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Our Mission Statement

'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.' St. Catherine of Siena

Dear Parents and Carers

Advent and World Gifts Fundraising

This coming Sunday 1st December marks the beginning of Advent and the first Sunday in the new Church year. During Advent we will be thinking about how we can prepare for the birth of Jesus in a few weeks time. We are asking all the children to **'Go Purple for Advent'** on Monday 2nd December, as purple is the liturgical colour used in Church during this important Advent season. The children can wear something purple to school on that day; this can be as simple as a purple hairband/baubles, a purple jumper/cardigan or purple socks/tights. The children may also wish to wear a purple top or jumper, along with their usual school trousers or skirt/dress.



Fr. Chinedu will visit each school next week to lead the children in a special Advent assembly and help us begin our journey from Advent to Christmas together as a school community. We will also be thinking about how we can follow Jesus' example of caring for others during Advent and the Catholic Social Teaching principle of 'The Option for the Poor'. We are supporting the CAFOD World Gifts Fundraising campaign at both schools; each class will choose a gift they want to raise money for and collectively buy to support families in developing communities around the world. More information will be shared on this next week.



Class 2A enjoyed a visit to the Fire Station in Mill Hill this week to support work on their topic, 'The Great Fire of London' and 'Moving Vehicles'. The children had a fantastic trip and we are very grateful to the team at the Mill Hill Station for making this such a fun, enjoyable and memorable experience for all the children. As well as learning about the important job of the fire team and how they help keep us safe, the children had the opportunity to get on board the fire engine, use the water hoses and wear some of the fire crew equipment. Class 2B will also have the opportunity to visit the Fire Station next week.

Year 5 had a wonderful trip to the British Museum today. The children have been learning about the Ancient Kingdom of Benin as their History topic this half-term and created their own clay Benin masks in art lessons. The children modelled their masks on the original ones displayed at The British Museum and today was an opportunity to actually see these important historical artefacts. Thanks to Ms Juricic, our specialist Art Teacher and Miss Gimmi for organising this trip and helping to bring history and art to life.

PTA Christmas Fayre

It's only one week until the PTA Christmas Fayre and thank you for supporting this with donations, including Jolly Jars, and tickets bought. Raffle and Santa's Grotto tickets will be on sale again from Monday. We hope you will be able to join us at the Fayre from **3.30pm on Friday 6th December at the Junior School**. There will be lots of fun activities taking place for everyone in the family to enjoy and your support and funds raised will benefit our children in both schools.



Have a great weekend.

Miss J. O'Prey
Headteacher

STAR OF THE WEEK



Infants

N	Josiah	1a	Sara
Ra	Hazel	1b	Guila
Rb	Sienna O.	2a	Denver
		2b	Catia

STAR OF THE WEEK



Juniors

3A	Livia	5A	Jaden
3B	Blessing	5B	Amalia
4A	Joseph	Year 6	Elijah
4B	Vida		

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to **4b**
for having the
highest
attendance!



Class	%
R1	92
R2	80
1A	89
1B	82
2A	92
2B	87
3A	97
3B	95
4A	96
4B	100
5A	97
5B	95
Year 6	96

AIS and AJS VALUES

Tolerance	4a	Niamh
Respect	4b	Aiden
Commitment	3b	Bernard
Safety	3a	Arafat
Excellence	6a	Miguel
Courage	5a	Lydia
Justice	6a	Gabriel
Truth	5b	Lena
Truth	N Ra Rb 1a 1b 2a 2b	Aodha Neveah Khadija Lewis Rory Olivia H Ptryk

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Orla & Gemmima
Year 4	Oliwia & Alfreda
Year 5	Ella & Maks
Year 6	Naomi Rae

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 1st December 2024

Sunday is the start of the season of **Advent**, a word which means 'important arrival'. Advent is the time we start preparing to celebrate Christ's birth - God's arrival into our world in the person of Jesus. The Gospel reminds us that there is no time to lose; we should think about the way we live our lives and begin to make any necessary changes. **The Word** we are celebrating this week is **ADVENT**.

Jesus said to his disciples, "There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars and on the earth, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man approaching in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand upright, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. Watch yourselves; be careful not to let your hearts be weighed down with the cares of life. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man."

Adapted from The Gospel of Luke 21:25-28.34-36

The 1st Sunday of Advent, Year C

KEY DATES

02/12/24	GO PURPLE DAY to begin Advent—both schools
03/12/24	Reception Nativity Play - Infant School 9.30am each day Reception A Class Parents/Carers
04/12/24	Reception B Class Parents/Carers
06/12/24	Christmas Fayre - Junior School from 3.30-6.30pm Children wear own clothes for the day at both schools
11/12/24	KS1 Nativity Plays—Infant School 9.15am each day Year 1 Classes Parents/Carers
12/12/24	Year 2 Classes Parents/Carers
11/12/24	Carol Service for all Junior classes at the Church 6.00pm
12/12/24	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch both schools
19/12/24	Rocksteady Music Concerts—Juniors 9.30am Infants 2.30pm

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Mrs. Stanley



Ms. Bourke



Miss O'Prey



Mr Mc Creadie



Mrs Griffin





ANNUNCIATION SCHOOLS CHRISTMAS FAYRE 6TH DECEMBER 2024

Where: Annunciation Junior School

When: 6th December 2024

Time: 3:30 - 6:30pm

£1 entry for adults



TICKETS

Tickets to visit Father Christmas will be available in advance from Monday 18th November. The charge is £3 per ticket. Time slots will be allocated to prevent overcrowding and long waits.

Raffle tickets will also be available to purchase from Monday 18th November. We have some amazing prizes including:
Electric toothbrushes, Airfryer, Slow Cooker,
Electric throw, Tablet, Hampers
and many more!

CHRISTMAS FAYRE DONATIONS

Ho Ho Ho! Big shout out to our awesome school families! Your support makes these events possible! We're asking for your generous donations again this year. After the October half term, donation boxes will be set up in each classroom. Check the list below for your class's Christmas name and some donation suggestions.

