



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 14 June 2024

Summer Term

Farms for City Children

We were invited to a very special event on Tuesday, due to our very long-standing connection with Wick Court Farm; the venue for our annual Year 5 residential. Keira, Eloise, Nel and Arya from Year 6, Mrs Heffernan and myself were among the guests of honour at The Butcher's Hall in the city where many supporters and patrons of the charity came to find out about the value of these residential trips.

We were absolutely thrilled to be able to meet and talk with a patron of the charity, HRH The Princess Royal ! The girls talked about their wonderful experience on the farm, what they had learned about farming and themselves and represented our school so well.

Here are some photographs. Hopefully, we'll be able to share some of the official photos of the children talking with The Princess Royal once they are sent through.



Reception Class Assembly

What an amazing performance by our youngest children on Thursday morning ! We could hear every word and thoroughly enjoyed the journey of the 'Naughty Bus' to all its destinations and encounters with marvellous machines.

Thank you to Mrs Standing, Mrs Mielniczek, Mrs Vijay and Mrs Beeson for their amazing work in preparing the children and thank you to everybody who came along to watch the assembly.



PTA Event - Own Clothes Day

Children are invited to wear their own clothes again Friday 21st June in exchange for an alcoholic drink for our Summer Fair – please no sandals, heels or mid riff tops.

School Photographs

School class group photographs will be on Thursday 20 June 2024. Children will need to be in school uniform not PE Kits, bring your PE Kits in a bag if you have it that day. Boys - School shorts should be worn not tracksuit bottoms.

Normal uniform rules apply e.g. hair tied back, no earrings, no trainers or boots.

Pupil of the Week

Reception –	Kairo
Year 1 –	Deborah and Alvin
Year 2 -	Noah
Year 3 –	Peter
Year 4 –	Dolly
Year 5 -	Oliver
Year 6 -	Papa-Kofi



Spelling Bee Competition

🐝 Wednesday was the final of our St Philomena's 2024 Spelling Bee competition 🐝

The competition has been taking place over the last two weeks within classrooms with every child taking part in round 1 and then the finalist competing on Wednesday in the hall. Congratulations to every child in the school who participated and created such a buzz about spelling! Well done to our 23 finalists and our 4 overall winners.



Glue Sticks

Can we please ask that your child has a glue stick for school so that they can stick their work into their books. Glue sticks £1.50 on the school gateway.



Summer Fair

Our Summer Fair will be held straight after Sports Day on Wednesday 26th June.



First Holy Communion

Best wishes to the children making their First Holy Communion this weekend. Sending prayers and blessings to you.



Use of Bicycles and Scooters

I am always delighted to see so many of our children riding their bikes and scooters to school. However, some children might need a few reminders NOT to ride them inside the school gates and also to ride them safely outside !

Here at St Philomena's we are very keen to reduce carbon emissions and promote physical activity and, therefore, encourage cycling and walking to school.

There are so many benefits to encouraging children to walk, cycle and scoot more regularly to school: It will reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates and it will also help your child's mental and physical health.

Teachers find that pupils who walk and cycle arrive at school more relaxed, alert and ready to start the day than those who travel by car.

However, it is even more important to keep our children safe – both the child cycling and others!

Please remind your children that they should always give way to pedestrians (as well as being courteous this is also a legal requirement).

Please see the attached leaflet for more tips regarding Safe Cycling with your children for you to share. Thank you.



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

Wednesday 19th June 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

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS DAY –
WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY 2024

On this day, children can attend school dressed as their favourite times table rock star! Alternatively, children can create their very own rock star costume or take inspiration from famous rock stars .

The day will be filled with exciting games, music and competition centred around multiplication.

