



19th January 2024

# St Chad's Catholic Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Our Local Authority School Improvement Partner– Rachel Fox– visited St Chad's on Wednesday. She observed early reading and phonics in Reception and Year 1 and maths lessons in Years 3 and 4. She was very complimentary about all that she saw and the strong progress children make in their lessons. She confirmed what we already know, St Chad's truly is an amazing school!

This week we welcomed Hope (our giraffe) back into St Chad's school. It was lovely to watch the children greet her like an old friend. She will be positioned near the front entrance to welcome all our visitors, and to celebrate our school Gospel Values.

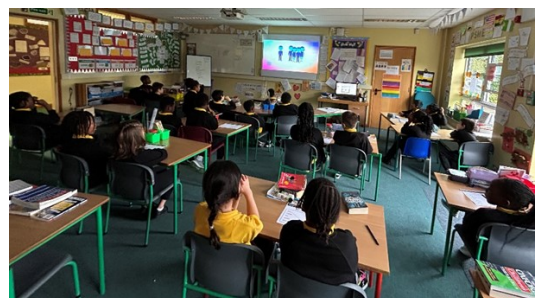
God bless,

Mrs Vassallo and Staff



### STEM Hazards Workshop

On Monday the Yr3/4 had an interactive lesson delivered by Dr. Amy Edgington from University College London. Amy taught the children all about the layers of the Earth, what tectonic plates are and the hazards they cause when they collide. The children were able to view Olympus Mons, Mount Meru and the San Andreas Fault through their 3D glasses.



Sunday 21st January 2024



After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. "The time has come," he said, "and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News." As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men." And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

### Year 6 Junior Citizenship Day

The Yr6 children attended a Junior Citizenship Day, where they engaged in six role play based scenarios designed to allow them to deal with the challenges they may face in the future and to encourage them to live a safe and healthy lifestyle. The day made them aware of how to react in difficult situations, which they may come across, such as a first aid emergency or fire.

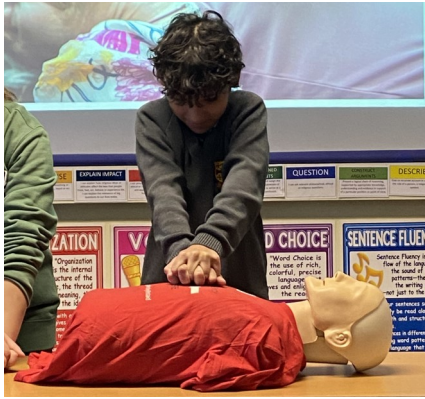
#### The scenarios included:

- Stranger danger (Croydon Police)
- Fire Prevention, Detection, Escape (LFB)
- Bus Scenario (TfL)
- Underground Scenario (TfL)
- DR ABC (London Ambulance)





On Wednesday, Year 6 received emergency first aid training from the British Red Cross, to support them in identifying how to handle emergency situations and what to do to help those in need. They learnt about the recovery position and how to give chest compressions, as well as discussing what to do to treat burns, wounds, seizures and unconscious patients.



## Coffee Morning

The coffee morning on 2 Feb is on Speech and Language. Both Mrs Davern and Mrs Cowney (SENCo) will be available to help you understand more about your child's language acquisition and answer any questions you may have. Everyone is welcome.



## 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.

Please look at the following links to help you protect your children whilst they are online. We know that this is an area that parents often find confusing and ask us for support with.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/#children>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/inappropriate-explicit-content/>



## Nursery News

This weeks nursery news is Our Trip to Selhurst station as part of our Transport topic. The children enjoyed learning how to buy a ticket and finding out where and when the trains were going. They even had their own train ride which was very exciting!



## Mobile Phones– A polite reminder, again

We would like to remind you that the use of mobile phones is prohibited on school site. Therefore, when dropping off or collecting your child, please ensure your mobile phone is away and not in use. Several parents have raised concerns recently, that they have seen mobile phones being used on the school playground.



This is to ensure the safety of all of the children at St Chad's Primary school and is part of our safeguarding policy.

These rules apply to all people that come onto school site, including older siblings coming to collect, St Chad's staff members and other visitors.

