



It's been a busy last week of the half-term, with great success to report back on following our success in Quiz Club area heats and girls' football. We will be having a focus on mental health & wellbeing in the first week back after half-term as part of Children's Mental Health National Awareness week. We hope you all have a lovely half term and safe travels to those of you on the move over the break.

### Golden Board Assembly – Spring 2024

Each term a pupil from each class is recognised for an outstanding piece of work.

Butterflies: Aavi Shah	Ladybirds: Sylvie Bulman
St Joseph: Liam Fernandes	St Elizabeth: Ariella Alexander
St Anne: Aaron Jeyanthan	St Francis: Lily Rose Momoh- Gaya
St Bernadette: Teodor Krzyzewski	St Peter: Clarissa Batour
St Therese: Shiloh Reid	St Paul: Amara Uzoma
St Martin: Ashton Loubao	St Cecilia: Edmund Norton
St Brigid: James Akinade	St Benedict: Cruz Montano



### Quiz Club Winners

On Tuesday our general knowledge quiz team travelled to St Aidan's in Coulsdon to take part in an area heat for the National Quiz Club (general knowledge) championships. Our team came first with an outstanding score of 1885 out of a maximum score of 2000. This was over 300 points more than the team in second place! The team will now compete in the national finals at Oxford University in June. What an achievement! Our B team also did extremely well, finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> place out of the 10 competing teams.

Team A (pictured): Dominique, Ciaran, Zach, Ava



### Online Safety Competition

This week, the children have discussed different aspects of staying safe online using resources from the UK Safer Internet Centre and BBC's Own It. We have set the children a competition to be completed during the half term.

They have been asked to design an **online safety mascot** for our school. They should draw their ideas and label their mascot with how it helps children to remember how to stay safe online. Entries will be shared on our website along with a selection of the work and the winner of the competition will be announced after half term.

### Catholic Children's Society Collection

Throughout Lent, we will be collecting money for the Catholic Children's Society. Catholic Children's Society help vulnerable families in the UK and have provided significant support to a number of families in our own school community over the last year. If you prefer to give directly to the charity, we have set up a Just Giving page on behalf of the school too.

Our page:

[www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com)

### Shooting Stars



Butterflies	Isabelle Hall
Ladybirds	Aizel Antony
St Joseph	Betsy Cox
St Elizabeth	Jack Reece
St Francis	Gabriel Mvundji Meut
St Anne	Jasmine Ali
St Peter	Nova-Raine Ashie-Rochester

St Bernadette	Daisy Holmes
St Paul	Tiffany Onumonu
St Therese	Theo Sekowski Brion
St Martin	Zach Burrows
St Cecilia	Jude Green
St Benedict	Max Jerome
St Brigid	Zina Amalu



### Girls' Football

Our girls' team continued their winning ways this week with a great win in the Croydon schools cup against a very strong Woodcote team. It was a very tense game with the scoreline still 0-0 and time almost up before Abilene grabbed the winner with a great strike. Thanks to Mr Haywood-White for providing us with referee Shay and to Miss Memory for helping with team management.



### Lent through a Lens challenge

To take part you'll need a camera (phone cameras are fine). Next, be on the look out for something that best represents Lent. It will help to make a list of all the things that come to mind when you think of Lent.

Remember that Lent is the old word for Spring. So you could also think of Spring images e.g. snowdrops, buds on trees, chicks, lambs. You may need to venture outside to find your Lent images, if so you must ask a grown-up to be with you.

You need to tell us why the image reminds you of lent. Think about the gospel.... Do the thorns on the bramble bush remind you of the crown of thorns of Jesus? Does the dew on the morning grass remind you of the Eucharistic words 'like the dew fall'? Do the new shoots of the flowers remind you of new life and Jesus' Resurrection?

Once you've taken your photo, present it to your class - we will be displaying them around the school.



### Goalball

A group of Yr 5 & Yr 6 children were invited to take part in a Goalball experience on Wednesday. Goalball is a game played at Paralympic level. A group of visually impaired pupils from other local schools also joined us for the occasions. Although most of our participants had no visual impairments, wearing the blindfolds to play the game gave them a good insight into the potential barriers that this would create to participating in sport.



### Achievement

Well done to Lucia (gymnastics), Lamont (football), Jessica (gymnastics), Mia (dance), Quinn (piano) and Eric (swimming) for celebrating all of their fantastic awards this week.

