

Newsletter

St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School



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November
2024



It's been a busy first week back after half-term. We had another open day for prospective parents on Wednesday. If you have a child starting school next year (or you know someone who does) we still have one more open day this term— Monday 25th November at 9.30am—please book a tour via the office if you would like to attend. Next week we will have a minute's silence to mark Armistice Day at on Monday 11th at 11am. We also have St Benedict class assembly at 10am on Thursday (not Friday!) and a number of our older children will be competing in the Croydon Catholic Schools cross-country competition on Friday morning. Have a lovely weekend.

ST BRIGID CLASS ASSEMBLY

We were delighted to welcome so many parents, carers and family members to St Brigid's final class assembly. It was a beautiful, moving assembly which reminded us about the importance of remembering those who have died in war. It also reminded us about how we remember Jesus' great sacrifice for us and his Last Supper with his friends when we share in his sacrifice through the Holy Eucharist. They also shared some of their own lovely memories from their time at St Thomas Becket. Their delivery of their lines was first class and their singing was beautiful.



ODD SOCKS DAY

Tuesday 12th November is Odd socks Day. It marks the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week. Pupils are welcome to come to school on that day in odd socks to raise awareness of Anti -Bullying Week.



Butterflies	Ethan Graham
St Joseph	Ruby Lambe
St Francis	Giulia Strano
St Peter	Janelle Abbey
St Paul	Joe Rawlinson
St Martin	Abilene Marks
St Benedict	Ashton Loubao

BOYS' FOOTBALL

Yesterday, the boys' team continued their winning form in a 6-2 victory against Oasis Shirley Park. The win builds momentum on their unbeaten start to the season, with confident performances shown all over the pitch. Some stoic defending and midfield discipline was partnered with a wonderful goal from Raph S and an impressive 4-goal haul from Christopher. Very well done boys!



KS2 DISCOS & CHILDREN IN NEED

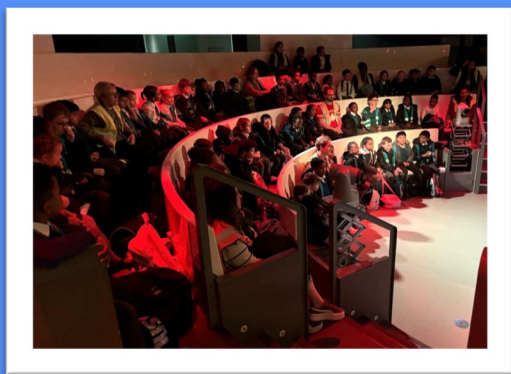
Next Friday we have our KS2 discos after school. As Friday is also Children in Need day, **all children** can come to school in their own clothes. Clothes should be practical and sensible for outdoor play in November. Football kits are **not** permitted. For those who wish to do so, we are asking for a £2 donation per child for Children in Need payable through ParentMail.



Ladybirds	Dylan Donnelly
St Elizabeth	Gabriel Neves
St Anne	Aaima Malik
St Bernadette	Raphael Montanez-Perron
St Therese	Delilah Wood
St Cecilia	Jada-Rose Williams
St Brigid	Marvellous Emeka

YEAR 3 TRIP

On Wednesday this week, Year 3 were off to the Natural History Museum in order to further develop our learning about fossils, earthquakes and volcanoes. We got public transport to the museum and dropped off our things before visiting an exciting exhibit about Mary Anning's fossils. After lunch we also saw some amazing volcano and earthquake exhibits, including an earthquake simulator! To finish the day, we had a workshop led by Volcano and Earthquake specialist Jo who showed us how we can keep the residents of Volcano Town safe from an impending eruption! Despite some transport challenges on the way home we had so much fun on the trip and have all written recounts of our journey since.



YEAR 4 TRIP

On Tuesday, Year 4 classes went to the British Museum. It was our first trip this year. We looked at Ancient Greece. In the galleries we had special booklets to fill information into. We picked our favourite pictures and wrote facts about it. It was a great trip!



ADVENT WREATH MAKING

At Our Lady's Church Hall

Sunday 24th November 2 - 4pm in the Large Hall

I have a small supply of rings for sale at £4.50 to make wreaths; please contact me by Monday 18th November if you need one. Bring garden clippers/scissors, gloves, and any candles, greenery or decoctions you wish to add.

Call or text Joanna on 07793 826103



ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to Taye (Yr4) for his football medal, to Tudor-Reign (Yr1) for his Kungfu orange/white belt, to Giulia (Yr2) for her gym skills award, to Sienna (Y1) for her swimming medal and to Oscar in Yr2 for his green level swimming award. Well done to all of you.



COMPETITION WINNERS

We were delighted to learn this week that Áine in Yr6 was the overall winner of Palace for Life's art competition, winning two tickets to tomorrow's game v Fulham. Abilene in Yr5 also won a runners up medal in the same competition.

Well done girls!



WRAP AROUND CARE EXPANSION

Due to the success of our wrap-around care (Canterbury Club) we are now full on most days. We are working on increasing capacity from 30 places per session to 40 places per session, and these additional places should be available within the next two weeks. Until then, the best way of securing your required sessions is by booking at least a week ahead.

