

Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



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Dear Parents

Developing sport at St Anselm's

One of our school development priorities this year is to improve our sports provision and, in particular, our participation in sports matches and tournaments. Since last term, we have been using our sports grant to teach netball to all the children. We have now appointed Miss Toft, an experienced netball coach, to continue to teach netball and to help us to start to form some netball teams who will be able to compete. Running alongside this, Mr Ollie is also having a greater focus on team games and athletics.

Our aim is to increase, and improve, our participation in tournaments. Wandsworth have a very busy schedule of competitions for primary schools, in a range of sports, and we want to be able to compete at a high level, and perhaps start to fill up our trophy cabinet!

Our aim is two-fold. Firstly we want to try and increase the number of opportunities to allow a greater number of children to partake in competitions, and secondly, in some cases, to put forward a more elite team in order to compete at a higher level. For the latter we will be choosing children who show greater aptitude and it may be the case that some children are chosen more than once in the year as this is the nature of competitive sport.

Congratulations to the children who entered the Wandsworth Cross Country trials on Wednesday. Some tough competition, but a great effort from all our competitors.



We welcome Mrs Pedroso who is working in our school office between 12:00 and 3:00, three afternoons a week. We also welcome Ms Giedroyc who is the new TA in Year 5.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Scott who will be retiring at half term. Mrs Scott has been at St Anselm's for 13 years. We are very grateful for her many years of service, and we wish her well in her retirement.

On Thursday we will be welcoming the staff from all the Catholic schools in the Deanery for the annual Deanery Mass. This is the first time that this event has been hosted at St Anselm's and we look forward to celebrating Mass with our colleagues from other schools.

A reminder that parents are invited into the classroom after class assemblies, to look at the work the children have been doing.

Scooters

Please remind your child that they are not permitted to ride scooters on the playground, or to scoot in or out of the gate.



We have noticed that a number of children who have packed lunch, are throwing some of their food away. From now on, we will make sure that any food that isn't eaten will be left in the lunch boxes so that you can monitor what your child is eating.

Best wishes

Hattie Elwes
Headteacher



We have changed our approach to teaching science this year. Instead of teaching one lesson a week, we are teaching the half term's topic across one week. This allows the children to become fully immersed in the topic, and to develop their scientific enquiry skills, as well as their knowledge. The children work together in science groups and record their work in a big book, allowing them to develop skills such as cooperation, turn-taking and negotiation.



Autumn Term Dates

October

- 6th Family Social 5:00-7:00pm
- 9th Year 6 and Year 1 parent conferences
- 10th PTA AGM 7:30pm
- 10th Year 2 class assembly 9:30am
- 11th Year 3 and Year 4 parent conferences
- 16th Year 2 and Year 5 parent conferences
- 17th Family learning **Reception** 9:15am
- 22nd School closes for half term
- 29th School opens

November

- 9th PTA meeting - 9:10am
- 12th November INSET day: School closed**
- 14th Year 3 class assembly
- 23rd PTA coffee morning - 9:00
- 30th Senior Citizen's Party