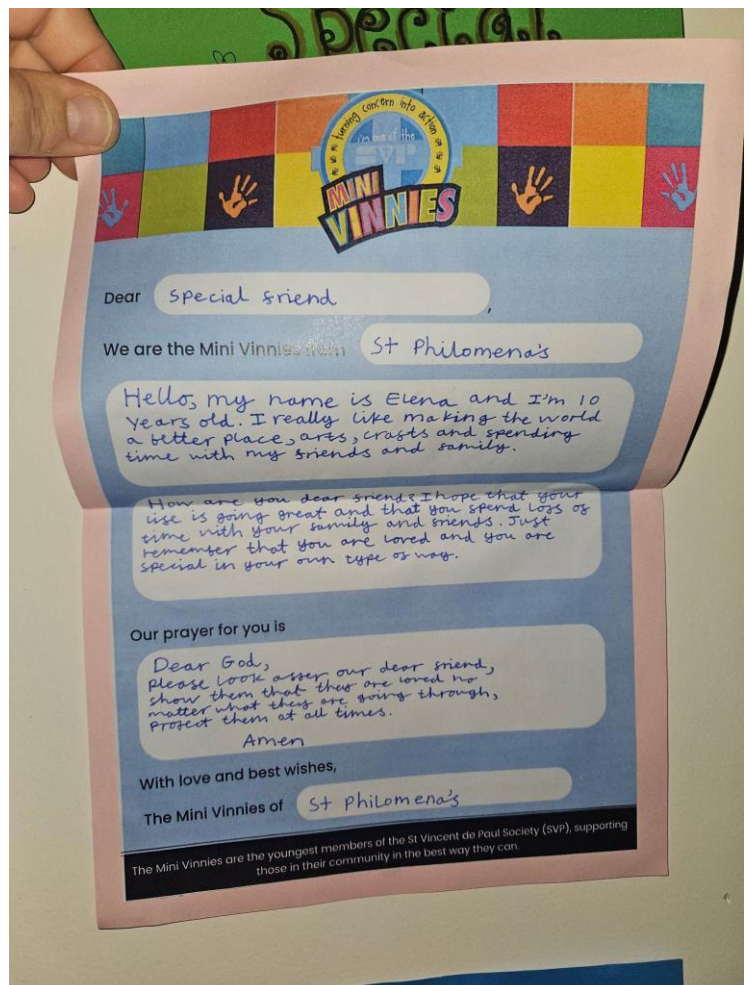
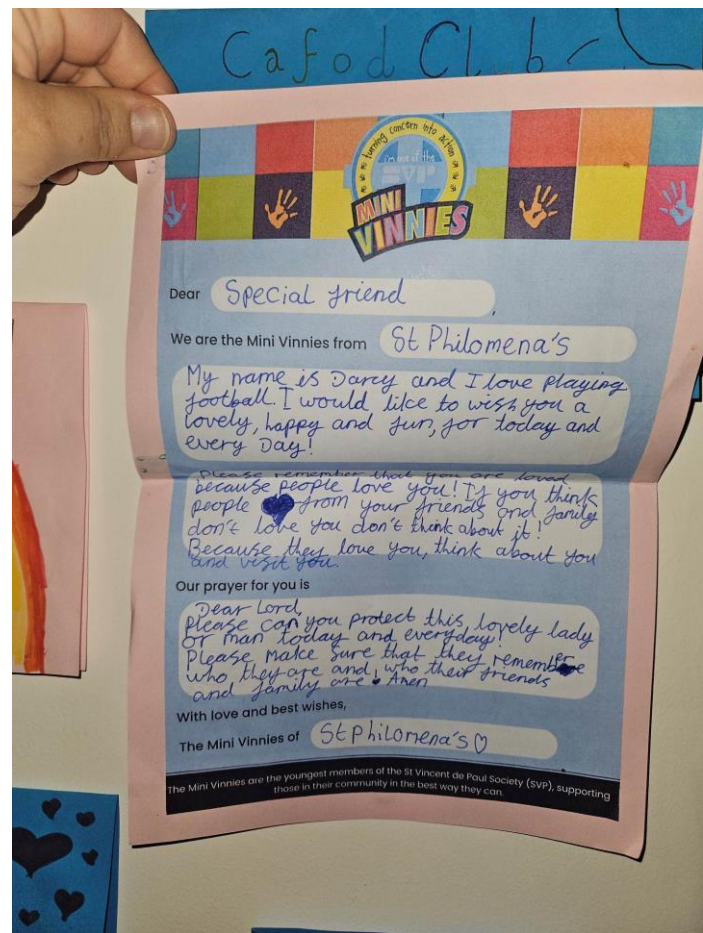
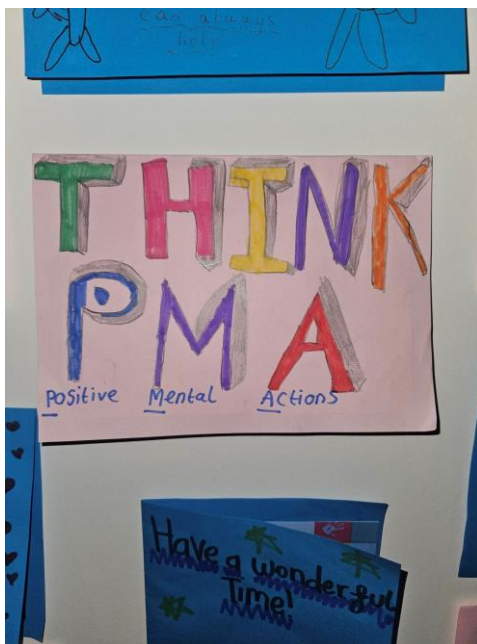
We hope that this special day will enhance our children's mathematical skills and provide a memorable and enjoyable experience for everyone.



CAFOD Club

Cafod club visited Drake Court last week and we have received this email from them thanking our staff and children.

