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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,

As we come to the end of the first half term of the year, I would like to open with a personal thank you to all of our school community. My first half term as Head has certainly been a steep learning curve and I have no doubt made mistakes along the way (I am sure the teachers would agree with that part!), but it has been a true honour and a joy to serve you, our school community. Your support has been invaluable, and your children make working at The Annunciation a wonderful and rewarding experience (I am sure the teachers would whole-heartedly agree with that part too!).

Parents' Evening

One of my favourite events on the school calendar has always been Parents' Evening. There is nothing better than seeing the pride on pupils' and parents' faces alike when they hear how well the children are doing in class. Seeing so many happy and proud faces coming and going this week is a real testament to the hard work from the children and teachers in class, and of course to the success of our partnership with you as the first educators of your children. We look forward to building on this together in the months to come.

Our New PTA

In a similar theme, it gives me great excitement to announce that our new PTA is officially up and running! I am incredibly grateful to all the parents who volunteered for this. As I said in our recent meetings, a vibrant PTA is the mark of a successful school—whether we raise £10 or £10,000, the events that bring us together as a school community are what really matter. Judging by the fantastic energy of the new team, we will no doubt have plenty to look forward to, not least a Christmas Fayre on Friday 4th December! More details will be confirmed in due time, but we will certainly need donations of goods and time to make this event a success: consider this fair warning that we will be asking!

Class 3B Assembly

A huge thank you to Class 3B for their wonderful assembly this week on the topic of Black History Month. The children spoke beautifully to the importance of this month and shared the vital recognition that each of us was created in God's image and that we are all unique gifts to the world. Thank you to all the parents and family members who joined us, and a special thank you to Ms. Gimmi and Ms. Marquez for all their hard work in preparing the children so well.

Infant School Poetry Assembly

On Friday, we were also treated to wonderful poetry performances at the Infant School from our Nursery classes right up to Year 2. Each class performed a special poem celebrating Black History Month. The children marked this important occasion beautifully, once again reminding us all of the significance of this month. A big thank you to Ms. Odoi for organising this wonderful event, to Mrs. Stanley for leading the assembly, and to all the class teachers and support staff for their hard work in preparing the children so brilliantly.

Fire Safety Visit

This week, Year 2 and Year 5 were visited by a representative from the London Fire Brigade to discuss the importance of fire safety and awareness. This is particularly important at this time of year as we approach Bonfire Night and other autumn celebrations involving fireworks. The sessions were both enjoyable and informative, and we hope they have contributed greatly to the pupils' wider understanding of how to stay safe around fire. We are very grateful to the London Fire Brigade for their time, and a special thank you goes to Ms. Brennan for organising this valuable event.

Parent Governors

We had hoped to be announcing the next steps of the Parent Governor election process this week; however, this has been delayed slightly whilst the final logistics are finalised. We hope to be able to make further announcements shortly after Half Term. In the meantime, I would like to say a sincere thank you to those parents who have applied to stand.

Uniform Reminder

Please remember that from our return to school after the half-term break, all pupils across both schools should be in their full winter uniforms (including winter PE kits).

Attendance

As we head into the colder months, it is natural that more coughs and colds will be circulating. Whilst we would never want children to be in school when they are genuinely not well enough to attend, please do think carefully about whether a slight cough or sniffle is enough to keep your child off school. Even the odd day missed here and there really adds up over the course of the year.

I wish all of our families a wonderful, restful, and happy half term, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 3rd November.

Mr. D. McCreadie

Headteacher

KS1 'Star Writer' and KS2 'Writer of The Week' Awards

Year 1	Asaiah & Bozhena	Year 4	Mandy
Year 2	Madison & Esther	Year 5	Mitansh
Year 3	Jason & Sophie	Year 6	Mohammed & Salome

STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants

N	Victoria
RA	Amelie
RB	Giana

1A	Edward
1B	Gabriella
2A	Nergyuzel
2B	Doron

STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors

3A	Olivia
3B	Xing
4A	4A
4B	

5A	
5B	Jason
6A	Autumn
6B	Drake

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations

to

5A

for having the highest attendance!



