



St Eugene de Mazenod Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 22nd February 2024

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Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived!



Dear Parents and Carers,

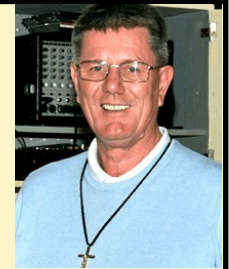
We are looking forward to seeing you tomorrow, on Academic Review Day. Children should come to the appointment wearing their school uniform. This is your opportunity to discuss your child's mid term school report and find out how you can help them at home. We hope that you find your child's report and your discussion with the teacher helpful. Please also see the information attached to the newsletter this week regarding health: measles; and regarding attendance in school. Thank-you.

Best wishes, Mrs Smith (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

Father Tom Deveraux OMI, our new Parish Priest...

We are very pleased to let you know that Father Tom has been appointed as our Parish Priest. We are delighted that we have someone in post that we know so well and who knows and has supported our community for many years.

We congratulate Father Tom on his appointment. We offer our prayers for Father Tom in his new position and all of our support. We thank God for Father Tom, for his future service to our school, our church and our community. May God bless him.



The children in all classes demonstrated **excellence** in their **Poetry Assembly** on the Friday just before the half term break. They recited a range of classic and contemporary poems with confidence and clarity. Every term the children learn new poems off by heart and so that, by the time they are in Year 6, they are able to recite a range of poems with confidence. It was such a treat to see them in action! You may remember learning a poem by heart when you were a child. Why don't you share a poem or rhyme that you know with your child :)



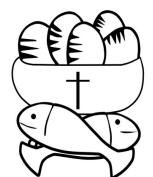
Do you have any questions about school life?

We are always really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small :)

Do pop in to the school office to ask questions or ask your child's class teacher.

If you are worried about something, see us straight away.

Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one.



I have received and read the St. Eugene's Catholic Primary School newsletter of 22.2.24

Name of child _____ Class _____
please return this slip to school office and your child might win a prize:)

Important dates for your diary...



Friday 23rd February Academic Review Day (Your opportunity to meet your child's teacher and receive their mid year school report)

Monday 26th February: 2.50-3.20 Parent information session in the school hall: How to help your child to be resilient.

~~**Tuesday 27th February** Parents Working Alongside Children in Y4 9-9.45 (postponed)~~

Thursday 29th February Parents Working Alongside Children in Y5 9-9.45

Friday 1st March Parents Working Alongside Children in Y6 9-9.45

Thursday 7th March Word Aware Day

Friday 8th March PTFA meeting 9.05-9.35 in indoor club (all welcome).

Friday 15th March Red Nose Day

Week beginning 18th March Y3 daily swimming lessons (2 weeks)

Monday 18th March Spring Music Concert 2.15pm

Friday 22nd March PTFA meeting 9.05-9.35 in indoor club

Friday 22nd March 6-8pm PTFA Spring Disco

Year 6 were delighted to see The Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre this week. Thank you very much to the PTFA for funding this trip. They loved seeing the story come to life through song and action. We are so lucky to live in a city with such brilliant productions. The children were beautifully behaved and we are pleased that they enjoyed their treat.



Work of the week...

Every week a fantastic piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office). Do come and take a look.



Max (Year 1) has learnt all about looking after our world this week and has produced some brilliant work to show his learning. He has made a pledge to always put his litter in the bin and always turn off the tap after he uses it to wash his hands. He has written about different wonderful places in our world that we need to take care of; such as the rainforests, deserts and oceans. He also made a wonderfully constructed boat using recycled materials.

Well done Max, super work!



Our prayer...

We are now on our Lenten journey.

Let us think of Pope Francis' message for Lent 2024.



"Through the desert, God leads us to freedom."

God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2).

Lord,

Help me to keep trying to do my best.

Give me the strength to keep going and not grow tired of trying to do the right thing.

Help me to grow closer to you.

Help me to make good choices.

We pray for peace and for hope in troubled times.

Amen

Good attendance is very important for your child's attainment and progress.

