

Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents

During their class assembly last week, Year 2 reflected on everything they have achieved this year, and how much they have grown. It is, of course, true to say this of all our children. It's easy to live in the present or worry about the future and we tend to spend less time reflecting. Today the teachers are spending time writing the children's reports and, alongside their test results, we have taken the time to look at the progress the children have made since September. Each and every child has grown and developed so much during the year, in many different aspects, and we are very proud of all of them. This year, as part of their end of year report, we are asking the children to reflect on their progress and achievements for the first time and this will be included in the reports that come home. Their comments are always very perceptive and reflective.

We felt that our sports day, whilst a bit of a wash-out, was a perfect reflection of the strong community that we are lucky enough to have at our school. The staff were determined to give it a go and we were grateful for the many positive comments we received from parents about our decision to do this. When the clouds opened and the rain came down, the teamwork amongst both staff and parents, who kept the children central, was a real strength and an example to the children of how well we live out our school motto - 'We are called to serve, to walk humbly with God.'

Year 4 have been busy. Last week they joined Year 4 classes from the other Catholic schools in Wandsworth for the Catholic Schools Athletics tournament. They did so well and achieved our highest ever place in this tournament! During the same week, they also performed on their saxophones, alongside numerous other Year 4 children from schools across the authority, at the Wandsworth Music Service concert at the Royal Festival Hall. They sounded amazing!



We will be saying goodbye and thank you to our music teacher Mr Cronin at the end of this term. Mr Cronin has been with us for three years and we are grateful to him for all that he has done for the music in our school. We haven't seen the last of him though as we will continue to run Fruity Club!

We are delighted to have appointed the Wandsworth Music Service to take over the teaching of music in our school from September and we look forward to welcoming our music tutor Mr Searle. Alongside the music lessons, we will continue to engage in the saxophone and the vocal projects which are also provided by the Wandsworth Music Service. Those of you that have been to a vocal project concert, or the saxophone concert at the Royal Festival Hall, will know that the standard of teaching and performance is very high and I'm sure our children will benefit from this.

Congratulation to our Year 3 children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday, and best wishes to those who will take this sacrament for the first time this coming Sunday.

As a school community, we will celebrate with the Year 3 children in church on Monday, at 10:00. All are welcome.



The parents of reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are invited to the end of the 'Angel in the Garden' vocal project concert in the school hall at 2.30 on Thursday 11th July at 2.30.

Summer Term Dates

June

17th Year 3 First Holy Communion Mass 10:00
19th Year 5 class assembly
20th -21st Year 4 trip to Aylesford
24th - 28th Year 6 PGL

July

10th Saxophone concert Y4 and Y5
11th Singing Project concert, 2.30 -Rec, Y1 and Y2
12th Year 6 production and disco 5:00pm
17th Year 6 Mass 7:00pm
18th Place2Be coffee morning
22nd Children's summer party
23rd Whole School Mass 10:00
2:00pm End of term (12:00 for Year 6)

September

2nd INSET day
3rd Children return to school (Y1-Y6)

Tania will be running the postponed Place2Be coffee morning for parents on Thursday 18th July at 9:00.

Thank you to our group of parents who helped us to secure a grant that enabled us to build our new 'green screens' at the back of the school.

The increased greenery, and the selection of specific plants, will help to reduce the high levels of air pollution.



Best wishes,

Hattie Elwes