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Dear Parents

I cannot quite believe there are only two-weeks left of what has been an action packed term of learning and fun, with plenty more to look forward to before we break for Christmas.

Today we welcomed our Year 5 parents for our Star Assembly where the class treated us to a west-end style drama production complete with song and dance! Parents were then invited to see their art work and model making too. Well done Year 5 on a tremendous showcase.

On Tuesday we enjoyed a full rehearsal ahead of our Junior Christmas Carol Concert next week. We are looking forward to welcoming parents and families at 6pm on Tuesday to St Mark's Church, with an extra special surprise in store for this year's event!

Next week we also have our EYFS and KS1 Nativity Plays taking place on Friday at 9.15 and 11am respectively. We are also eagerly anticipating our PTA Christmas Fair next Friday—thank you for all of your donations so far (including a giant husky that is sure to be the star of the show!).

Full details of all our upcoming events have been emailed to parents separately this week but do let Mrs Edwards know if you have any questions at all.

Unfortunately our website developers ran into a minor technical hitch whilst trying to deploy the new-look site this week, they are hoping to have it ready soon but in the meantime we have reverted to the previous version.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Mrs Reece

Acting Headteacher

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD



For a positive attitude and always having a smile on her face.



For exemplary leadership and showing our CST values of Solidarity and The Common Good.



Year 5 Assembly

We were treated to an absolutely amazing assembly from Year 5 this morning, with drama, dance and song on the theme of The Titanic and Remembrance Day.

Every member of the class had worked hard to learn their lines and spoke with clarity and precision. Well done Year 5!



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



We started our week with our Celebration of The Word assembly where we celebrated the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and explored what it means to be a king.

I am a king, I was born for this, I came into the world for this, to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of the truth, listen to my voice. (John 18:37)

Focus on Catholic Social Teaching principals: Solidarity and The Common Good.



This week our Mini Vinnies have been rehearsing Christmas Carols ahead of their visit to Westside Care home to sing for residents on December 10th where we will be putting into action our Catholic Social Teaching principals of Solidarity and The Common Good

Questions for Mary....



Year 1 have been learning all about the birth of Jesus by role-playing an interview with Mary. Questions included:

- What was Bethlehem like?
- What happened?
- Who came to visit?
- Did they bring presents?



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) aims to seek and find those who are forgotten, and to bring Christ's love to the suffering and deprived.

Most of our work at the SVP in Purley is carried out within our Parish (St John the Baptist) and local community.

Nursery

This week Nursery have been exploring emotions and discussing how our emotions change in different situations. We have also been:



- Creating a 'magic potion' in a bottle using colours to match the emotion we are feeling.
- Thinking about a time of when we have shown different emotions and explaining why.
- Completing a cutting and sticking activity sorting the 'emotion' pictures into their correct groups.
- Listening to the story 'The Colour Monster' and answering questions about the story to reinforce understanding.
- Using the 'emotion puppets' to role-play experiences with others based on different emotions.

Reception



We have had another busy week of learning in Reception Class! In Literacy, we have continued our story of Owl Babies and learned some incredible facts about owls. We also labelled owl diagrams, listening for the sounds in our words.

In Maths, we have been working hard comparing heights and numbers. In addition, we have been learning all about looking after ourselves and discovering ways to stay healthy.

The children have been working hard on our rehearsals for 'It's a Baby', and cannot wait for the performance next Friday! A very big thank you to all our parents who are kindly providing costumes for the performance.

House Points Scores so far (Week 2)

379

296

291

303

Year 2



Year 2 have made beautiful stained glass effect windows with tissue paper in Art this week.



Year 3



Year 3 have been learning all about the Annunciation when Mary was visited by the Angel Gabriel. They made their own puppets and retold the story to their classmates.

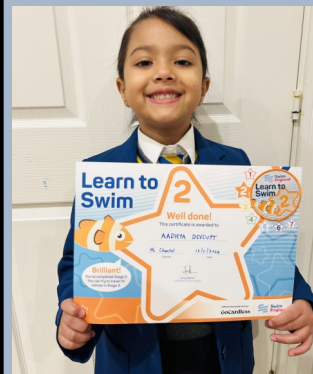
Year 4

This week Year 4 reported on the Gringott's bank break-in, which has left everyone with unanswered questions! Who were these mysterious wizards? What were the contents of the unidentified package removed from Vault 713 by two unknown wizards earlier that day? With eye-witness accounts and catchy headlines these articles were magically news worthy!



Swimming Stars

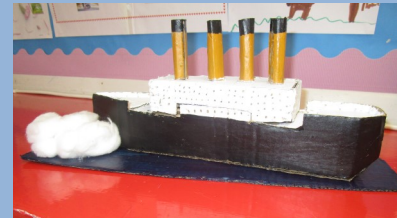
A huge congratulations to our Year 6 superstar swimmer who is the fastest girl in Sutton at in the 50m breaststroke for the second year in a row. She also took the title for the 100m breaststroke event too!



Well done also to our Year 1 swimming star who has completed Grade 2 recently.

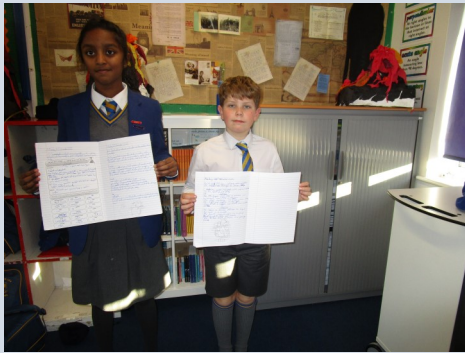
Year 5

Well done to Year 5 on a titanic array of work for their Titanic project!



Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been learning about how nutrients and water are transported around the human body by the circulatory system.



Stars of the week



Dates for your Diary

- Year 5 and 6 Swimming Dec 12th
- 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.



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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