# St Thomas Becket Catholic Primary School



# 8th March 2024 Newsletter

A busy week again this week, with lots of sporting activities and Book Week fun & games! Next week our Yr 5 children are stepping up their preparation for their Passion of the Cross production and our boys and girls football teams are both in cup quarter final action. We also have St Francis class assembly on Friday morning at 10am and our first parents' evening of the term. Have a lovely weekend.

#### Yr 4 Girls' Football

Our Yr 4 girls' football team did us extremely proud yesterday, winning the Croydon football finals and qualifying for the London Youth Games as a result. Our team scored 25 goals and conceded 0 on the way to winning the final 4-0 which gives an indication of how amazingly well they played. Thanks to Mrs Haywood-White and Miss Memory for preparing the team.



# **Red Nose Day**

Next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> is Red Nose Day. We are very conscious that there have been a number of initiatives recently that have involved additional organisation and financial contributions from families, including book day, Catholic Children's Society collection, Readathon etc. For this reason, we are going to go 'light touch' for Red Nose Day next Friday. Pupils are invited to wear something red if they wish, all pupils can wear own clothes and there will be some informal activities during the day such as in-class joke telling competitions etc. If you wish and feel able to do so, there will be an opportunity to contribute to Comic Relief / Red Nose Day via ParentMail.

#### **Butterflies Class Assembly**

Butterflies class performed a lovely assembly this morning all about their favourite books. They confidently told us all about their adventures to deserts and polar regions through the magic of stories. The audience was so impressed by how confidently they spoke and sang considering they are our youngest pupils.

Well done Butterflies and your teachers!



# **Disco Date changes**

We were due to host STBSA discos in the coming weeks but we have made the decision to push them back to the start of the summer term, as the next few weeks are very congested in the school diary. Both discos will now take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, with the Yr1 / 2 disco taking place from 3.30pm to 4.30pm and the Yr 3 / 4 disco will take place from 5p.m to 6.30pm.

Further details to follow.

**Shooting Stars** 



Butterflies
Ladybirds
St Joseph
St Elizabeth
St Francis
St Anne
St Peter

Alexander Juuko
Eva Penny Brennan
Khairi Guthrie
Rosaria Maxwell
Samuele Claridi-Hamilton
Lily Bernat
Prince-Peter Oniye-Thomas

St Bernadette St Paul St Therese St Martin St Cecilia St Benedict

St Brigid

Thea Denyer
Quinn Ronan
Emilia Pieniak
Chiza Osaigbovo
Julieta Rodriguez Negrin
Celeste Tomasiewicz
Jayden Amponsah

## Yr 5 / 6 Boys' Football

Our A & B boys' football teams both had great wins on Thursday against Trinity, meaning our A team finish the regular season top of their group heading into the knock-out stages. Our B team also had an excellent 5-1 win, with Max & Raf S being the standout performers on this occasion. Earlier in the week our A team earned a hard-fought draw against Orchard Way, with Reuben making a string of fine saves to keep us in the game.





#### News from our faith leaders



Our Faith Leaders meet on Monday lunch times and always have wonderful ideas how to lead and help our children and teachers in all things RE and Prayer. We are really thinking of how we help our school, and wrote down the things we do:

- Spread God's message and set good examples
- Answer questions about faith as best we can when children ask us
- Promote RE around the school
- Are open for people to come to us with problems
- Sometimes lead school Masses
- Lead Pray week and special prayer Assemblies
- Lead RE Week
- Help with Prayer and Worship in Class and around the school
- In charge of prayer tables in class
- Keep RE boards around the school interactive and tidy
- Help with RE displays
- Lead the Rosary weekly in the Junior Playground on Tuesday Lunchtimes

### E-safety & Reading curriculum evening

We were delighted with the turnout at our e-safety & e-kindness and reading curriculum on Wednesday. We had approx. 180 parents join us to hear from ParentZone about helping your child stay safe online. A separate email will follow with some user guides as recommended by our speaker.

If you want to have a look yourself in the meantime, you will find lots of user guides and other top-tips here:

# **ParentZone**

Lots of you spoke to staff afterwards with very positive feedback about the evening and the children really seemed to enjoy the novelty of coming to school in the evening in their PJs.

Thanks to all the staff who stayed back late to help run the workshops and reading sessions.











#### **Achievement**

Reuben in St Benedict was awarded player of the match for his club team at the weekend for an excellent performance in goals against a very strong team. It's easy to imagine this considering his outstanding displays in goals for the school team recently.