## 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.

*St Elizabeth, St James and St Therese are our best attenders this week- well done!*

08/01/2024 - 12/01/2024		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	85.4	0.6
St Peter Rec	95.2	0
St Anne Rec	98.3	0.6
St Elizabeth Y1	100	0
St Martha Y2	91.4	0
St John Paul Y2	97.3	0.5
St John Bosco	98.4	0.4
St Martin	96.7	0
St Catherine	98.3	0
St Andrew Y5	98.8	0
St James Y5	100	0
St Therese Y6	100	0
St Brigid Y6	98.3	0.6
Totals	96.8	0.2

## 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	Francis, Kaima
St Martha	Aaron, Shanaya
St John Paul	Monae, Diadem
St John Bosco	Akonobea, Osinachiadimma
St Catherine	Siena, Anastasia
St Martin	James, Olivia
St James	Joshua, Sharon
St Andrew	Ella, Angel
St Therese	Soraiya, Emmanuel
St Brigid	Fabian, Jazz-Rae

Gospel Value

Humility



St Elizabeth	Ryden, Lance
St Martha	Emmanuel A, Leonard
St John Paul	Logan, Joseph
St John Bosco	Maria, Marisha
St Catherine	Carla, Shawn, Tahlia
St Martin	Elvis, Cressida
St James	Amardiwa, Alison, Ruby
St Andrew	Jessica, Zofia
St Therese	Stacy, Alan
St Brigid	Jordan, Alexandra

## Next week at St Chad's

Monday 22.1	Adoration in Year 4 and 5
Tuesday 23.1	
Wednesday 24.1	5pm: Learning, Teaching and Standards Committee
Thursday 25.1	
Friday 26.1	

## The Ice Queen

Drama, dance and singing  
holiday courses for 4–10 year olds

*Frozen* themed fun  
this February half-term  
[perform.org.uk/icequeen](http://perform.org.uk/icequeen)



— Jessie had the time of her life  
and her confidence grew more than  
I could have ever imagined. Emily Brown

## *Frozen* themed fun this February half-term

Join us this February half-term  
for a glittering drama, dance and  
singing adventure as we head off  
into a magical ice-covered land.

Our adventure for 4–10s will be filled  
with drama, games, dancing and singing  
as we return to Arendelle to meet Anna,  
Elsa and their friends.

Using improvisation, music and movement,  
we'll have a holiday filled with snowy fun  
as we sing and dance our way towards a  
dazzling performance for family and friends.

### Venues *The Ice Queen*

Three Day Courses from £290\* (10am–3pm)

Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th February	
Barbican	Golden Lane Community Hall, EC1Y 0SA
Blackheath	John Ball Primary School, SE3 0TP
Clapham South	St Francis Xavier College, SW12 8BN
Dulwich	St Stephen's Millennium Hall, SE21 7JW
Fulham	Christ Church, SW6 3TD
Highbury	St John's Highbury Vale Primary School, N5 1DL
Kensington	Kensington LRC, W8 6SL
Muswell Hill	The Birchwood Centre, N10 3BG
Notting Hill	The Tabernacle, W11 2AR
Primrose Hill	St Paul's C of E Primary School, NW3 3DS
St John's Wood	Mansfield Club, NW8 5QG
Turickham	The Crossway Centre, TW1 2PD
Wimbledon	Mansel Road Centre, SW19 4AA

### What your child will enjoy

- Three fun-packed full days of  
drama, dance and singing
- Energetic friendly team of actors,  
dancers and musicians
- Engaging arts and crafts activities
- Colourful performance on the last  
day for friends and family with  
original music and costumes
- Personalised certificate of  
achievement for every child

— The teachers' engagement,  
kindness and enthusiasm for  
the children, as well as the  
performance, was very evident.  
Karma Hickman

### How to book

Visit [perform.org.uk/icequeen](http://perform.org.uk/icequeen) to book online  
or call us on 020 7255 9120 to find out more.

Course T-shirts are required at a cost of £8.50. We offer a 25%  
discount for siblings attending the same holiday course at the  
same venue. Payment can be made by credit/debit card or  
children's vouchers. See our website for Terms & Conditions  
and our refund policy.

\*Barring to class size restrictions, Highbury is priced at £300 for 3 days.  
Your child should bring a water bottle and a nut-free packed lunch.



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