



# St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

## Newsletter – 7 October 2022 Autumn Term

### Harvest Festival.

It was wonderful to come together as a school this morning to show our thanks to God for the wonderful food we have to eat. This is always a wonderful community celebration in our school and today was no exception. With beautiful singing and readings, together we were able to acknowledge the wonderful harvest of food from the land and to say thank you for the many positives in our lives. Thank you to all of you who donated food items; these were collected this afternoon by Bromley Food Bank and will assist many needy families, particularly during the current cost of living crisis.

Thanks also to Ms Omilegan, and our RE Ambassadors Adrian, Sienna, Camila, Justeena, Arya, JJ, Freddie, Fiona and Luis for organising the event and helping to organise the handover of the food. Also Mrs Martin for teaching the beautiful songs.



### Diocesan Mass for the Start of the School Year

Last Friday, Mrs Heffernan and I had had the great pleasure of accompanying six of our Year 6's to a very special Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Michael Wilson, at St George's Cathedral. The congregation was made up of children and young people from schools right across the Diocese. Our Head Boy and Girl shared their thoughts here.....

*Because I am Head Boy, Tia (Head Girl), Ruby-Ann (Deputy Head Girl), Nehemiah (Deputy Head Boy), Sienna and Adrian (Year 6 RE Ambassadors) and I had to represent our school at St George's Cathedral.*

*When I arrived at the train station to go to St George's Cathedral, I felt a rush of adrenaline through my body and I was so excited to get to the cathedral. I saw all my friends there and Mrs Maher and Mrs Heffernan were there so it also felt like a nice day out from school. When we got off the train (which took a really long time), we had to walk for about twenty minutes before arriving at the cathedral for Mass.*

*When we all got inside, I bet they all had an amazed look on their faces like I had. The stained glass pictures were so impeccable and they really told a story. Also, I loved how it made me very spiritual and connected with God all throughout the Mass.*

*At the Homily, Archbishop John Wilson was talking about how important it was to read the Bible because you can learn a thing or two from there.*

*Overall, I really loved and enjoyed the cathedral and would love to go there again.*

*By Bobby*

*Last Friday me and some of my classmates were very lucky to visit St George's Cathedral. We went to take part at "The Beginning of the New School Year" mass.*

*Archbishop of Southwark welcomed all the Head Teachers all the school children to the Cathedral with an amazing mass. Catholic education is the very best for all of us, because it is teaching us to learn and understand all about ~God, the world and each other.*

*We all really enjoyed the mass and the choir in the Cathedral was amazing. The St George's Cathedral architecture was extraordinary. The day up London was really interesting.*

*By Tia*

### **Governor Visit**

Six members of our Governing Body visited school on Wednesday afternoon to observe some teaching and learning, meet with the School Council and chat with parents and carers. They had a great time and I would like to share the comments of one of our Foundation governors, Michelle Moldrich :-

*Given this was my first interaction with the pupils, I was extraordinarily impressed with the warmth and engagement across the different ages I met. I sensed a sincere feeling of a family spirit between the pupils and the teachers.*

*I was also struck by the impressive creative flair and high standards demonstrated in the stories on display, in the year end production photos and from the head boy and head girl's enthusiastic descriptions of the various clubs. This exceeded my expectations and I look forward to returning to meet more students, teacher and parents.*

*Michelle, governor and ex-pupil*

### **Crazy Hair Disco**

The PTA would like to invite your child to a "Crazy Hair Disco" in the School Hall on Thursday 13th October 2022.

The disco will start at 6.00pm and all children should be collected at 7.30pm prompt (no children are allowed to go home alone and the school office must be notified in advance if you have arranged alternative collection).

The cost per child is £5 and this includes a drink and a small edible treat.

If you are able to help, please contact Kate Miller via the school office email address.

No tickets will be available after 12.00 Midday on Wednesday 12.10.22 when the booking system will close.



### **GLUE STICKS**

Glue sticks can be bought online via Pay360. When you have purchased your glue stick the office will give your child their glue stick with their name on.



### **Reception**

Our Reception children were making biscuits with Richard this week having a great time! Thank you Richard.



### Year 4 Trip

Year 4 visited Lullingstone Roman Villa on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September to find out about Roman life in Britain. We took part in an archaeology workshop, digging up artefacts the ancient Romans would have seen and used. The villa was really interesting and we learnt how the Romans invented underfloor heating, enjoyed bathing and decorated their homes with beautiful mosaics and painted walls. We also found out that the villa has some of the earliest evidence of Christian worship in this country. A very successful day and our children received many compliments from the English Heritage staff on their good behaviour and manners, as well as their interest and enthusiasm.



### Inter-Class Attendance Race 2022 - 2023

**Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022:**

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	98	0
Year 1	97	2
Year 2	99	0
Year 3	97	1
Year 4	98	1
Year 5	100	1
Year 6	93	0

Year 5 are the winners this week. Stickers were given to each child to celebrate their 100 % attendance – Well done !.

### League Table

Year	No. of Wins
Reception	
Year 1	1
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	1
Year 6	

**Weeks in competition: 2 (full weeks only)**

**OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 97.4%**

### Parents Evening

The parents guide to parents evening was sent to each parent by Schoolcomms today..

There is a link at the top of the page to press on and book appointments. You are able to make appointments online but will meet face to face with teachers at school.

Bookings open at 4pm today and close 4pm on Sunday 9th October.

Appointments are 3:45 - 7pm on Monday 10th October and 3:45 - 6pm on Wednesday 12th October.



### **DINNER MONEY**

Dinner money is £2.30 per day - please see below the monthly costs. ***In accordance with our school policy, dinner money should be paid monthly in advance.***

### **DINNER MONEY 2022 – 2023**

#### **AUTUMN 2022**

September	£48.40
October	£24.20
November	£48.40
December	£33.00

#### **SPRING 2023**

January	£48.40
February	£35.20
March	£50.60

#### **SUMMER 2023**

April	£22.00
May	£41.80
June	£44.00
July	£33.00

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher



## Dates to Remember

### ACADEMIC YEARS 2022 - 2023

#### Autumn Term 2022:

<b>INSET DAYS</b>	<b>Tuesday 30 August and Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022</b>
First day back:	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
Half-term	17.10.22 – 28.10.22
Last day of term	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2022

#### Spring Term 2023:

<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023</b>
First day of term	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Half-term	13.02.23 – 17.02.23
Last day of term	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### Summer Term 2023:

First day of term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>01.05.23</b>
Half-term	29.05.23 – 02.06.2023
<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>
Last day of term	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
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