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Dear Parents,

We enjoyed an absolutely wonderful start to our week with our Year 4-6 students travelling to the O2 Arena to take part in the Young Voices Choir concert on Monday evening. It was a fabulous experience for our students to be part of such a huge production, described by one Year 6 student as 'the most fun I've ever had with all my school friends!'.

Our Year 2 class enjoyed a trip to Mass at St John the Baptist on Tuesday and on Wednesday they were joined by Year 1 on a trip to Purley Library where they enjoyed a story, learned all about how the library works and were given library cards so they can borrow books.

Our footballers were sadly defeated by a strong St Aidan's side in the cup on Tuesday but are hoping to bounce back next week against John Wood School in the league.

Also next week, our Year 6 mathematicians will take on other Croydon Catholic schools in the annual Math's Quiz and Year 1 will be going to Mass at John the Baptist.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

House Points

Wulstan

This week— 286

Total—2377

Alban

This week—252

Total—2270

Edmund

This week—242

Total—2210

Mayne

This week—322

Total—2287

Dates for your Diary

- Jan 27th—Year 1 Mass at John the Baptist
- Jan 28th—Maths Quiz @ Thomas Becket School
- Jan 29th—Year 5 & 6 Swimming
- Feb 3rd—Year 6 Mass at John the Baptist
- Feb 12th—Year 5 & 6 Swimming
- Feb 13th— Toyshops Workshop Nursery—Y2
- Feb 26th—Year 5 & 6 Swimming
- March 9th—Science Museum Y3
- March 11th—Science Quiz @ St Mary's
- March 12th—Year 5 & 6 Swimming
- March 20th—LAMDA exams
- March 23rd—Easter Concert
- March 26th—Year 5 & 6 Swimming
- March 27th—Term ends 2pm.



The Catholic life of the school



In our Celebration of the Word assembly on Monday we learnt about the true identity of Jesus through John the Baptist.

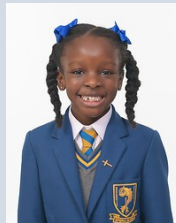
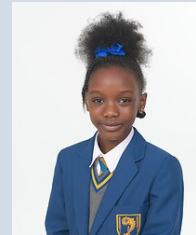
With the help of the Holy Spirit, we too can recognise Jesus as God and be witnesses for Him in the world.

"I have seen and have been borne to witness that this is the Son of God". (John 1:34)

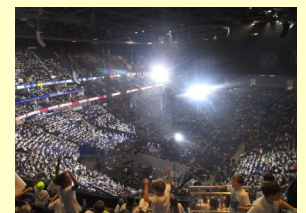
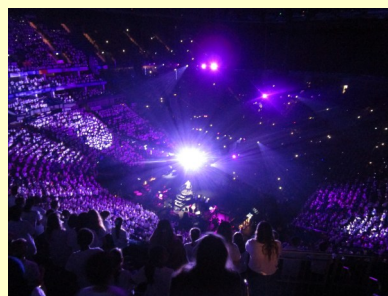


Gospel Values

Well done to this week's Gospel Values award winners for showing our values of **Compassion, Gentleness, Justice, Love, Forgiveness** and **Hope**.



Young Voices



Nursery

This week Nursery have had a very busy week exploring opposites, activities included:

- Completing a cut and paste sorting activity
- Investigating floating and sinking—making a prediction before we carried out our activity, answering key questions and discussing our findings.
- Listening to the story 'Polar Opposites' by Eric Brooks, discussing about the story and giving example of opposites.
- Ordering the lengths of caterpillars from shortest to longest.



Reception

We have had an out-of-this-world week in Reception! Our learning has been centred around a Reception favourite, *Man on the Moon* by Simon Bartram. The children have been captivated by the illustrations and remain thoroughly convinced that they spotted aliens hiding on the lunar surface - despite what the story might say! I am sure they will be very eager to debate this with you at home.

To bring the space theme to life, we got creative making some fantastic, funny alien pictures. We also practiced our numbers by watching footage of a real rocket launch, joining in enthusiastically with the final countdown and a very loud "Blast off!"



