



St. Philomena's Catholic Primary School

Headteacher: Miss V Maher

Newsletter – 19 July 2024

Summer Term

Year 6 Leavers' Events

Year 6 have been building up to their final days now since last Friday ! Their parents put on an amazing festival for them on the school field and then they slept over in the School Hall on Friday night. Yesterday morning, they received God's blessings in a beautiful Mass celebrated at OLOC by Father Cyriacus and this morning they had us all in tears with their Leaver's assembly. It has been amazing to watch them grow and mature into such wonderful young people, who are so kind and supportive to each other. We are so very proud of each and every one of them and look forward to hearing of their future successes, of which I know there'll be many. Good luck Year 6 – we'll miss you so much !



Alumni Success

In a similar vein, I'm delighted to share that a former pupil, Patrick O'Halloran, will be taking on a hugely important role as Team GB HQ Medical Officer for the Paris 2024 Summer Olympics ! Since qualifying as a doctor, Patrick has had many important roles in sport, including Tunnel Doctor - Aston Villa FC and the Team Doctor - FA England Women's U15s and U16s. His father, Philip O'Halloran, has served on our governing body for some 30 years so the family connection to St Philomena's runs very deep. We wish Patrick the very best in his new position.



Orchestra Assembly

Our talented musicians played in assembly this week.



Car Wash

Thank you to Years 4 and 5 they organised a car wash this week!



End of Year Production

Our Year 6 did such a brilliant job in performing 'I'm an 11 year old, get me out of here !' on Tuesday evening. It was a very light-hearted reflection on their seven years of primary education and was delivered with lots of great acting, singing, dancing and humour!

Well done everyone and many thanks to all the staff who gave up their time to help with the production and assist with the children in the evening.

Parent / Carer Questionnaire

If you haven't already done so, please do take a couple of minutes to complete the questionnaire found at this link..

<https://forms.gle/TQWbeSCWGyqfGi1y8>

We love to know what we have done well this year but are equally keen to know areas that need improving or developing.

Thank you.

Summer Hamper Raffle

Well done to the pupils who won a prize in the Summer hamper raffle. Thank you for purchasing tickets money raised goes to our school fund.

The winners are:

Reception

Malaika
Samuel J

Year 1

Evangelina

Year 2

Sandra
Noah
Amelia
Zoe

Year 3

Ioane
Kiera
Cheruni
Jimmy
Tejas

Year 4

Oliver
Fiona

Year 5

Aoife
Julian
Joshua

Year 6

Eloise

Leaving to have a Baby

We wish Ms Bartholomew all the very best as she leaves us to have her baby in the summer break. We look forward to sharing baby news with you when the time comes.



Talent Show

Well done to all the children that got on stage and performed for our talent show. They were all amazing!



Scooters and bicycles.

Adherence to this important safety rule appears to have slipped in the last few weeks. A reminder that bicycles and scooters, electric or otherwise, must NOT be ridden once inside the school gates. **This includes the drive from Chelsfield Rd and the path down from the Stanton Close gate.** We ask for your compliance in order to ensure everyone's safety, particularly younger siblings who may be toddling into or out of school – thank you.

PTA Foam Party

Thank you to Mrs Miller for organising the foam party – the children had a great time!



2023- 2024

Attendance and Lateness for the week beginning 8th July 2024 :

Class	Attendance (%)	Lates (occasions)
Reception	94	3
Year 1	96	2
Year 2	97	1
Year 3	97	1
Year 4	100	0
Year 5	99	0
Year 6	100	0

Year 4 are the winners again this week with 100% attendance and no lates - Well done !
Stickers were given out in assembly

League Table

Year	No. of Wins
Reception	2
Year 1	8
Year 2	4
Year 3	6
Year 4	6
Year 5	6
Year 6	4

Weeks in competition: 36(full weeks only)

OVERALL ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK 97.4 %

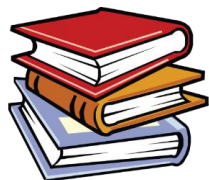
THE OVERALL WINNERS FOR THE 2023/2024 SCHOOL YEAR WERE YEAR 1 – SMALL TREATS WERE GIVEN OUT DURING THE WEEK TO CELEBRATE THEIR WIN – WELL DONE !

Community News and Events

Darcy represented Orpington at the Bromley Field Lacrosse Tournament on Sunday – well done.



Bromley Library Events



All Bromley Libraries will be holding their own activities and events throughout the summer holidays. It is best to contact the individual libraries directly for details and for booking, if needed. The Children's Team have organised two external events for each library and these are listed below. We would be grateful if you could include these in your E-Newsletters. Again, it is best to contact the individual library on their booking procedure.

Jambs Owls

Jambs Owls will be bringing along owls to each of our libraries giving a short talk followed by a chance to hold one of the owls

Thurs 1st August: Biggin Hill Library: 10.30-11.30am
Thurs 8th August: Chislehurst Library: 10.30-11.30am & Petts Wood: 2.30-3.30pm
Mon 12th August: Central Library: 10.30-11.30am & Mottingham: 2.30-3.30pm
Thurs 15th Aug: St Paul's Cray Library: 10.30-11.30am
Tues 13th August: Hayes Library: 10.30-11.30am & Shortlands: 2.30-3.30pm
Mon 19th August: West Wickham Library (temp accommodation): 10.30-11.30am & Orpington 2.30-3.30pm
Tues 20th Aug: Beckenham (temp accommodation): 2.30-3.30pm
Thurs 22nd Aug: Penge Library: 2.30-3.30pm

Momtaz Begum-Hossain

Momtaz is a colour and crafts expert and will be running the following event at the libraries listed below:

Cool Cases

Use colourful textile techniques to transform an ordinary fabric pencil case into a dazzling design with artist Momtaz Begum-Hossain.

Ages 7-15 years.

Fri 16th August

West Wickham Library: 10.30-11.30am

Penge Library: 2.30-3.30pm

Fri 23rd Aug

Chislehurst Library: 10.30-11.30am

Biggin Hill Library: 2.30-3.30pm

Kunda Kids

Kunda Kids are a children's EdTech and media company and will be doing a Summer Reading Challenge Marvellous Makers storytelling and craft session at the following libraries:

Mon 29th July

Orpington Library: 10-11am

Mottingham Library: 2.30-3.30pm

Fri 2nd Aug

Petts Wood Library: 10-11am

St Paul's Cray Library: 2.30-3.30pm

Alom Shaha

Alom is a children's author and scientist, and will be running a Summer Reading Challenge Marvellous Makers craft activity making toys including Balancing Birds, Balloon-powered Cars, and magically moving Bewildering Beans at the following libraries:

Friday, 9th August - Bromley Central Library

Thursday 15th August- Hayes Library

Friday 23rd - Shortlands Library

Children's Team Puppet Show and Craft Activity 4-8 years and parents/carers:

Wed 7th August -

10.30-11.30am: Penge Library

2.30-3.30pm

TERM DATES

Huge thank you !

Over the last few days, we have been inundated with beautiful cards and presents – as a parent/carer community you are always so generous. Thank you so much.

I'd also like to say a massive thank you, to all our staff here at St Philomena's. We have such dedicated and committed teachers, teaching assistants, play leaders, office, premises and kitchen staff and it is such a wonderful place in which to work.

I wish them and you all, the most amazing summer break. I hope you have some rest, make special memories with your friends and families and have safe journeys if you are travelling. We look forward to welcoming you back on **THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST 2024.**

Miss Veronica Maher
Head Teacher

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 21.10.24 – 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

