



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 09 February 2024

Spring Term

Monday 4th – Friday 8th March will be St Philomena's book week.

A letter was sent out in the week with details of our book week events, including:

- 'decorate a paper plate' competition - the deadline for entries is Friday 1st March.
- All children are invited to come to school on Wednesday 6th March **dressed as their favourite book character** - no high heels, mid-drifts showing or jewellery and hair should be tied back
- If you have pre-loved costumes that your child no longer needs/ fits into, please consider donating them to the school on the week of 19th February
- **reading breakfast** for the children on **Wednesday 6th March at 8am**. The cost of the breakfast will be £1.50 per person. Pre-school children are welcome to join us. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT – THEY SHOULD NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED. Could adults please bring along a reusable coffee cup to use
- If you have pre-loved books in good condition that you would like to add to our library, any donations would be gratefully received. A box will be in the entrance hall for book donations after half term.



Please encourage your child to read as much as possible and enjoy sharing books together throughout the year. Reading records/diaries should be signed daily by an adult to help the children get into good reading habits and develop a love of reading at home as well as in school. Fluent reading is essential for all aspects of life and will help your child fulfil their potential in all they do.

Virtue of Friendship

During January, we have been looking especially for children who live out this virtue by showing their friends love and wanting the best for them.

Winners nominated are :-

Reception – Teddy, Stephanie and Samuel

Year 1 – Ethan C, Darcie, Leah and Nevan

Year 2 – Poppy and Kai

Year 3 – Teddy and Keira

Year 4 – Auron

Year 5 – Cesco, Gabriella and Julian

Year 6 – Annie-Rose, Mason, Joshua and Leyla



JUVENTUS TAEKWONDO ACADEMY
STUDENT OF THE MONTH JANUARY
2024

CONGRATULATIONS RUEBEN (Reception)

Awarded STUDENT OF THE MONTH for showing great discipline in class, never being afraid to try new techniques and always showing respect to his instructors - both inside and outside the dojang.

WELL DONE RUEBEN!! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK !!!



Pupil of the Week

Congratulations to this week's winners!

Reception - Cameron

Year 1 - Gabrielle

Year 2 - Joseph C

Year 3 - Milan

Year 4 - Emma-Gracie

Year 5 - Camila

Year 6 - Dante

Year 2 Class Assembly

Our Year 2 children were amazing this morning when they shared with us. All of their learning about the Great Fire of London. I loved the music, singing and dancing too !

Thank you to Ms Bartholomew and Mrs B for preparing the children so well and to all the adults who support our Year 2 class. It was lovely to see so many parents and wider family members attending too !



Football

Well done to our football team for a resounding 12-0 win against Manor Oak on Thursday evening. In fairness to Manor Oak, it was their first match against another school and they played very well. Our girls team have a round of three matches next week.

Wish Sing-A-Long

The PTA raised over £500 by holding a Wish Sing-a-Long, supported by Choir. We had a wonderful time and the money will be used to support further musical enrichment activities. Thank you for supporting this event.



Year 1 -Lunar New Year

Year 1 have enjoyed celebrating Lunar New Year this week. We were visited by the Chong family who taught us an authentic Lion dance and how to make Lanterns. We made noodle soup, practised using chopsticks and participated in a wide range of themed lessons finishing with a party! We wore red as this is a lucky colour in China.



Author and Craft Event at Orpington Library

Come and join us at Orpington Library to meet Fiona Woodcock, who will be reading her fantastic picture book - Silver Linings

Followed by a chance to create your own characters from the book.

Silver Linings



Fiona Woodcock



For 3-7 year olds with Parents or Carers
Thursday 15th February
2:30-3:30pm

Book by visiting our Eventbrite page:
<https://orpingtonlibrary.eventbrite.co.uk>

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Parent Teacher Meetings

On Wednesday we sent the Parents Guide to booking appointments for our February Parents Evening.

Please use the link in the message and book a ten-minute appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their progress so far this academic year.

Although appointments are booked online, all meetings will be face to face with teachers at school.

Bookings are now open and will close at Midday on Sunday 25th February.

Appointments are 3:45 - 7pm on Monday 26th February and 3:45 - 6pm on Tuesday 27th February

Year 6 Valentines Raffle

Year 6 did a Valentines day raffle this week the money raised (£27.00) goes towards their Y6 leavers celebrations. The winners were
4th Jimmy (Y3)
3rd Keira (Y3)
2nd Nel (y6)
1st Nicole G (Y6)

Class Assembly

Reception	29.02.24
Year 1	22.03.24
Year 3	01.03.24
Year 4	08.03.24
Year 5	27.03.24
Year 6	15.03.24

Attendance Race

2023- 2024

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 29th January 2024 :

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	92	4
Year 1	97	0
Year 2	98	0
Year 3	99	1
Year 4	98	2
Year 5	98	0
Year 6	96	1

Year 3 have had their first win this school year - Well done !

League Table

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



Weeks in competition: 16 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 97.4%

Have a wonderful half term break.

Regards,

Miss Veronica Maher



TERM DATES

Spring Term 2024

Half-term 12.02.24 – 16.02.24
Last day of term Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term 2024:

First day of term Monday 15th April 2024

Bank Holiday **Monday 6th May 2024**

Half-term 27.05.24 – 31.05.2024

Last day of term Friday 19th July 2024

INSET DAYS **Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th July 2024**

TERM DATES

ACADEMIC YEARS 2024 - 2025

Autumn Term 2023:

INSET DAYS:

Tuesday 27th August 2024

Wednesday 28th August 2024

First day back: Thursday 29th August 2024

Half-term 21.10.21 – 1.11.24

Last day of term Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025:

First day of term Monday 6th January 2025

Half-term 17.02.25 – 21.02.25

Last day of term Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term 2025:

First day of term Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Bank Holiday **Monday 5th May 2025**

Half-term 26.05.25 – 30.05.2025

Last day of term Friday 18th July 2025

INSET DAYS

Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd July 2025