

Weekly Newsletter
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Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

This week began with Mrs Kingdon's Retirement Mass at Christchurch, celebrated by Fr John. Thank you so much to the families and staff who attended. It was a fitting tribute to Mrs Kindgon, who worked at St Mary's for 38 years!

Earlier on at school, parents attended an instrumental concert which showcased all the talents that we have in school. Thank you to Mrs McGarry for leading.

On Tuesday, the children impressed us with their linguistic skills as we were joined by Mrs Meyer, Assistant Head at Bexley Grammar, and some A-Level students to support us in our fantastic French day.

And today, thank you to all the parents who supported us in another successful Y6 Careers Day!

Have a great weekend – stay cool!

Kind regards,

Mr Sims

WEEK BEGINNING 22nd JULY

Monday 22nd July

Y6 Leaver's Mass in Christchurch 2pm

Tuesday 23rd July

Last Day of this Academic Year.

Summer holiday begins

School closes at 2pm. Please ensure you collect your child on time.

FAITH FRIENDS

The Faith Friends led prayers for the Infant children in the Prayer Garden today. They used prayer stones to help them pray.

We say a big thank you and goodbye to long term Faith Friends, Max and Dantae, who have dedicated many lunch times to sharing their faith with the younger children.

Thank you to both boys and good luck in your new schools.



SCHOOL VALUES: FAITH, MERCY, TRUTH, RESPECT, RESILIENCE, LOVE

CAREER'S DAY

Many thanks to all the parents who came along today to talk to the Y6 children about their careers. It was very interesting and the children loved talking and asking lots of questions. There was a cross section of careers for the children to ask questions, so I hope the event has given them food for thought!



LITERACY



Mrs Thaxter recommends.....

All Are Welcome

Ages 5+

No matter how you start your day, what you wear when you play, or if you come from far away, all are welcome here. Follow a group of children through a day in their school, where everyone is welcome. A school where children in patkas, hijabs, baseball caps and yarmulkes play side by side. A school where students grow and learn from each other's traditions. A school where diversity is a strength. Warm and inspiring, All Are Welcome lets young children know that no matter what, they have a place, they have a space, and they are welcome in their school.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

Charlie Worth, 1D, has completed level 2 swimming and is moving up to level 3!



Vincent Varju, 1C, recently completed his first year of Roundabout, a musical instrument course at Blackheath Conservatoire. That sounds very interesting.



HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

MESSAGE FROM CHRISTCHURCH

First Holy Communion is a major milestone for Catholic children. Your child will soon be ready to begin preparation for this important event in their Catholic faith. Christchurch in Eltham runs a 1-year course, starting in September, for children in Y3 or above. **If you have not already signed up your child, please do as soon as possible to confirm your place. The later you leave application, the less likely you are to get your date of choice for your child's Celebration Mass.**

Please apply online using the link below:

<https://form.jotform.com/241763487604362>

For further enquiries, please email elthamcommunion@rcaos.org.uk

FRENCH DAY

On Tuesday, we celebrated the Paris Olympics 2024 during our annual French day. Children and staff came dressed as Olympic athletes ready to board the Eurostar to Paris with their tickets and their passports. While in Paris we learnt about the history of the Olympics and the capital city.

We also visited the pop-up French café to taste croissants and brioche.

Many thanks to Mrs Meyer, Parent Governor and language teacher at Bexley Grammar School. Some of the students from Bexley Grammar joined Mrs Meyer to assist and provide bundles of enthusiasm on the day!

Violette Sbraga, 2E, was promoted to the higher dance group this year and performed in both the afternoon and evening performances in her annual dance show.