Each week the class with the very best attendance are celebrated in our assembly.

This week our attendance champions were Year 4 class with 100%.

Well done Year 4!

Person of the Week!

Well done to these children for showing how we live our school values!



Reception: Ava-Grace

Year 1: Henry

Year 2: Sabella

Year 3: James

Year 4: Georgia

Year 5: Harry

Year 6: Oscar



School Inclusion Support Officers

Over the last few months, you may have seen articles about the importance of good attendance on social media, on TV and in newspapers. There have been posters in bus shelters in Camden about this. The government has launched its 'Moments Matter Attendance counts' campaign this month. The government is very concerned about the number of pupils who are missing school, and they are asking council's attendance services and schools to help support children return to school. Headteachers are not allowed to authorize leave during term time except in exceptional circumstances.

Camden council has appointed three new School Inclusion Support Officers to help support schools improve attendance and reduce suspensions / exclusions by ensuring children and young people who are absent from education or at risk of suspension/exclusion receive appropriate interventions and support to enable them to achieve positive educational outcomes.

Our School Inclusion Support officer is Ms. Alison Ellis, and she will be visiting us in the coming weeks and some parents may be invited to meet with the School Inclusion Support Officer to discuss the reason for poor attendance and what we can do to help your child to return to school.

We know that children who attend school regularly and on time are more able to access their learning and get support in subjects they may struggle with. They will also be able to pass their exams and have the best attainment and progress possible.

We know as a parent you also worry about your child's future, and we want to work with you to ensure every pupil at St Eugene's has a full-time education to maximise opportunities for everyone to realise their potential.

Being a parent is not easy. If you need talk to someone about your child's attendance, please contact me on: alison.ellis@camden.gov.uk

It is never too late to benefit from good attendance.

Talk to us about MMR

Take your child's Red Book or vaccine record to their vaccination appointment. You can ask the nurse any questions you have about the MMR or other vaccines.



MMR does not cause autism. Many studies have shown there is no link between MMR and autism. Your nurse will be happy to answer any questions you have about this in your appointment.



Ask your GP or nurse for an MMR vaccine without pork ingredients if you need it.

There are two brands of MMR vaccine in the UK – MMR VaxPro and Priorix. MMR VaxPro contains pork gelatine and Priorix does not.

If your child needs an MMR vaccine without pork ingredients, tell your doctor or nurse and they will be given a Priorix vaccine.



Is your child fully vaccinated against measles?

Measles cases are increasing in London

What is measles?

Measles is a very contagious disease that can make kids seriously unwell if they're not fully vaccinated. Measles is also very serious in pregnancy and for people with weakened immune systems.

There is no cure for measles and it can lead to complications like pneumonia and in rare cases can lead to long term disability or death.



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Measles symptoms

- Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later.
- The rash starts on the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body.
- The rash looks brown or red on white skin. It may be harder to see on brown and black skin.

Rash



Temperature



Runny nose



Red eye



Cough



If you think your child has measles

If you or your child has symptoms of measles, stay at home. Measles can spread easily so call your GP surgery before going in. They may suggest talking over the phone. You can also call NHS 111 for advice.

Find out more about symptoms and see photos of the measles rash at nhs.uk/conditions/measles

The MMR vaccine is safe and effective

Two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine is the only protection against the most severe forms of measles. The vaccine also offers protection against mumps and rubella. It is safe and effective and always free for everyone on the NHS.

MMR vaccinations are needed at age:



1 year



3 years and 4 months

If your child has missed either or both of these vaccines, it's not too late to catch up.

Getting a free MMR vaccine

- Check if your child is up to date with their measles vaccinations by looking in their Red Book (or vaccine record). If you're not sure, contact your GP to book a free vaccine appointment.
- If your child is at primary or secondary school in Camden, you can book a vaccine appointment with the School Aged Immunisations Service by calling **020 3317 5076** from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.
- You can find free vaccine appointments for adults and kids of all ages near you at camden.gov.uk/measles