



26th January 2024

St Chad's Catholic Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents,

You will be aware that we had our Ofsted inspection on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Sincere thanks to all of you who responded to the parent survey and for sharing your views about St Chad's. I am immensely proud of our children and staff and it was a pleasure to show the inspector the good work that goes on in our school. The report will be published in six to eight weeks and we will share the outcome with you then.

God bless,

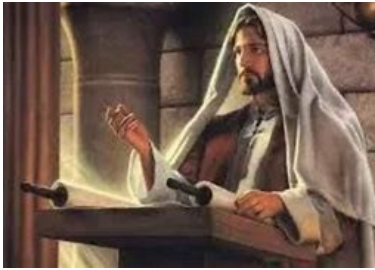
Mrs Vassallo and Staff

Reception at the Horniman Museum

St Peter's Class visited the Horniman Museum yesterday and we explored the Natural History Gallery, the Music Gallery and World Gallery. We saw many artefacts from a long, long time ago. Some of the artefacts that we saw were clothes, giant sized statues of people different types of instruments. We also saw some taxidermy of animals from all over the world. We visited the aquarium and the butterfly house and we got to see the butterflies all around us in their natural habitat. It was very hot in the butterfly house. Some of what we saw links quite well with our topic on Africa. Finally, we got to see real animals on the little farm and we played in the Sensory Music Garden.



Sunday 28th January 2024



Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. Jesus' teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. While he was teaching, Jesus was interrupted by a very sick man who started to shout wildly and whose body was trembling and shaking. So Jesus paused and healed the sick man in full view of the people. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. "Here is a teaching that is new," they said, "and with authority behind it." And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

Adapted from Mark 1:21-28 The 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Paper Mache Human Hearts

Year 6 have been busy making paper mache anatomical hearts this week, as part of our science and DT topic. So far we have completed the first two steps and we look forward to revealing the finished project in next weeks newsletter. The children really enjoyed making three - dimensional art using a range of materials - indeed we may have some future sculptors in the making.



KS1 Handwriting

On Tuesday KS1 took part in a handwriting workshop as part of National Handwriting Day. The children did some finger exercises, they discussed the correct posture and how to sit correctly with chair tucked right in, feet on the ground, etc. They traced over patterns and evaluated their own writing. All children were given some impressive pencils, Yr2 got stylish gold ones to take home, Yr1 got easy graph pencils with grip indents in them. All 3 classes also got other goodies, such as Stabilo pencils with the times table printed on them and erasers on top, and even a few sharpeners.



Coffee Morning

The coffee morning on 2nd February 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.

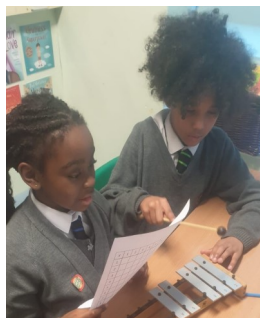
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Yr3/4 Music

Yr3/4 have been learning about the pentatonic scale in their music lessons. They have been inspired to create their own melodies using the notes CDEGA.



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.

15/01/2024 - 19/01/2024		
Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (lates) %
St Mary Nur	95.7	0.4
St Peter Rec	91.9	1.4
St Anne Rec	99.1	1.8
St Elizabeth Y1	98.3	3.5
St Martha Y2	95.9	1.9
St John Paul Y2	95	1.8
St John Bosco	95.2	2.9
St Martin	94.7	0.7
St Catherine	95	1
St Andrew Y5	100	0.5
St James Y5	99.5	0
St Therese Y6	98.2	2.7
St Brigid Y6	98.2	1.4
Totals	96.5	1.6

St Anne and St Andrew 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	Wonderful, Skyblue
St Martha	Mayank, Hunter
St John Paul	Leyton
St John Bosco	Rhyme-Ray, Lashonda
St Catherine	Mena
St Martin	Inam, Isabelle
St James	Nicolle
St Andrew	Edward
St Therese	Josiah
St Brigid	Treyvon, Haasini
For Ofsted- All the amazing staff	

Gospel Value

Humility



St Elizabeth	Junior, Michael
St Martha	Shalom N, Johanan
St John Paul	Favour, Wyshown
St John Bosco	Angel, Moyin
St Catherine	Shawn, Georgia
St Martin	Karis, Jesse
St James	Noah, Filip
St Andrew	Ella, Latifah
St Therese	Mary Jane, Stacy
St Brigid	Daniel, Maya

Next week at St Chad's

Monday 29 January	
Tuesday 30 January	
Wednesday 31 January	Year 5 trip to the Wetlands Centre
Thursday 1 February	
Friday 2 February	Coffee morning. Come and learn more about speech and language development. Everyone welcome.

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



— 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 URC, 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 5GG
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 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 childcare vouchers. See our website for Terms & Conditions and our refund policy.

*Booking to class size restrictions. Highbury is priced at £380 for 3 days. Your child should bring a water bottle and a nut-free packed lunch.



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