



# THE ANNUNCIATION CATHOLIC INFANT AND JUNIORSCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a **fantastic** end to a **wonderfully successful** first term! This new academic year saw us **take over leadership** of both schools and we have been overwhelmed how **warmly** we have been **welcomed** by parents and the community of the Infant school. It is through both the Junior and Infant parents' support that we have been able to make the **first term such a success** for both schools.

Last Friday we hosted our first ever **PTA Christmas Fayre**. It was a **huge success** and we had a **phenomenal turnout**. Parents and parishioners came out in their droves in support and we all had a fun-filled, festive time with our school community. We raised a **staggering £4,660!** A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who was involved in making this such a success.



On Monday, the Junior School welcomed parents to our annual **Christmas Carol Concert** in the Parish. Only one adult from each family could be in attendance but, through the power of technology, all of our community were able to enjoy this **festive and Holy reflection** watching via live stream from their homes. Our children read, performed and sang brilliantly. Thank you to **Mrs Stanley, Miss Griffin, Miss Kindred** and all the junior staff for all of the work they put into making sure this event could happen.



**Maths workshops** took place at the Infant school this week where parents came in to their child's class and were shown how their children are taught maths. All parents were given maths **goody bags** which included a **wealth of resources** to support their child's learning at home. In the New Year, both schools will be holding **more in-house workshops** like this for all subject areas.



As the end of the calendar year draws to a close, we have some **exciting news**. Mrs. Kinch at the Junior school is embarking on her counselling training which means she will now work across both schools offering counselling **services and activities** to any pupils identified as needing extra support for their **wellbeing**. This is a service we have long offered at the Junior school which has proved as a **wonderful addition** to our whole school offer. **Mrs O' Carroll** will continue as Year 6A's class teacher Monday– Friday.



With **warm welcomes** to the infant school, come some **goodbyes**. **Mrs. Woods** will be leaving this term to return to a teaching role in a school from January. After dedicating 15 years of service to the Infant School and serving as Deputy Headteacher over the last 6 years, she acted as a support to staff and parents over the years and I know you will all join us in wishing her good luck in her

new role.

We also say goodbye to **Mrs. Horne**, our SENCo, who will be entering into retirement come January. She has dedicated 35 years to the Infant school and has forged good working relationships with parents and children, particularly those with SEND. As a school, we wish her a **very happy and exciting retirement**.

From January, **Miss. Bourke**, our Assistant Headteacher, will take on the post as SENCo and Year 2 teacher. Miss Bourke joined our SLT In October having held the post of **Assistant Headteacher** at St Agnes Catholic Primary School in Cricklewood. She has a **wealth of experience** and has already driven exciting changes in the short time she has been with us.



Miss. Bourke

Lastly, in response to many parents' queries, we hope there will not be another lockdown in the New year. However, rest assured that if there is, there will be an **outstanding online home learning offer with live lessons for both schools**. As it stands, schools remain open as normal and we can't wait to welcome all of our children back to school on

Wednesday 5th January 2022.



Have happy and Holy Christmas.

Mrs. Minihan Mr. Doherty



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# STARS OF THE TERM!