I just wanted to let you know that we fully appreciate all the hard work and effort the children went to completing the wonderful cards received on Wednesday 5th June 2024. I attach images of them displayed in our lounge that needed brightening up. The staff and residents at Drake Court want to thank the children for these as we didn't want them to go unrecognised for their efforts. Please tell them thank you as I did on the day received.



Community Sports News –

Congratulations!

Sebastian and Ava had their presentation day at Orpington FC last weekend. Ava received her first ever football trophy and Sebastian picked up an additional trophy for Top League Goalscore!



Ryan received Goal Scorer of the year with Glebe FC at the weekend.



Victor attended an International football tournament in Slovakia. His team did very well and won a gold medal. Victor also won penalty shootout competition and returned a very happy boy.



JUVENTUS TAEKWONDO ACADEMY

On Saturday 8th June 2024, Juventus Taekwondo Academy hosted their 3rd Sparring Development Day. Several of our students competed against 2 other clubs in an afternoon of Competition Sparring and 11 students were from St Philomena's - for most, it was their first ever Competition.

All our students trained so hard for this event and every student surpassed themselves. They have made us coaches, their parents and the school very proud.

Their collection of GOLD and SILVER medal wins is AMAZING!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Amarachika (R) – SILVER
Reuben (R) – GOLD
Theo (Yr1) – GOLD
Caleb (Yr2) – SILVER
Adachukwu (Yr4) – SILVER
Amiyah (Yr4) – GOLD,
Elijah (Yr4) – 2x GOLD 1x SILVER
Freddie (Yr4) – GOLD
Oliver (Yr4) – GOLD
Raymond (Yr4) – SILVER
Taraji (Yr4) – 1x GOLD 1x SILVER

WELL DONE TEAM JTKD !!!! WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU ALL !!!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - MAY 2024

CONGRATULATIONS to AMARACHIKA (R) who has been awarded STUDENT OF THE MONTH for her positive attitude to learning Taekwondo. She is always one of the first students to be ready to train and will work on her grading syllabus before the session starts. Even though she is still a white belt, Amarachika is always seen helping out our newer student.

WELL DONE AMARACHIKA !!!

If you or your children would like to **TRY TAEKWONDO** with **JUVENTUS TAEKWONDO ACADEMY**, get in touch!! Who knows – One day this could be **YOU!!**

Mondays 3:30pm – 4:45pm – St. Philomena's CP School

Saturdays 12 noon – 2 pm – All Saints Church Hall, Bark Hart Road, BR6 0QD

CONTACT US : juventustkd@live.com / 07832 991469



PTA



After the success of this years Christmas Fair, with each class running their own stall(s), the PTA have decided to have the same for the Summer Fair.

A poster has been put up with a QR code which can be scanned. This will take you to a link to sign your class up with a stall. You are welcome to come up with your own ideas and can run more than one stall. Alternatively, you can use the link below

<https://volunteersignup.org/PB9Y9>

Staff will be running the Bar, BBQ and tombola.

The class which raises the most money will win a trip to Air Jump.

As Year 6 are leaving this year, the funds they raise will go towards their leavers party.

Please feel free to email me any questions

Kmilller38.305@lgflmail.org

These are the stalls and year groups who are running them, so far for the summer fair. **We are waiting on Years 3, 4 and 5 to confirm your stall.** Parents to please let Mrs Miller know.

Staff- Tombola, bbq, bar, ice cream

Reception- teddy toss

Year 1 - tattoos, guinea pig fishing, guess the weight of the pig, piggy ball toss, lucky bags

Year 2- locked boxes, bouncy castle, plants, meringues, name the bear

Year 3- TO BE CONFIRMED

Year 4- TO BE CONFIRMED

Year 5- TO BE CONFIRMED

Year 6- cakes, sweets

Still lots of stalls to fill.



Own Clothes Day - Friday 21st June

Own Clothes Day Friday 21st June in exchange for bottle of alcohol for our Summer Fair Tombola Stall.

Attendance Race 2023- 2024

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 3rd June 2024 :

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

Year 1 and Year 3 have both been in every day this week - Well done !

Stickers were given out during the week

League Table

Year	No. of Wins
Reception	2
Year 1	7
Year 2	4
Year 3	4
Year 4	4
Year 5	6
Year 6	3

Weeks in competition: 30 (full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 98.2 %



Important Dates

Sports Day 26.06.24

Summer Fair 26.06.24

School Class Photographs 20.06.24

Sports Day Times

KS1 9.30-11.15am

KS2 1.15-3.15pm

Class Assemblies

Year 1 - Friday 21st June

Year 2 - Friday 12th July

Year 4 - Friday 28th June

Year 5 - Friday 5th July

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher



TERM DATES

Summer Term 2024:

Half-term 27.05.24 – 31.05.2024
Return: Monday 3rd June 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 2024:

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**