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Dear Parents

Christmas excitement is already building as we approach the mid-point of this half term with rehearsals well underway for our Carol Concert and Nativity Plays. The stage is already up in the Long Room and Year 5 will be making use of it when we welcome their parents for their Class Assembly next week which celebrates this term's work on Remembrance Day and The Titanic.

A huge well done to our Science Quizzers from Years 5 and 6 who achieved an amazing third-place at the Croydon Catholic Schools' heat of the Science Quiz on Wednesday. They are eagerly awaiting to see if their score was enough to secure a semi-final spot; we are keeping everything crossed!

Well done also to our Year 1 students who attended Mass for the first time at John the Baptist this week. They were praised for their impeccable behaviour by many members of the congregation; thank you for representing our school so beautifully.

In assembly this morning we were treated to an amazing rap, written and performed by a Year 4 student who was inspired by Anti-Bullying Week last week. You can find her inspirational lyrics on page 6 of this newsletter.

Thank you to our PTA for last week's Film Night which was enjoyed by all and raised £470 for the PTA. Our next event is the Christmas Fair which is just two short week away! We are still in need of wrapped gifts (toys/toiletries) for the tombola and raffle prizes please and we also need volunteers to help out on stalls on the day. Please do contact your Class Rep to offer your time if you can and help to make this the best one ever!

It has been particularly cold this week and several children are still coming to school without a coat. Please can you ensure your child wears their school coat each day, teachers will be reminding them to make sure they wear them at playtimes. For Junior PE it is particularly important that they have a coat, jumper, school hat and gloves (black/navy) as they are outside all afternoon on Wednesdays.

Our website is undergoing a refresh and as such, will be offline this weekend. We will let you know once all updates are complete and the new site is live early next week. Wishing you all a refreshing weekend—just like the website!

Mrs Reece

Acting Headteacher



Our new House Point boards are up in the Long Room and the first week's results have been collected and collated by our House Captains. Well done Wulstan who take the early lead!



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



Year 3 led our Celebration of The Word assembly on Monday, exploring how change is a part of life, but we can take strength from knowing the unchanging nature of God's word, which is the reason for our hope.

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

Mark 13:31

Focus on Catholic Social Teaching principals—Year 6 Subsidiarity



Jethro said to Moses, "Let them bring every important case to you, but decide every minor case themselves."

Exodus 18:22



Reception



In Awe and Wonder, Reception Class focused on the story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples before the Last Supper. As we acted out this meaningful event and the children reflected on how Jesus showed us the importance of serving others with love and humility, they shared their own ideas about how they can show kindness and love in their daily lives, striving to follow Jesus' example.

Year 1 Mass at John The Baptist



Well done to Year 1 who attended Mass at John the Baptist for the first time this week. They behaved impeccably and were praised by several members of the congregation.

Unfortunately, due to Christmas Carol Concert rehearsals, Year 6 will be missing their scheduled visit next Tuesday.

Nursery

This week Nursery have listened to a different story every day and participated in a variety of activities including:

- Learning about the roles of an Author and an Illustrator.
- Listening to 'Room on the Broom' and answering questions to reinforce understanding.
- Completing a science experiment based on 'The Gingerbread Man' using prompt cards to introduce new vocabulary and questioning.
- Listening to the 'Goldie-Locks and the Three Bears' in Spanish.
- Listening to 'Jack and the Beanstalk' then following instructions to colour the correct amount of beans.
- Listening to 'The Three Little pigs' then using a variety of materials to design our own house.



Reception



This week in Reception, we have had another exciting and busy week of learning! In Literacy, the children have been enjoying the story of Owl Babies, developing their reading and storytelling skills.



In Maths, we have been exploring the concept of comparing lengths and measuring with cubes.

Year 1



In Literacy this week Year 1 learnt about rhythm and rhyme by performing a skipping poem. They all enjoyed skipping to the beat!

Year 2



Year 2 had a great time learning all about the Great Fire of London and their poems and art work have made this amazing display in the corridor.

Year 3



Year 3 enjoyed an extra special Art/DT lesson this week, baking these tasty Celtic Knot biscuits.



