomas Redfern

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Claire Gillespie