

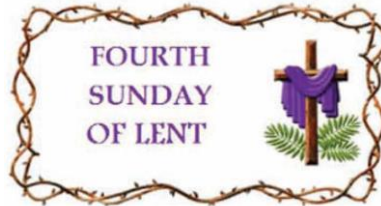
St John XXIII Catholic Primary School



Newsletter – Friday 9th March 2018

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Gospel of the Week Children's liturgy – Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year B)



Today we hear about just how much God loves the world and all the people in it. Let's think some more about that love, especially on Mother's Day...

Generous God, we give you thanks because you loved the world so much you sent your only Son to show us how to live and to grow in love. May we share your love with others. Amen.

Loving God, show us how to reach out to others around the world in love and to support them to build a better future, free from poverty. Amen.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We have re-scheduled our dress up day to **Wednesday 14th March**, children can come into school dressed as their favourite book character.

**SPORT
RELIEF**

Our school will be supporting Sport Relief on **Friday 23rd March**. Children can come into school dressed in sporty clothes and bring a £1. The whole school will take a walk/run around Wormholt Park in the morning and we will have a cake sale at 3pm.



Don't forget to bring £1 and cakes!

MAYORS CUP



At the time of writing, our girls team are due to play in the quarter and hopefully semi-finals in the Mayors Cup today. We wish them lots of luck and congratulate them for getting this far in the competition, they have played amazingly and have scored so many goals!!

After School Clubs



The final week for after school clubs will be week commencing Monday 19th March. Details for the Summer Term clubs will be sent out shortly.

ATTENDANCE COMPETITION



Every half term we run an attendance competition and the winning class gets a prize, here are the results so far:-

RAC	96.02%	Y2N	88.64%
RSE	96.92%	Y3	95.23%
Y1N	95.50%	Y4	95.51%
Y1M	95.54%	Y5	94.69%
Y2B	96.99%	Y6	96.15%

PHOTO SHOOT DAY

We have a professional photographer coming in on Monday 19th March to take photos for our new prospectus and website. Please can children be in full school uniform (if any birthdays fall on this day please can own clothes be worn the following day). Photos will not be taken of any children whose parents have requested not to have their photos on the school website.

Catholic Children's Society *Making A Difference*



Please return your Lenten boxes to school after the Easter Holidays, thank you.

EASTER EGG RAFFLE



The school be holding our traditional Easter Egg raffle for the children on Wednesday 28th March. We would be grateful for donations of Easter Eggs, thank you!

PE KITS

Please ensure your child brings their PE kit into school on Mondays and takes it home for washing on Fridays. PE is part of the national curriculum and your child must take part.

Also, we would appreciate donations of any outgrown PE T-shirts and shorts, thank you.

Y5 EXPERIENCE DAY

Y5 dressed up and enjoyed their Greek Experience Day on Wednesday. Rayna said "Yesterday Theo came into our class and did various activities with us including a very complicated puzzle, looking at armour and Greek Olympics. During the Olympics we did javelin throwing and throwing a small hoop as close to a bench as possible. We also sang. It was really fun and everyone enjoyed it". The whole class were also treated to a tasty Greek style feast prepared by Mrs Peart and Miss Hayes.



Children in Reception and Year 1 were treated to a visit by a lady from the Blue Cross, a charity which helps sick, injured and homeless pets. The children learnt all about how to look after pets. Here are some quotes from the children in their own words:-

"The lady showed us different animals and pets. We need to give them food, water, toys and they have to be happy, we need to give them love". Alano, RSE.

"Blue Cross came to visit, we saw a toy dog, we have to give it a safe home". Rylee RSE.

"The vet does an X-ray and puts a plaster on them". Elizabeth RAC.

"A lady talked to us about animals and pets. She told us about a horse that didn't have a family, they helped the horse and gave him a new family". Amber RAC.

PARISH NEWS

MESSY CHURCH - Friday 16th March, 3.15 - 5pm in the Our Lady of Fatima parish centre. Come and join our Messy Church team for fun/arts & crafts/fab food - this month's theme is DONKEYS! This is for children of primary school age - parents/guardians need to accompany their child. All welcome!

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE - Tuesday 20th March, 7-8pm at Our Lady of Fatima church. There will be a team of priests ready to help you celebrate the Sacrament and so be prepared spiritually for Holy Week. We will guide you through this if it's been a long time since you last did this!

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - in the first week of the school summer holidays (Sat 21 - Fri 27 July) Fr Richard is leading a pilgrimage by coach to Lourdes. We will join the annual Westminster Pilgrimage with Cardinal Vincent. Very family friendly! To find out more, see Fr Richard or email Julia at whitecity@rcdow.org.uk

At the side of St John XXIII school is what is known as the "Over 50's building" on New Zealand Way. This building has stood empty and unused for the last few years but now there is an idea for the local community to help bring it back into use. There will be an "Open House" time on Friday 23rd March, 3.00-6.00pm and on Saturday 24th March, 10.00am - 12 noon. Come and have a look at the building and the big garden behind and share your ideas about how you would like the building to be used, and maybe even how you would like to be a part of this exciting project! This could also be an opportunity for St John XXIII pupils to get involved in some way - eg with some allotment space in the garden... Please spread the word - see Fr Richard if you would like to know more.



On Monday, Year 6 went on a trip to a Battle of Britain Concert at Cadogan Hall in Chelsea. Malik said "we all dressed up in a World War II theme and sang with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra with other schools", it was really fun!"

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On Thursday 8th March it was International Women's Day. This day had extra special significance this year as it is also 100 years since women won the right to vote in the U.K. All the children have been celebrating this anniversary in their classes and in Year 3 we have been learning about how women fought for and won the right to vote all those years ago. We have also studied Emily Davison and how she fought and died for the cause she believed so passionately in.

Alongside this we have been learning about gender stereotypes and how to question these. We have enjoyed discussing and debating with each other about what our gender means to us and whether our genders define who we are and what we can do. Are there girl jobs and boy jobs? Can only boys play football? Should girls be allowed to wear trousers to school? All these topics and more have been hotly debated in Year 3 this week and the children have all been keen to express their opinion!

Dates for the rest of term

Monday 12 th March	Reception Science Museum Trip Y4 Assembly
Tuesday 13 th March	Mayor's Cup Finals (tbc)
Wednesday 14 th March	World Book Dress Up Day School of Rock Trip to Music for Youth, Ealing
Thursday 15 th March	Y1M Assembly (9.00am)
Friday 16 th March	Y3 Experience Day Nursery class Saint service (2.15pm)
Monday 19 th March	Last week for after school clubs Photo Shoot Day for new prospectus/website
Tuesday 20 th March	Y2B Wagamama Trip
Wednesday 21 st March	Y1 Dinosaur Trip Greenwich Y4 Roman Experience Day
Thursday 22 nd March	Y1M Parent Consultation Day (times are the same) Y2N Wagamama Trip Y3 Liturgy (2.15pm) Y6 Parents SATs meeting (4.30pm)
Friday 23 rd March	KS2 Instrumental Concert (9.00am) Walk in the Park for Sport Relief (10.30am) Sport Relief Cake Sale (3.00pm)
Monday 26 th March	Y4 Trip to Museum of London Y5 & Y6 Way of the Cross (2.00pm)
Tuesday 27 th March	KS2 mass at St Aidan's (10.00am) Y1 Jurassic Experience Day
Wednesday 28 th March	Easter Egg Raffle
Thursday 29 th March	End of Term (1.30pm)
Monday 16 th April	Back to school