Year 4



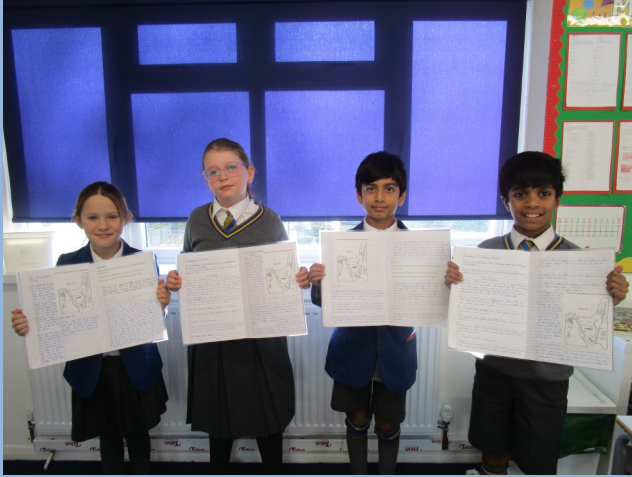
This week Year 4 have demonstrated great maturity debating on important proposals regarding our local environment. Both sides were able to demonstrate mutual respect, listening attentively to the other side and responding to their arguments.

Science Quiz

Well done to our Science Quiz squad who came third in the Croydon Catholic Schools' Heat of the Science Quiz on Wednesday.



Year 5



Year 5 have been exploring God's Covenant in RE this week and wrote detailed newspaper articles reporting on Moses' journey to Canaan.

Year 6



Year 6 really enjoyed a Transport for London workshop delivered by School Liaison Officer James on Monday. They learnt some important safety rules about travelling on public transport in a fun and informative way.



Follow The Star
CALM and BRIGHT

St Mark and St Swithun
Advent Craft afternoon at St Marks Church CR83QQ
December 1ST 2:30-4:30
Children aged 5-11 years

Tree decorations/ table decorations/nativity scenes/ wreaths/ star biscuits//star decorations/ and many more

Places are limited – Book early to avoid disappointment.
St Mark's Church Hall Church Road CR8 3QQ
 £10 per child to cover the cost of materials

Child's name..... Age.....

Parent /carers name.....

Special circumstances eg allergies

Address.....

Post code..... Tel No.....

Emergency contact during event Relationship.....

Name of person collecting

Please indicate Payment method Cheque or Bank transfer

Payment Cheque to payable to St Marks PCC bank

Or transfer-A/c 26624214 – sort-60-06-14 – stating Advent Crafts and name of child

Return forms to St Marks Parish Office (letter box by hall door)

[email revfiona.weaver@gmail.com](mailto:revfiona.weaver@gmail.com) for more details

Community Flu Clinic in Croydon

Saturday, 23rd November 2024
 Croydon & District Masonic Hall
 73 Oakfield Rd, Croydon CR0 2UX

10.00 – 2.00pm

Walk in clinic no booking needed

Stars of the week



Dates for your Diary

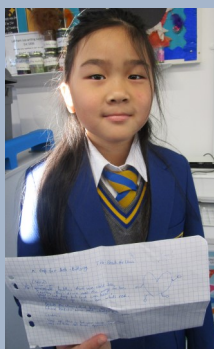
- Year 5 and 6 Swimming on Nov 28th, Dec 12th
- Nov 29th— Year 5 Class Assembly
- Dec 3rd—Christmas Carols (Yrs. 3-6) 6pm
- Dec 3rd—Year 5 Mass John the Baptist 10am
- Dec 5th—Year 1/2 Polka Theatre Trip
- Dec 6th—EYFS/KS1 Nativity Plays
- Dec 6th—PTA Xmas Fair
- Dec 9th—PTA Xmas Panto
- Dec 10th—Year 4 Mass John the Baptist
- Dec 11th—Xmas Lunch
- Dec 13th—End of Term 2pm.

TOMBOLA DONATIONS NEEDED!

For PTA Christmas Fair on 6th December

Wrapped items only
Chocolates, sweets, toys and toiletries
No alcohol please

Anti-Bullying Rap



Our own battles that we
can't see

Tearing others down isn't the
way to be,

Words cut deep but love can
heal

Lift each other up, show them what's real

Break the chain, don't pass blame
Choose kindness now change the game.

Step up strong, let your voice ring clear,
Say no to hate, let love appear.





Friday 6th December



An event for all the family to enjoy

Christmas Fair

3:30pm - 5:00pm

- * Meet Santa
- * Face Painting
- * Mystery Bags
- * Light Food & Drinks
- * Tombola

Volunteers needed! Exchange cash for tokens



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