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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,

I would like to start this week's newsletter by thanking all our parents and carers for your warm words of support, thoughts, and prayers last week as I prepared for my surgery. I am pleased to share that everything went well; although I am still a bit sore, things are moving in the right direction and I will be back in the schools as soon as I possibly can be. I also want to extend a huge thank you to our Deputy Head, Ms. Brennan, our school office teams, and all of our staff for how smoothly and brilliantly both schools have run in my absence.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week across the Federation. This is an incredibly important topic, and the pupils have been learning all about how to spot the signs of bullying and what to do if they ever see it. We are very lucky as a school community not to have bullying as a problem, and the main reason for this is our pupils themselves—specifically the compassion, understanding, and kindness they show to one another every day. We will not have bullying in our schools for as long as we have pupils with the morals, behaviour, and attitude that ours demonstrate. The week kicked off with a fantastic Odd Socks Day to raise awareness, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. A big thank you to Ms. Brennan for all her hard work in organising this important week.



Class 4A Assembly

Thank you to Class 4A for their fantastic assembly this week on the theme of 'The Rights of a Child'—another vital topic that feeds directly into our Catholic Social Teaching. The pupils delivered a wonderful performance, and we are so proud of them all. Thank you to Ms. Pllana and Ms. Calloni for all their hard work in preparing the children so well.

Jolly Jars and Christmas Fayre



A huge thank you to everyone for the generous contributions made to our Jolly Jar collections. They look fantastic and are very much appreciated! Preparations for our Christmas Fayre continue apace, and details of our exciting raffle prizes are now available to view on ClassDojo. We are so grateful for all of your ongoing support—I am really hoping to see you all thereClass 6A Assembly

UK Parliament Week

Next week is UK Parliament Week, and both schools will be taking part to learn more about the important work of this institution and the role of our Members of Parliament. The week will culminate in a special visit to the Infant School from our local MP, David Pinto-Dushinsky, which we are greatly looking forward to.

Times Tables Rock Stars Day

Next week, the Junior School will also be hosting our very first Times Tables Rock Stars Day! We are looking forward to seeing the children dressed in their most rocking outfits and getting stuck into some great multiplication challenges. Thank you in advance to Ms. Barry for putting this exciting day together.

Year 2 Music Festival

On Monday 23rd November, our Year 2 choir will be taking part in the Barnet Music Festival. This is always a wonderful event, and our school is always represented so beautifully by our pupils. Thank you to Mrs. Stanley for all the hard work and rehearsal time that has gone into preparing the children—we wish the choir the very best of luck!

Advent Service



On Friday 27th November, both schools of the Federation will attend The Church of the Annunciation for our Advent Service. This will no doubt be a joyous and prayerful start to the festive period as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

CAFOD Charity Gifts

In keeping with the spirit of the run-up to Christmas, classes across both schools will be raising money in different ways to support CAFOD in providing Christmas gifts to communities around the world. We hope we can rely on your wonderful generosity once more for such a worthy cause.

Site Work at the Schools





Speaking of your generosity, your ongoing contributions to the School Governors' Fund have allowed us to continue further essential improvement work across both sites. This includes a new heating system for the Infant School and rendering work at the Junior School. This will be most noticeable at the Infant School, where the work means we will have to temporarily close access to one of the gates. I hope to share more clarity on the exact arrangements next week, but in the meantime, we kindly ask for your patience and for everyone to follow the instructions of staff on the gates so we can guide families safely to the doors.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Mr. D. McCreadie

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

Year 1	Laura & Victor	Year 4	Mariyah & Selin
Year 2	David & Tala	Year 5	Bernard & Semilore
Year 3	Lexi & Jessica	Year 6	Cuba & Daisy-Lou

STAR OF THE WEEK — Infants

N	Lorenzo
RA	Ivan
RB	Ade

1A	
1B	Princess
2A	Benjamin
2B	Zeynab

STAR OF THE WEEK — Juniors

3A	Mellicent
3B	Kelix
4A	4A
4B	Nicolas

5A	Tobias
5B	Jayden C
6A	Mohammed
6B	Tianna

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations

to

5A

for having the highest attendance!



Class	%
RA	94
RB	94
1A	95
1B	89
2A	90
2B	92
3A	96
3B	97
4A	96
4B	98
5A	99
5B	96
6A	90
6B	88

AIS and AJS VALUES

Respect	4A	Lilliana
Commitment	3A	Roman
Truth	5A	Welat
Tolerance	3B	Logan
Safety	6B	Niamh
Courage	4B	Aliyana
Excellence	6A	Riley
Justice	5B	Jaden O
	N	Ola
	RA	Maddison
	RB	Louie
	1A	Olivia
	1B	Asaiah
	2A	Nergyuzel
	2B	Yat

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Malaka & Louie
Year 4	Benjamin & Oliver
Year 5	Blessing & Cherry
Year 6	Reagan & Joseph

Celebration of The Word

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Son of Man comes in majesty, all people will be gathered before him. He will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep from goats, and will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. And he will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom which has been prepared for you. For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.' Then these people will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and take care of you?' And the king will reply, 'Whatever you did for my brothers and sisters in need, you did for me.'" -Adapted from Mathew 25:31-46 The Feast of Christ the King

This week's reading is one of the fundamental messages Jesus gives us. In the passage, Jesus frames this as an affirmation, the people ask when did they do this for Jesus—the assumption is that they have been doing this for others. However, the question I ask myself reading this is not 'when did I do this?' but 'have I done this?' The passage challenges us in preparation for meeting Jesus, could we stand before him and be so confident in our actions we can ask when we did this for him? I'm reminded of the question asked in my favourite hymn—*I was hungry and thirsty, were you there? And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, were you there?* Let us pray we can answer yes.

KEY DATES

Monday 23rd November	UK Parliament Week CAFOD World Gifts Fundraising Week	
	KS1 Assessment Week	KS2 Assessment Week
Tuesday 24th November		Year 3 & Year 6 Christmas Carol Rehearsal @ Church – 10:30am
Wednesday 25th November	Drama4All Workshops	TT Rockstar Day Burnt Oak Library Visit - Year 5A
Thursday 26th November	Vaccinations	Vaccinations
Friday 27th November	Advent Service KS1 & KS2 @ Church – 10:30am – Parents Welcome	
	Local MP Visit @ 1:30pm	Burnt Oak Library Visit - Year 5B Year 6 GAV Workshop
Monday 30th November	Geography Awareness Week	
		4B Swimming (2 Week Intensive)
Tuesday 1st December	Go Purple Day	
		KS2 Christmas Carol Rehearsal @ Church – 10:30am
Wednesday 2nd December	Reception Dress Rehearsal @ 1:15pm	Westminster Advent Carol Service @ 10:30am (AB & GS) Burnt Oak Library Visit - Year 6 Junior School Carol Service @ Church – 6pm (Staff to Attend)
Thursday 3rd December	Reception Nativity @ 9:30am – Parents Welcome Nursery Nativity Dress Rehearsal @ 1:15pm	
Friday 4th December	Nursery Nativity @ 9:30am – Parents Welcome	3A Assembly
Monday 7th December	Pupil Progress Meetings Christmas Fun Week	
	KS1 Vaccinations EYFS & Year 1 – Reindeer Visit	
Tuesday 8th December	KS1 Dress Rehearsal 9.15am	Year 6 – Year 4 Radlett Snow White Pantomime (1pm)

The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi



Mrs Stanley



Mr McCreadie



Miss Brennan



Miss Horgan



Miss Gimmi