<p><b>NURSER Y!</b></p>	<p>The nursery children have amazed us every day of the term with their kindness and determination. They have shown great attitude towards learning and had lots of fun! We had incredible moments like learning about horses from an equestrian, performing our first concert and baking delicious recipes. We have even more special experiences ready for the Spring term! Have a fantastic Christmas break - You deserve it! Miss Martin</p>	
<p><b>R1!</b></p>	<p>You have all been stars working really hard. Highlights this term have been being chefs for the day and visiting the reindeers. All your lovely art work brightens up our classroom. Miss Lynch</p>	
<p><b>R2!</b></p>	<p>You have worked tremendously hard this term R2 to become independent little learners. Lots of fun was had - making jelly as a treat for finding the Gruffalo's child, performing like superstars in our Nativity and the special reindeer surprise! Look forward to more fun learning in 2022!- Miss Matheou</p>	
<p><b>1A!</b></p>	<p>Well done Year 1 for all your hard work and efforts this term. So many wonderful learning memories including the poem you performed at the National History Museum and using the new techniques to create your own beautiful art work. I'm looking forward to lots more enjoyable moments with you in 2022. Have a lovely Christmas break with your family. Best wishes, Mrs Kirby.</p>	
<p><b>1B!</b></p>	<p>Well done everybody in Year 1:2. Memorable moments this term include a wonderful Harvest Assembly, where you and our school family generously donated food to the homeless and the Food Bank of our local area. In class, we enjoyed performing and making up our own poetry. We went on 3D shape hunts and found out all about their properties. We even had a trip to the National History Museum in Tring to discover and find out about animals near and far. What a lovely day out we all had! Have a wonderful Christmas Break children and I look forward to all our new learning in 2022. Mrs Nugent</p>	
<p><b>2A!</b></p>	<p>There's been SO much wonderful learning in St Bernadette's class this term-from becoming authors and little chefs to maths investigations and reading lots of wonderful books (to fill our reading washing line and build our vocabulary!) You've all been superstars! I'm very proud of you and I'm looking forward to lots more fantastic learning in 2022. Have a lovely Christmas! Miss Attwell</p>	
<p><b>2B!</b></p>	<p>What a busy half term we have had! Each member of our class has worked extremely hard and made great progress. One highlight for us was the buzz and excitement around the Great Fire of London topic. Not only did you all learn lots of facts about this famous historical event but it was fantastic how you were able to use this newly learnt information when writing your very own newspaper report! I think we have some journalists for the future. We wish you all the best for the new term ahead!! Mrs Woods &amp; Mrs Horne.</p>	
<p><b>3A!</b></p>	<p>3A: You have put a lot of effort into your work this term. We have enjoyed special times together such as our visit to Welsh Harp, meeting reindeers, baking and our amazing experiment that helped us to prepare for George's Marvellous Medicine. It is always a joy to read your creative stories and we appreciate the great effort that you make with your homework. Have a wonderful, blessed Christmas, it is well deserved!</p>	
<p><b>3B!</b></p>	<p>3B, congratulations on a fantastic first term here at the Juniors. You have all worked incredibly hard this term and have made a great amount of progress! We have made lots of amazing memories this term, including; our trip to the Welsh Harp Education Centre, Science Experiments, Roots to Food, Maths investigations and going on journeys with our reading - we took trips to George's Farm, Mufaro's Village and Om's Cave! I am very proud of each and every one of you, you have all shown great enthusiasm towards your learning and should be proud of yourselves! I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and come back in the New Year ready for another term of hard work and fun! Miss Brennan.</p>	
<p><b>4A!</b></p>	<p>You have worked extremely hard this term 4A. Lots of fun was had learning - particular stand out moments were our trip to The Roald Dahl Museum, the Brent Sikh Centre, our swimming lessons, cookery workshops and who could forget our visit from the reindeer! Look forward to more fun learning in 2022!- Miss O'Hare</p>	
<p><b>4B!</b></p>	<p>A tremendous well done for the fabulous work you have completed this half term 4B. You have worked extremely hard and I am so pleased with not only your hard work but how well you have worked with each other. We have had a lots of fun this half term but some stand out moments have been our lovely cookery class with Roots to food, our trip to the Roald Dahl museum and our lovely Christmas surprise- the reindeers. I hope you have enjoyed this half term as much as I have and that you return ready for more learning in 2022. Enjoy your Christmas and happy New Year. -Miss Horgan and Miss Eleni</p>	
<p><b>5A!</b></p>	<p>Well done 5A for having worked incredibly hard in all your lessons and have made yourselves and your teachers proud of your achievements. We can't help remembering the fun and excitement that we had being given the opportunity by 'Roots to Food' to cook our own special meal which we all enjoyed. It is also a privilege for us to end the term with a visit from two special reindeer, and it was fun feeding them with bits of carrot. How could we forget baking Christmas cookies? They were delicious! Let's look forward to greater things for next term!</p>	

# STARS OF THE TERM!

<b>5B!</b>	Congratulations on an incredible term, 5B. What a journey it's been already and your enthusiasm in the classroom has shone through! We began our year with a wonderful trip to the Science Museum, where we explored a plethora of scientific phenomenon. And what a memorable time we had during our Benin workshop: you had great fun delving into cultural dance and music for this wow moment in English. Also, who can forget the wonderful creativity you have shown in art, exploring new techniques and artists. I am very much looking forward to what 2022 will bring and it will be a pleasure to move forward on this journey together. Miss Cronin	
<b>6A!</b>	6A, We are so proud of how hard you have worked this year. We have made some wonderful memories together such as visiting the RAF Museum, seeing the reindeers, baking Christmas biscuits and who could forget our WOW moment for Boy?! We thoroughly enjoyed reading all your amazing autobiographies as part of our English topic and we have enjoyed getting to know each and every one of you and all your amazing skills and talents. Have a wonderful, restful and Holy Christmas, and we look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year. Mrs Kinch, Mrs O 'Carroll and Ms. Vodden.	 
<b>6B!</b>	6B, you have all worked exceptionally hard this term; Miss Kindred and I are so proud of you all! I particularly enjoyed our trip to the RAF museum, seeing all the fantastic gadgets you created for our English 'wow moment' and of course the reindeer! You are all superstars! Each and every one of you brings something unique to our class and together we make a brilliant team! I hope you all have a lovely, restful Christmas so you come back ready to work hard in preparation for SATs. See you in the New Year! - Miss Griffin and Miss Kindred.	

## ATTENDANCE THIS TERM

Congratulations to **3b** for having the highest attendance this term!

Class	%
R1	92
R2	95
1a	93
1b	93
2a	94
2b	91
3a	93
3b	97
4a	96
4b	93
5a	95
5b	95
6a	95
6b	95

## Headlines from our Infant Parent Survey Dec 21:

- 100% of parents agree that their child is happy at school
- 100% said their child feels safe at school
- 100% feel the behaviour is good at the school
- 100% believe that if they have had an issue the school has dealt with it correctly
- 98% say they feel in tune with what their child is learning at school
- 100% believe their child does well at our infant school

## AIS & AJS VALUES

Value	Class	Child
Respect	6a	Alan
Tolerance	5b	Victoria
Commitment	5a	Peter
Safety	4b	
Excellence	4a	Sienna
Justice	3b	Lily
Truth	3a	Tommy
Courage	Nursery	Gentian
	R1	Adafat
	R2	Vlad
	1a	Emelia
	1b	Autumn
	2a	Amalia
2b	Clarice	
6b	Joy	

## KEY DATES

Date & Time	What	Where
OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAYS 9.30AM EVERY WEDNESDAY.		
16/12/21	Last Day for Nursery Pupils	INFANTS
17/12/21	INFANTS FINISH AT 1PM	INFANTS
17/12/21	JUNIORS FINISH AT 3.15PM	JUNIORS
5/ 1/22	BOTH SCHOOLS START FOR THE SPRING TERM	

# Wall of Fame

