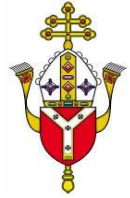




St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Dr. N Fernandes-Viana
Acting Deputy Headteacher: Mr.K Bowles



Jesus said: 'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full'.

5th December 2023

Dear Pupils, Staff, Parents and Governors,

The children have been busy preparing for Christmas Nativities and our Carol Concert, thank you to all parents for their support and time. For parents in Nursery and Reception, please see the added performance date below. Your time is always greatly appreciated and is one of the things that makes our school so special. **During our Nativities in school, we will be collecting small change for St John's Hospice, during our Carol service at Our Lady's Church, we will be collecting for our Parish Church. Please ensure children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 wear full school uniform for the Carol Concert in Church.**

I was amazed by the dedication and commitment to our school community on Saturday at the Winter Gala. The decorations, food, drinks, atmosphere and theme made this event so special. I would like to say a special thanks to all of the Reception and Nursery parents for their dedication and time. To see parents from across the school come together in the spirit of community and fundraising and to have such a wonderful time is truly heartwarming. **I will update on Friday with amounts raised and mentions to particular parents.**

Please find raffle prize winners below.

Blanche-**Year 4**, Gabriella- **Reception**, Maxi –**Reception**, Hannah –**Reception**, Sofia- **Reception**, Taisia -**Year 2**, Federico –**Reception**, Jacopo- **Year 3**, Noah -**Year 1**, Thomas –**Reception**, Felicitas - **Year 1**, Nahla- **Year 1**, Gaspard- **Nursery**, Deacy – **T**, Giacomo – **Nursery**

Mrs Deacy, Mr Bowles, and I were joined on Saturday by Carly Beake from our **Saint John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust**. Carly, in her role, is keen to help us raise funds for our medium and long-term future. Please find attached details about the **Live Life to the Full Fund** which aims to help us continue to offer such a balanced and broad educational experience for our children.

As mentioned in my last newsletter, parents had requested some more After School Clubs.

Mrs. Dunphy and Mrs. Harrington have been busy arranging these and we will send details with Friday's newsletter. Please note that all after school clubs except JAG (Junior Adventures Group) finish this week. There are no subject specific clubs week commencing 11th and 18th December.

Fit for Sport will also be running a Holiday Club here at **St Joseph's from 2nd-5th January 2023.**

Please see their website for more details and booking instructions.

Please note school finishes on Thursday 21st December at 1:30pm. There have been many requests for children to take additional time off over the Christmas break, as a school we do not authorize holiday in term time unless exceptional circumstances. Our colleagues at Westminster Children's Services duly support us in our endeavor for all children to attend school all of the time. **Children return to school on Monday 8th January 2023.**

With best wishes,

Mr Kevin Bowles

MERITS AND AWARDS

NAME	MERIT	AWARDS
REC1 Miss Chani	-	-
REC2 Miss Diriye	-	-
PINK1 Miss (Dorota)Wegrzynowicz	Melina	Manuel
PINK2 Mr Starbuck & Mrs Morrin	Giovanni	Oliver
PINK3 Miss S Ward	Livia	Ronnie
BLUE1 Miss Donnellan	Callie	James
BLUE3 Miss Armstrong	Kiel	Eloise
VIOLET 1 Miss Lawson	Ani	Oliver
VIOLET 3 Miss A Ward	Hector	Julia

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

YEAR GROUP	Percentage Attendance (target >97%)	Late %
Nursery	90.6	1.2
RECEPTION 1	98.3	0.6
RECEPTION 2	94.1	1.2
Y1 PINK 1	93.5	1.7
Y1/2 PINK 2	97.9	1.4
Y2 PINK 3	96.1	1.8
Y3 BLUE 1	93.6	1.3
Y4 BLUE 3	97.4	0.7
Y5 VIOLET 1	94.8	2.2
Y6 VIOLET 3	92.3	2.9
Totals	94.8	1.5

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2023

Tuesday 5th

EYFS & KS1 Advent Assembly with Fr Alex (pupils only)
Advent Mass – Y3 Blue 1 & Y4 Blue 3 10am @Church of Our Lady

Wednesday 6th

Advent Mass – Y5 Violet 1 & Year 6 Violet 3 10am @Church of Our Lady
Y3 & Y4 Robin Hood Pantomime am in hall

Thursday 7th

Rec visiting ZSL London Zoo
Pink 3 visiting ZSL London Zoo
Year 5 Violet 1 – Carols at Lord's
Violet 3 visiting Library

Thursday 8th

Pink 1 visiting ZSL London Zoo
Pink 2 visiting ZSL London Zoo

Wednesday 13th

EYFS Nativity @ 9:30am
Y6 visiting Leonora House to sing Carols
Multi-Faith Chanukkah Celebration @ The Liberal Jewish Synagogue some Y4 attending
KS2 Carol Service 6pm @ Church of Our Lady's

Thursday 14th

KS1 Nativity @ 9:30am
KS1 Nativity @ 2pm

Monday 18th

The Littlest Christmas Elf workshop - EYFS
Y6 visiting Winter Wonderland.

Tuesday 19th

School Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 20th

Class Christmas parties & Christmas jumper day.