



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 15 March 2024

Spring Term

Year 6 Class Assembly

Year 6 treated us to a very energetic assembly this morning. They shared important knowledge about the heart and what happens when we don't take care of it. Very well done to all the children, to Ms Omilegan, Mrs Bunce and Mrs Karman who helped prepare the children.

As a bonus to teaching us about the circulatory system, we performed a reinactment of the Greek Myth, "Narcissus and Echo". We thank all the parents who came and supported us in our assembly. Nel and Arya Year 6



Family Fun Bingo Night

Thank you to everyone that attended our family bingo night and to Mrs Anderson and Mrs Miller for organising this fun night.

Football Match

Our girls' football team are on a roll! They played Raglan Primary school yesterday and came away with a 3-1 win. Well done girls!

ABC Information

This week we received around 450 almost new books donated to us from Acorn Book Club. These new books have been shared amongst classes to refresh our book corners. We hope the new books will spark a lot of interest in class and continue to nurture the love of reading that we want all children to have at St. Philomena's.

If you have any books that are in good condition that you wish to donate to the ABC Book Club, you can drop off books at any ABC drop off point. The nearest drop off points to school are Langford Russell, Orpington High Street, and Ruxley Garden Centre.



High Elms Year 1 Trip

Year 1 had a wonderful day of scientific learning at High Elms. We learnt to classify trees, plants and animals and met range of insects including tarantulas, scorpions, millipedes, stick insects and beetles. We also caught a newt whilst pond dipping!



Monday's Big Crazy Lent Walk is quickly approaching.

As a school we are taking part in The Big Lent Walk, please sponsor us any amount you can! Our Mini-Vinnie CAFOD club have organised a walk in school on Monday 18th March 2024 where every child will walk at least a kilometre to raise awareness of less fortunate people around the world who need our support.

Your donations can change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

Please donate on Mini-Vinnie CAFOD clubs JustGiving page using this QR code or the link below.

THE BIG LENT WALK



<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-philomenas-big-lent-walk-2024>

School uniform as usual on Monday please, but children may also bring trainers/wellies (depending on weather) and one crazy accessory (sunglasses, cat ears, feather boas, hats, tutus, etc!)

Pupil of the Week

Congratulations to this week's winners!

Reception - Reuben

Year 1 - Tymon

Year 2 - Amber

Year 3 - Maeva

Year 4 - Chloe

Year 5 - Chesco

Year 6 - Annie-Rose



Floral Fest

This year's theme is sport and activity. 2024 is a big year for sport with the Olympics, Paralympic Games and Euro 2024 Tournament taking place.

We invite like you to think about the way sport and physical activity is embraced at our school and bring it to life in the design of our planter.

Designs should be labelled with plants and materials, and can be submitted to Art Prefects or Mrs Anderson by 29th March.

The best design will be chosen by Art Prefects, and the winner will bring their design to life in the planter!

We look forward to seeing your design!
Mrs Anderson

Easter Raffle

All children, parents, carers and friends are invited to purchase raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle that are on display in the school entrance area.

Tickets are £1 per strip. Please make payment online and raffle tickets will be sent home in your child's book bag.

Winners will be drawn on Thursday
28th March 2024

Last date to purchase tickets is
Monday 25th March 2024

All funds raised will go into School Fund - which is spent on enhancing school life for the pupils in many different ways – this fund helps to subsidise outings, cover the cost of cooking ingredients and pay for various other items needed to provide enrichment activities for your child. Enrichment of the curriculum is a real strength here at St Philomena's.

Thank you for your support.



Skips Safety Net Keeping children safe online

A Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying





Many young people who are victims of cyberbullying suffer in silence.

They feel they can't turn to parents or a trusted adult for support as they fear they may get in trouble or have their devices taken away from them. It can carry on all day, all evening and all weekend for the world to see, causing a lot of emotional stress to the victim and their family.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



It can very quickly lead to the victim feeling trapped, scared and vulnerable to grooming and blackmail.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Skips www.skipssafetynet.org

Developed in partnership with:



Class Assembly

Year 1 22.03.24

Year 5 27.03.24

Attendance Race

2023/2024

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 4th March 2024:

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	100	1
Year 1	96	1
Year 2	99	1
Year 3	100	0
Year 4	98	2
Year 5	98	0
Year 6	99	1

Well done to Reception and Year 3 who were both winners this week – well done !

League Table

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

Weeks in competition: 20 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 98.5%

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher



ADVANCE NOTICE REGARDING GREEN ROOM CLUB CLOSURE

To whom it may concern,

Our Green Room Club (GRC) After School
Childcare Facility

WILL NOT BE OPEN

Thursday 16th May 2024 (3.20-
5.45pm)

due to staff training.

Please make alternate provision should you require after school care on that day.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Breakfast Club will be open as usual

TERM DATES

Spring Term 2024

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