Class	%
RA	91
RB	98
1A	92
1B	94
2A	90
2B	96
3A	99
3B	97
4A	96
4B	96
5A	99
5B	95
6A	95
6B	93

AIS and AJS VALUES

Respect	**6a**	**Riley**
Respect		
Commitment	**5B**	**Keyner**
Truth	**3B**	**Sara**
Excellence		
Safety	**4a**	**Paula**
Courage	**3A**	**Hennessy**
Justice	**4A**	**Precious**
Tolerance	**6A**	**Tonye**
	N	**Ola**
	RA	**Letizia**
	RB	**Muna**
	1A	**Cassiel**
	1B	**Khadija**
	2A	**Lucas**
	2B	

Maths Superstars

Year 3	**Alfie & Kristina**
Year 4	**Zane**
Year 5	**Shaddai**
Year 6	**Ella & Sadie**

Celebration of The Word

Some of the leaders gathered together. One of the leaders was an expert in the Law and he asked Jesus a question to try and catch him out. "Teacher," he said, "which is the greatest commandment in God's Law?" Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and the first commandment. But there is a second commandment like it, that is: 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' All the teaching of the Law and the Prophets follows from these two commandments."

This Sunday's Gospel is perhaps one of the most important messages Jesus gives us—to love your neighbour as yourself. For me, this is perhaps one of the hardest challenges in Catholicism. Jesus calls on us to see others as he sees them and to strive to live in love and service for our community. This is something we work on all the time. However, in framing the calling in this way Jesus also calls on us to love ourselves as he loves us—at times this can be as big a challenge as loving others. At times we can be our own biggest critics. The half term break offers the chance to reflect on our achievements so far and celebrate how we have made use of the gifts God has given us continuing to grow into who God meant us to be.

KEY DATES

Date	Infants	Juniors
Monday 2nd November	Inset Day Internal Writing Moderation	
Tuesday 3rd November	Children return to school Other Faiths Week	
Wednesday 4th November	All Saints & All Souls KS1 & KS2 Mass @ Church – 10:30am – Parents Welcome	
	Burnt Oak Library Visit - Year 2	Year 5 Observatory Visit
Friday 6th November	STEM Day – Maths & Science	
		5A Class Assembly Burnt Oak Library Visit - Year 4A
Monday 9th November	Anti-Bullying Week Staff Appraisals Week – Performance Review Shoe Box Appeal Deadline	
	Nursery Rhyme Week	
Tuesday 10th November		Year 3 & Year 6 Christmas Carol Rehearsal @ Church – 10:30am
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day	
	Burnt Oak Library Visit - Year 1	Reading Lesson Drop In
Friday 13th November	Shoe Box Appeal – Send Shoe Boxes	
		Writing Competition Cinema Trip 6B RAF Museum – STEM Day Trip 6A Assembly Burnt Oak Library Visit - Year 4B
Monday 16th November	Road Safety Week	
Tuesday 17th November		Year 3 & Year 6 Christmas Carol Rehearsal @ Church – 10:30am
Wednesday 18th November	Maths Learning Walk – DMC & JO @ 9am AB & AT LittleWandle	Burnt Oak Library Visit - Year 3A
Thursday 19th November		Maths Learning Walk – AB & MB @ 9am
Friday 20th November	Individual Photos	
		4A Assembly Burnt Oak Library Visit - Year 3B

The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi



Mrs Stanley



Mr McCreadie



Miss Brennan



Miss Horgan



Miss Gimmi



VERITAS

ANNUNCIATION HALF TERM CHALLENGE

Year 1 - Year 6



Complete the challenges to be in with the chance of winning a trip to the cinema!

For every challenge you complete (and evidence on ClassDojo) your name will be put into the draw to win. We will then pick at random 20 lucky winners to take a trip to VUE cinema with Miss Brennan on Friday 13th November!

Challenges

1. Visit a library



2. Write your own adventure story about a new galaxy!



3. Become a mini chef – prepare a healthy meal or snack with the help from an adult



4. Become a nature detective and go an an autumn walk



5. Learn a new skill – how to ride a bike, skipping, tying a shoe lace.

