

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th June 2025

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MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

Yesterday we celebrated the feast of Corpus Christi.

Corpus Christi is a special day when Catholics celebrate the Eucharist — the bread and wine that become the body and blood of Jesus during Mass. The name Corpus Christi means "Body of Christ" in Latin.

This feast day is about remembering how Jesus gave Himself to us at the Last Supper and how He continues to be with us through Holy Communion. Many countries celebrate the feast by having processions where people walk together, sometimes carrying the Blessed Sacrament, to show their love and respect for Jesus.

Fr John came on site to celebrate our Mass which children from Y1 -Y6 attended.

After a very busy science week I hope your children regaled you with interesting scientific facts and stories! Mrs Woodhouse organised the whole week splendidly.

We are very fortunate and grateful to be donated some surplus IT equipment from a company called Marketkey, who wished for their equipment to go to a good home. The monitors, power cables, and stands will be a valuable addition to our school's resources. Many thanks for your generosity.

Have a lovely weekend. The weather may be hot but let's stock up on our vitamin D and enjoy the God given sunshine.

Best wishes

Mrs J Hansen
Head of School



Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

WEEK BEGINNING 23rd JUNE

Tuesday 24th June

Jubilee Candle Arrives

Wednesday 25th June

Y5 Educational Trip to The Globe Theatre

Thursday 26th June

Girl's Dynamo Cricket

Fix a Bike Workshop for Y5

Reception Assembly for Parents and Carers. Gym Hall. 2.30pm

Friday 27th June

Y2 Life Long Ago Workshop

PRAYER AND LITURGY

Class M joined the Sisters in the Convent of Mercy this week to focus on their Prayer and Liturgy. Samuel, Angelina, Izabela and Oscar led the session, talking about their transition to secondary school. They focused on the Gospel story *The Calming of the Storm*, a story that highlights the importance of faith in the face of adversity. Having Jesus by your side can help calm the storms that the children may face as they go through their transition.



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MUSIC NEWS

Please note that the Summer Instrumental Concert will take place at 3.15pm on Monday 30th June in the gym hall. Members of the Orchestra and Chamber Choir will also perform.

Family members are invited to attend.

Children who are learning guitar will **not** participate in this concert due to the large number of students learning guitar. Another date will be arranged for them to have a separate recital. Please look out for information.

Catholic Social Teaching Principles of Participation.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Mrs White and the School Council welcomed Lauren Dingsdale to their meeting this week. Lauren is the councillor for Eltham and Avery Hill. The children enjoyed finding out about how Lauren became a local councillor and how she serves our local community. They enjoyed showing her our school.

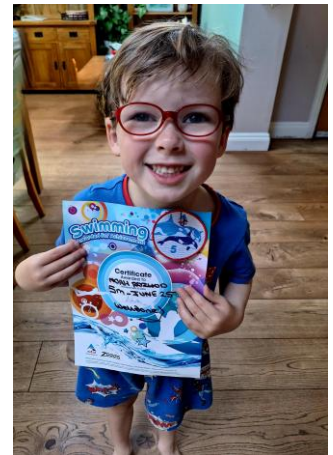


CHILDREN'S CORNER

Pedro Santos Gouveia, 1D, was recently awarded the player of the week award in his football team. Great news for Pedro!



Noah Rozwood, RB, is very proud of himself after achieving the 5m swimming award after 6 lessons! Super work Noah!



CAREERS DAY

We are planning to have a Careers Day for the children in Y6 on Friday 11th July. This has been very successful the last few years so we hope that we can repeat the same this year.

If you or you know someone who would like to come to the school to talk to the children, please contact the main office.

We would like people from different career backgrounds to show case their jobs so please contact us for more information.

Catholic Social Teaching Principles of Human Dignity.

Y6 PRODUCTION

The Y6 children are busy practicing for their performance, **Revoltng Children**, which will take place on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th July. Please encourage your child to practice all their songs and lines.

Y5 classes provide the backing music for all performances.

Performances will take place at 1.30pm and 6pm on both days. Ticket requests have been sent to parents so please ensure you let the main office know which days you would like tickets for. The tickets will be issued at the beginning of July.

Y6 parents will get four tickets each to begin and Y5 will get two tickets. We will inform parents when spare tickets become available.

UNIFORM

Many thanks for your support in sending your children to school with hats this week as the weather has been hot. It is important to ensure they also wear sunscreen every day.

We encourage the children to drink lots of water. As well as their own water bottles, we have drinking fountains in the playgrounds that they can use during play times.

Catholic Social Teaching Principles of Participation.

SPORTS NEWS

Some of our Y4/Y5 children participated in a football competition at the Charlton Training Ground this week. The team played excellent football, narrowly missing out on a place in the final after a tense penalty shootout. Many thanks to Mr Jones and Miss Gannon for accompanying the children.



NURSERY BUG WALK

Children from the Nursery enjoyed a 'bug walk' in Eltham Park South this week, as part of their topic on bugs and minibeasts.

The children can now look forward to their Ugly Bug Ball on Wednesday 2nd July. Look out for more information from the Nursery team!

Many thanks to all the parents and grandparents for helping out.



GREENWICH TITANS U10 BASKETBALL CLUB

Greenwich Titans would like to invite children in Y5 and Y6 (U10) students to their Open Day on Saturday, 5th July 2025, from 9am to 10:30am at The John Roan School. This fun, no-pressure session is the perfect opportunity for young players to:

- Learn basic basketball skills in a supportive environment
- Meet our coaching team and current youth players
- Try out drills and mini-games designed for first-time club players
- Discover our Titans pathway from U10 through to U18

https://greenwichtitans.ticketco.events/uk/en/etitans_basketball_u10_open_day

If your child would like to give this a go, please ensure you sign up by clicking on the link above



SCIENCE WEEK

The children have enjoyed a fantastic science week. We are very grateful to all the visitors who came in to talk to the children about their medical and scientific careers. They had some fascinating stories and information for the children to digest. The children took part in exciting experiments using a variety of materials, building model drones, taking part in STEM challenges, making models from trash and seeing a real live drone in action.

Many thanks to Past Productions for coming on site and sharing their knowledge and expertise with us, particularly the "who dunnit" game! Please ask your children for more details!

A huge thank you to Mrs Woodhouse for working so hard organising the week and for making it so interesting for everyone.



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