

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery

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Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear Children, Parents, Staff and Governors,

On Tuesday, we welcomed James Stacey - RE Subject Advisor for the SJSCAT - who was wholly impressed with our children and our staff. James thoroughly enjoyed his visit beginning with "the joy" in Mrs Deacy's assembly to speaking to our children, "When they sang their mission statement it put a real smile on my face." I look forward to sharing the report highlights with all of you once published.

I am also delighted by the fact that 2 of our children – Caroline in Y6 and Elisa in Y5 - were invited to become Newsround reporters. In fact, they will shortly appear on a Newsround item on the release of the film **Wicked**. Please see Caroline's account of this exciting event:

My Newsround Experience by Caroline

On the 20th of November, Elisa (Year 5) and I had the privilege to interview 3 stars from the brand new film: **Wicked** – namely, **Ariana Grande** (playing Glinda), **Cynthia Erivo** (playing Elphaba) and **Jonathan Bailey** (playing Prince Fiyero). We arrived at the Corinthian Hotel for the filming at around 10am. Elisa and I were both **so** excited to do the interview. Once we arrived at the hotel, we received special "**PRESS**" lanyards and were shown to a waiting room for journalists and reporters. Then, a lady from **Newsround**, Hannah, briefed us on what we should do and she gave us our **Newsround** note cards. After waiting for about 1 hour and a half, we were finally called in to interview Ariana and Cynthia. It was amazing! They were both so friendly and loved the special bracelets that we had made for them. Next, following a short ten minute interval, Elisa and I were all set to interview Jonathan Bailey (your parents might remember him from **Bridgerton**). He was extremely warm and we all had a lot of fun talking to each other! After that, we left the glamorous scene of the Corinthian and headed back to school. What an amazing experience!

Plans are afoot for the **Winter Gala** on 7th December – an event to rival any Bridgerton ball! Parents will be selling tickets on Friday 24, 31 November in the playground before school.

As the weather gets colder, can we please ask parents to ensure children have enough layers, including hats, scarves and gloves. If children are going to Forest School, please ensure that children have wellies and spare socks as well enough layers under their school uniform.

Our Year 4 children have been set a Times Table Challenge with the other schools in our Trust. Children in Year 4 have been given their login details for Times Table Rockstars. **The challenge runs from 22.11.2024 to 28.11.2024.**

Our Y5 and Y6 children have been invited to participate in the **Little Venice Ward's Christmas Light Switch On**. We will be singing with the choir from St. Saviours Primary School and this promises to be a beautiful example of collegiate celebration.

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This will take place on Monday 2nd December at 5:30, opposite St. Saviours Church. If you have not yet confirmed that your child will be attending, please do let myself or your teacher know.

Thank you to those parents who have already signed up for the auspicious carol singing service at **Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14th December**. **If you have not already signed up, please see the attached letter and do not hesitate. This is a beautiful service and our school and indeed our children deserve to be well represented.** Mr Bowles and I will be accompanying all of those children and parents attending, **leaving St. Joseph's at 12 on Saturday 14th December**, so that we can meet all of the participating schools outside Westminster Cathedral at 1pm. **Please do not hesitate to ask me or Mr Bowles or indeed Miss Murphy, if you would like any further information regarding this event.**

Caroline Moulinet, Lay Chaplain for the SJSCAT, invites us all to join together in prayer. Please see below:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We warmly invite you to take a moment to rest in God's hands by joining our monthly prayer session on Teams, held on the **first Friday of each month from 2:45 to 3:00pm**. Find below the dates and link.

Together, we will come in prayer, share a Psalm or Gospel reading, and offer our prayer intentions. This is a time to pause, give thanks for the week, pray for one another and our community, and entrust our families to God's care as we enter the weekend.

We hope you can join us for this peaceful and grounding moment of faith and hope. God bless,

December 6th, January 10th, February 7th, March 7th (not in April, Easter Break), May 2nd, June 6th, July 4th.

