



St Chad's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

29th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children and staff were delighted to welcome Blue Peter presenter and former St Chad's pupil Mwaka Mudenda back to our school on Monday. She filmed with Year 4, had a tour around the school and ended the day with an assembly for all.

Mwaka spoke passionately about her faith and how God guides her; it was clear that St Chad's holds a very special place in her heart. The episode airs today so please do take a look.

Have a lovely weekend.

All good wishes,

Mrs Vassallo and Staff

Prayers

Please keep the Andam and Boakye families in your prayers following their tragic loss of Elianne on Wednesday morning. We hope that the love and support of the St Chad's community will be a comfort to them at this time.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let Your perpetual light shine upon her.
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed
rest in peace. Amen.*



Thank you to our TAs and ISAs

Today is National Teaching Assistants' Day. Thank you to our TAs and ISAs for all they do for St Chad's!



Open mornings

Our Open Mornings take place soon so please spread the word.

17th October

31st October

7th November

16th November

28th November

All of these are at 9.30am and places can be booked by phoning the office.

Our Faith

GOSPEL (Matthew 21: 28-32)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "What do you think about this? A man had two sons. He went to one and said, 'My son, go and work in my vineyard today.' 'I will not go,' his son replied – but later he changed his mind and went. The man said the same thing to his other son, and the son replied, 'Yes, I will' – but he did not go. Which of the two sons did the will of their father?" "The first," they said. Then Jesus said to them, "I tell you truly that those we consider outcasts are going ahead of you into the kingdom of God. Did not John the Baptist come to you, teaching what is right and true, and you did not believe him? Yet the outcasts believed him. And even then you did not change your minds and believe him."

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding officer: Mrs P Mitchener.

We also have three Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officers: Mrs Davern, Mrs Mooney and Mrs Vassallo. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one of the Designated Safeguarding Officers to seek further advice.



St Chad's Kindness Ambassadors make the news!

We are very proud that our kindness ambassadors were recently featured in the 52 Lives newsletter. Here is the article:

Become a Kindness Ambassador School

Last term, we piloted a Kindness Ambassador programme where seven selected U.K. schools nominated Kindness Ambassadors from each class/year group to help to promote kindness in their class, school and community.

The programme was overwhelmingly successful with schools saying that the kindness levels across their whole school improved because of the scheme.



Thank you to Mrs Gallagher for all of her work in developing PSHE and Kindness Ambassadors at St Chad's.

Nursery news

In Nursery we are learning about colours so this week we made blueberry cakes. We made sure there was enough for everyone to taste once they had baked. They were delicious! Ms Flavin



Attendance

Regular attendance at school is vital so that children can progress in their learning and friendships.

If your child is unwell, please leave a message on the answer phone or email the office by **8am**. The office staff check registers and must follow up on any unexplained absences by 9.15am, so your cooperation with this is appreciated.

Routine medical and dental appointments should be scheduled for outside school time. Holidays in school time cannot be authorised.

18/09/2023 - 22/09/2023		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	79.4	2.1
St Anne Rec	94.2	0
St Peter Rec	93.2	1.6
St Elizabeth Y1	92.6	0.7
St Martha Y2	95.2	0.4
St John Paul Y2	98	0
St John Bosco	95	0.9
St Martin	96.1	0.3
St Catherine	99	1
St Andrew Y5	90.5	0.5
St James Y5	94	0.5
St Therese Y6	93.3	1
St Brigid Y6	99.1	1.3
Totals	94.5	0.7

St John Paul and St Brigid are our best attenders this week- well done!

Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfect!
Equates to 2 days off school each year	98%	Excellent
Equates to 13 days off school each year	93%	Good
Equates to 22 days off school each year	88%	Concerned
Equates to 32 days off school each year	83%	Very Concerned
Equates to 47+ days off school each year	75% or Below	Extremely Concerned



St Elizabeth	Nathan, Sky-blue
St Martha	Emmanuel A, Yousra
St John Paul	Arabella, Shalom A
St John Bosco	Emmanuel, Leila
St Catherine	Carla, Tahlia
St Martin	Kristan, Inam,
St James	Selasi, Ruby
St Andrew	Ezra, Milan
St Therese	Treyvon, Angel
St Brigid	Anna, Josiah



Gospel Value Gentleness

St Elizabeth	Fabiola, Jayveon
St Martha	Wyshown, Kamiya
St John Paul	Choyce, Ayan
St John Bosco	Angel, Akonobea
St Catherine	Logan, Noah O
St Martin	Arianna, Aista
St James	Amardiwa, JR
St Andrew	Latifah, Raphael
St Therese	Theresa, Irene
St Brigid	Jazz-Rae, Justin



The National Maritime Museum Visit
Year 6 visited the National Maritime Museum as part of their topic Frozen Kingdom. They got to explore the challenges of arctic exploration and to recognise the achievements of some amazing explores, including Matthew Henson, Earnest Shackleton and Ann Bancroft.



Hope

Have you been to see hope yet?

She is being proudly displayed in Waterstones Croydon. If you haven't you still have time. Please take a photograph of yourself with Hope and send it into the office. We will be putting some in the upcoming newsletters.



Hope's
recent
visitors