Year 1

Year 1 have been busy with a few craft activities linked to their topics. They made beautiful flick books with Mrs Hall in Art and in RE, they updated the prayer tree with beautiful prayers of thanks and decorated their candles which they use for liturgy.

Year 2

This week our Year 2 students learnt about the Good News in RE. They have been designing an artistic interpretation of The feeding of the 5000. This involved cutting out pictures of fish and loaves of bread and creating an artistic design of this scene.



Year 3

This week, Year 3 dove deeper into our study of skeletons by investigating how joints and muscles work together to help us move.

The children learned to identify different types of joints specifically hinge and ball and socket and practiced spotting them on both humans and animals.



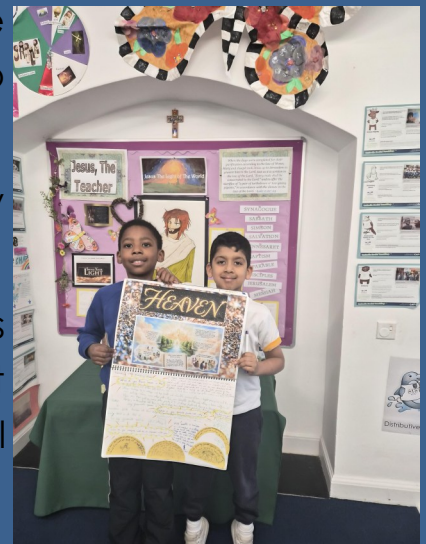
Year 4

Exploring Heaven Through Scripture. This week Year 4 pupils took part in a reflective RE lesson focused on what the Bible teaches about Heaven. The children explored and discussed the words of Jesus, including:

"My Father's house has many rooms... I am going there to prepare a place for you." (John 14:2).

Using this quote as a starting point, pupils shared their own ideas about what they imagine Heaven to be like — a place of peace, joy and closeness to God. They reflected on how we can live our lives in ways that please God, such as showing kindness, forgiveness and love to others.

The children also thoughtfully considered who they imagine will be with them in Heaven, expressing hopes of being reunited with loved ones and surrounded by God's care. It was a calm and meaningful session that encouraged faith-filled reflection and thoughtful discussion.



Year 5



In Year 5 this week we have written about our own world which we entered through the wardrobe. For our homework we also created WANTED posters for the white witch tracking down the sons of Adam and daughters of Eve.

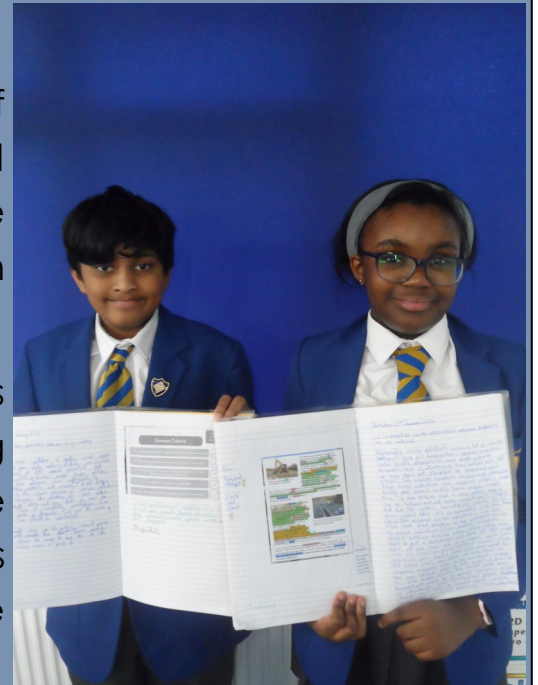
Taekwondo Student of the Year 2025



Year 6

This week, Year 6 mastered the art of persuasive writing, exploring powerful techniques like rhetorical questions, emotive language, and the "Rule of Three" to champion the Earth.

By analysing key environmental issues, students are learning how to construct compelling arguments that inspire change. They are currently drafting letters and speeches designed to convince readers to take Immediate action.



Stars of the week