[Click here to join the prayer on Teams](#)

Meeting ID: 372 905 578 739

Passcode: noFQnG

We have also been contacted by Sacred Heart High School in Hammersmith to promote a wonderfully inspiring event taking place this December. Please see below:

'Sacred Heart High School Hammersmith is hoping that some of our parents and staff might be interested in joining them for a fascinating event in the evening on **Friday 13 December 2024**. They are repeating a talk given first in June 2024 about the truly extraordinary history of **The Nunnery at Hammersmith** (a clandestine convent and school) and its history from 1669 to the present day. This is a story about the bravery and resilience of Catholic women. Some of those who attended in June said the talk was 'jaw-dropping' and 'riveting'. Proceeds from ticket sales (which include

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refreshments afterwards and an exhibition, will go towards the school's Cloister Paintings Restoration Fund. More details and tickets are available here: [The Nunnery at Hammersmith. Riveting talk with refreshments. | Events | Sacred Heart High School Hammersmith](#)

Medications and allergies, please do let us know if your child has any allergies or medical condition. We aim to keep our records as up to date as possible but we do appreciate that allergies and medical conditions change as children get older.

We require parents of all children across the school to give consent for local trips. Local trips include Maida Vale Library, Our Lady's Church and Paddington Recreation Ground however, children also attend trips across London on public transport and coaches. Mrs Dunphy has created a Parentmail electronic form for you to complete, please open your Parentmail account and navigate to Forms

Please note, parents of children in our current Nursery and Reception class are not required to complete this form this year.

Chestertons estate agency have asked for our support with their annual coat drive. Please drop adult coats to the school office entrance by Friday 29th November.

During these final weeks of November, please do share the Eternal Rest Prayer with your little ones:

Prayer for Eternal Rest (The Requiem Prayer)

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace
Amen

May God bless you and keep you safe,

Dr. N. Fernandes-Viana

MERITS AND AWARDS		
NAME	MERITS	AWARDS
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Sofia	Joshua
PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Luz	Max
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Yeva	Flossy
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan & Miss Jackson	Blue 1	Audrey
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Callie	Aron
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Suraiya	Platon

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VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward

Stanley

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ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
RECEPTION 1	96.2%	1.0%
Y1 PINK 1	99.2%	1.6%
Y1/2 PINK 2	94.8%	1.7%
Y2 PINK 3	99.6%	1.8%
Y3 BLUE 1	99.5%	0.0%
Y4 BLUE 3	100.0%	0.3%
Y5 VIOLET 1	95.9%	1.4%
Y6 VIOLET 3	94.8%	2.2%
Totals	97.5%	1.3%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

November

Tuesday 19th

Netball (selected team) competition @ Paddington Rec'

Thursday 21st

Art Workshop Year 5 am

Friday 22nd

Feast of St Cecilia

Father Alex classroom sessions with Y1 & 2

Monday 25th

Pink 3 visiting Forest School

Tuesday 26th

Spirituality Day

Wednesday 27th

Y6 visiting Winter Wonderland

Thursday 28th

Art Workshop Year 5 am

Friday 29th

Last day for adult winter coat donation

December

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Monday 2nd

Aim High Writing workshop Y5 & Y6 representatives

Last week of afterschool clubs

Y5 & Y6 attending Little Venice Ward's Christmas lights switch on @5:30pm

Tuesday 3rd

EYFS & KS1 Advent Assembly with Fr Alex @ 9am

Thursday 5th

Art Workshop Year 5

Monday 9th

Nursery Nativity - school hall @2pm

Y6 attending Light up a Life service @ St. John's Wood Church

Tuesday 10th

Reception Nativity play to parents – school hall @ 10am

Wednesday 11th

Pink 1 visiting Forest School am

Pink 2 visiting Forest School pm

@ZSL London visiting Santa & the animals

Thursday 12th

Y5 Art Workshop am

KS1 Nativity to parents – school hall @ 9:30am Y1 PARENTS ONLY

KS1 Nativity to parents – school hall & 2pm YEAR 2 PARENTS ONLY

Friday 13th

Year 5 invited to sing Carols at Lord's Cricket Ground.

Saturday 14th

Westminster Cathedral Carol Singing service

Monday 16th

KS2 carol service 2pm @ the Church of Our Lady's

Tuesday 17th

Science Day (potions workshop) Y4 & Y5 @ Middlesex University

Wednesday 18th

School Christmas lunch

Class parties

Non uniform day

Friday 20th

School Ends @ 1:30pm

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