



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 25 March 2022 Spring Term

Art Week Dance Workshop

The children have had a very creative week and created some great artwork - they really enjoyed the dance workshops today! Huge thank you to Mrs Anderson, our Art subject leader, for organising Art Week.

Year 2 studied Waweru Gichuhi - a Kenyan artist that uses short brushstrokes of bold colour to create his artwork. Here are Amelie's, Chloe's and Adachukwu's responses.



St Philomena's Science Week and Science Fair Exhibition

This year the theme of our Science Week is 'Growth'. The week, beginning April 25th 2022, will be filled with exciting activities, events, visitors and competitions.

Our Science Fair will take place on Thursday 28th April, when you are invited to exhibit a science project you (and your family) have created. You choose the science that really interests you, maybe you will share your love of plants and animals including their life-cycles (don't forget us humans too), how clouds are formed, exploration on, under and beyond our planet, your concerns about the effects of population growth on our planet, how viruses grow and spread etc. (If your project is in keeping with our 'Growth' theme even better). Then create posters, models, power-points, take photographs, bring in artefacts etc. to exhibit your project.

This year, our Science Fair will be visited by all the classes during the school afternoon. Although, we are not inviting parents/carers in to take part, they are more than welcome to help you with your project at home. Certificates and prizes will be awarded, including special 'People's Choice' prizes for exhibits in the Science Fair. So get thinking now – ready for Science Week. Letters have been sent home – please complete the form and return it by **Thursday 21st April 2022**, so that we can finalise arrangements for the Science Fair.

We would very much welcome a contribution of £2 per child towards the cost of running our Science Week activities. This can be made using our online payment system – Products / Events / Science Fair Exhibition.

Mrs Bunton

Science Leader at St Philomena's



Year 3 - Swimming Lessons 2022

Swimming lessons will commence for all Year 3 children on Wednesday 27th April 2022 at Darrick Wood Pool for ten morning sessions. Payment can be made in full or in part payment on line via our Pay360 system – Products / Transport / Swimming.



Morning and After School Sport Clubs

All morning and after school sports clubs eg. Taekwondo, Multisports, Funfit, Skills Academy and Centre Stage all finished today for the term. Please collect your child from school normal time next week .

Breakfast Club and Green Room Club will still be open.

Flute Lessons

Spaces are available for flute lessons next term – please contact the office for information.

Easter Raffle

All children, parents, carers and friends are invited to purchase raffle tickets for our Easter Raffle – prizes are on display in the school entrance area. Tickets are £1 per strip. Please make payment online (PRODUCTS / ONLINE SHOP/EASTER RAFFLE) and raffle tickets will be sent home in your child's book bag. Last day to purchase tickets will be Wednesday 30th March 2022. Winners will be drawn on Thursday 31st March 2022. All funds raised will go into School Fund - which is spent on enhancing school life for the pupils in many different ways. Thank you for your support.

Parking

We have had a report this week that parents are parking across driveways in Stanton Close. Can we ask that you do not do this when dropping of and collecting your children. Please be considerate to our neighbours.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Gemma Eves
Deputy Head Teacher

TERM DATES

Spring Term 2022:

Last day of term Friday 1st April 2022

(Good Friday 15th April 2022 and Easter Monday 18th April 2022)

Summer Term 2022:

First day of term Tuesday 19th April 2022

Bank Holiday **02.05.22**

Half-term 30.05.22 – 03.06.22

Bank Holiday **15.06.22**

Last day of term Thursday 21st July 2022

***Staff Training Day** **Friday 22nd July**



ACADEMIC YEARS 2022 – 2023

TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2022:

Inset Days: Tuesday 30 August

Wednesday 31st August 2022

First day back: Thursday 1st September

Half-term 17.10.22 – 28.10.22

Last day of term Wednesday 21st December

Spring Term 2023:

First day of term Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Half-term 13.02.23 – 17.02.23

Last day of term Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023:

First day of term Monday 17th April 2023

Bank Holiday **01.05.23**

Half-term 29.05.23 – 02.06.2023

Last day of term Friday 21 July 2023