



November and December 2023

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Forty Hours Devotion is a special 40-hour period of prayer without stopping made in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The focus of this devotion is on the Holy Eucharist.

Last Friday, the children in Y3, Y4 and Y5 went to our local church, The Holy Trinity, to participate in the Forty Hours Devotion.

At church they met with Fr Richard who welcomed them and asked them to kneel, while he read the blessings and prayers.

After, Fr Richard blessed all of the children and asked them to say their own prayer.



Bemnet - " We all prayed together by the Blessed Sacrament, it was peaceful and special."

"Stanley - It was so quiet and joyful to pray continuously together."

Emeila - "At church we kneeled down by the priest and listened to him reading and singing about God. We had to repeat what he was saying."

EYFS

For their PE lesson this week, the children practiced different ways of balancing.

In the first part of the lesson the children did some stretching; then they played a "Stuck in the mud game." In the next activity the children were jumping and landing with both feet, then jumping and landing with one foot.



This week the children were looking at Autumnal colours. The children talked about the signs to show when it is Autumn.

The children made an autumn tree using their hand and arm for the bark and branches. They then used corks to stamp and make leaves.

YEAR 1

During Art, the children were creating modern day cave paintings. They used tea and coffee to stain the background and were sketching animals and shapes onto the paper.

They then used paint and stencils to add different textures and shapes to the foreground. They also added a handprint to add a personal touch.

Jax - "I am sketching a cat."

Isaiah - "I am drawing a big dog and a small fish with my pencil."



In PE, the children were doing different obstacles and activities. In the first one, each person had a tennis ball and they had to aim and throw it into the bucket. The other activity was that they had to roll the tennis ball into squares on the floor for points.

Giovanni - "Each square was worth a different amount of points based on how far away you were. It was lots of fun and we were kept very busy, moving all around the playground."

YEAR 3



In Dance, the children were asked to come up with their own dances. They danced to one of their favourite songs. Nicolas - "It was a really good lesson and I am looking forward to having dance next week!"

YEAR 5

The children visited the annual Catholic Children's Society Advent Carol diocese service at Westminster Cathedral.

Carols like O Little Town of Bethlehem, Little Donkey and Away in a Manger were sung. The children were taken on the tube and witnessed the splendour of the cathedral alongside real animals like a sheep and a donkey being brought in for the service.



Kebby - "I liked singing the carols and that we were watching the Nativity story being told by Angel Gabriel. We had angels, Mary, Joseph and shepherds. It was really fun and felt very Christmassy."

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception: Steven

Y1: Margarita

Y2: Anh

Y3: Nicolas

Y4: Elshaddai

Y5: Max

Y6: Khalell



HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Congratulations to:
Brianna in Year 6!



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Attendance Y1 94.2%

Punctuality Y1 98.7%

HOUSE POINTS AND GREEN STICKERS

1st place JF 72

2nd place TM 67

3rd place E 63

4th place A 49

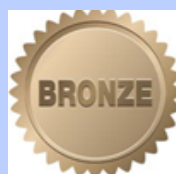


Green stickers
Y1 and Y2

AWARDS

Well done to the following children for
earning their Bronze award!

Reya in Y2
Adam in Y4
Isabelle in Y5



IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 7th December: Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 10:30am

Monday 11th December: Y1 and Y2 morning trip with Urbanwise

Tuesday 12th December: Carol Concert for Y3 - Y6 from 6pm-7pm at Holy Trinity Church

Thursday 14th December: EYFS and KS1 Nativity at 1:45pm

Friday 15th December: Early Years Christmas Afternoon from 1pm-3pm.

Friday 15th December: Christmas Fair from 3:30pm-6pm

Monday 8th January: Children return to school

Monday 15th January - Friday 19th January: Y6 Focus Week with Into University

Wednesday 17th January: Y2 morning trip with Urbanwise

Monday 29th January: Y3 morning trip with Urbanwise

Monday 5th February: Y4 morning trip with Urbanwise

Friday 9th February: Valentine's disco from 3pm-4:30pm

Wednesday 15th May: Y6 morning trip with Urbanwise



PUPIL PREMIUM AND FREE SCHOOL MEAL DATES

Starting from September 2023, the Mayor of London has introduced a new scheme that provides free school meals for all children in Key Stage 2 (KS2), in line with the current universal free school meals for Reception and KS1 children.

Whilst we welcome this initiative, if your financial circumstances change, we encourage parents to check whether your child is entitled to Pupil Premium funding.

If your child is eligible for 'free school meals' and you register them for this, we receive additional funding called 'pupil premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

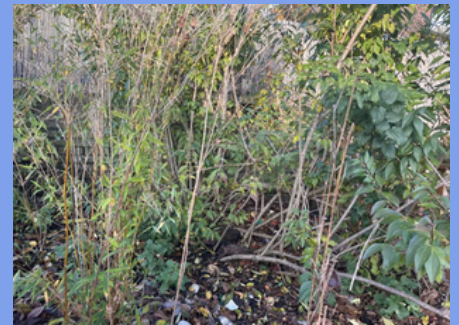
What is pupil premium funding? Pupil premium funding from the government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

To register, please go to the following website and fill in your details.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Volunteer Gardeners in the Early Years

We are asking for parent volunteers to help with gardening in the EYFS. We want to spruce up the area; please let us know if you are able to help.



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

As part of our celebration of the Immaculate Conception of our Mother Mary, we are asking the children to design a piece of Art for this Feast Day. Pieces will be chosen and displayed at the school office, as well as our Mass booklet. Please submit any pieces of Art by:
Monday 4th December.



Isaiah 40:31

'But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'



*With every blessing,
Miss Black and the
staff of St Mary's*