



St Eugene de Mazenod Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived!



Dear Parents and Carers,
Happy New Year to you all, we hope that you had a happy and holy Christmas break. We have a busy and exciting new term ahead with trips, workshops, Movie Night, Parents Working Alongside Children sessions, our PTFA Spring Disco, Parent information sessions and of course, our Lenten journey towards Holy Week to think about. As we walk around the classrooms this week, we can see that the children have made a brilliant start back to school and are already working hard.

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

Well done Eleah-Grace and family...

We are very proud of the pupils in our school and their commitment to making a difference in the world and thinking of others. Eleah-Grace (Year 3) and her older siblings, Kaleb and Karis, took part in a sponsored walk. They wanted to do something in memory of Father Terry, to help his good works and legacy live on. The children were joined by other supporters including their parents, other past pupils of St Eugene's, parishioners and Father Tom and Father Johnson. They organised and took part in a 5 kilometre walk from Quex Road, Kilburn around St John's wood and back up to Kilburn. Despite a little shower of rain, the mood was good, spirits were high and the walk was carried out in around 1 hour and 20 minutes. The children are extremely grateful to have had a lot of support and generous donations. Their efforts to help end homelessness they have raised over £2,500 so far. If you would like to contribute please go to: [Karis, Kaleb and Eleah-Grace Hanson is fundraising for Crisis \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Karis-Kaleb-and-Eleah-Grace-Hanson)



What is my child learning this term?

We know that you are the first and most important teacher for your child. This week you have received your parent information leaflet, which tells you what your child will be learning this term and also an RE information newsletter. The school curriculum and the information leaflets can also be found on our school website. We hope that you find this information useful. You will have a scheduled appointment to meet the teacher on Academic Review Day, Friday 23rd February, when you will receive a mid-year report and have the chance to have a discussion about your child's learning. You will have a letter with your appointment time nearer the date. In the meantime, do pop into the office and ask for an appointment to meet the teacher if you have any questions about what your child is learning this term or how you can help them.



Moments Matter, Attendance Counts

Attendance at school affects your child's attainment and progress.

The Department for Education has recently published some data analysing this link:

- In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent children (those with below 90% attendance) achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders. Below 90% attendance equates to one day off every fortnight.
- 36% of persistently absent children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, compared with 84% of regular attenders.

Attendance is important for more than just attainment. Good school attendance (96% or above) helps with positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing. Please help your child to make good progress and attain well by sending them to school every day possible. Thank-you for your help with this:)



I have received and read the St. Eugene's Catholic Primary School newsletter of 12.1.24

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

Good News...

Congratulations to Ms Monahan (Reception class) who had a beautiful baby boy over the Christmas break. Both mother and baby are doing well.



Important dates for your diary...



Week beginning Monday 15th January after school enrichment clubs begin.

Friday 26th January 1.30-3.15 Movie Night for KS1, 3.30-5.00 Movie Night for KS2

Friday 26th January Non Uniform Day

Monday 29th January 2.50-3.20 Parent information session in the school hall: How to support your child with reading

Monday 5th February Parents Working Alongside Children in Reception class 9-9.45am

Thursday 8th February Parents Working Alongside Children in Y1 9-9.45am

Half Term 12th February to 16th February

Tuesday 20th February Parents Working Alongside Children in Y2 9-9.45am

Thursday 22nd February Parents Working Alongside Children in Y3 9.00-9.45am

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.

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.

As part of their ratio topic in maths, Year 6 worked with recipes that involved scaling up and scaling down quantities.

Using his knowledge of ratio and proportion, Oskar used doubling, halving, multiplication and division to answer increasingly difficult problems. He went on to answer multi-step problems involving scaling down the amount of ingredients needed for one person and then multiplying and scaling up to find the amount needed for any number of people.



Well done Oskar, brilliant maths work!



Our prayer...

On Sunday it was the Feast of the Epiphany Lord,

We do not have a star like the wise men to follow, to show us that we are on the right path.

You sent us your own son, Jesus, to be our guiding light and show us how we should try to live our lives. Help us to follow Jesus in all that we do, by listening to Jesus' words and following in Jesus' footsteps.

As we pray, Lord guide us to do what is right.

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 2 class with 100%.

Well done Year 2!

Person of the Week!

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



Reception: Alenzo
Year 1: Abigail
Year 2: Ava
Year 3: Eleah-Grace
Year 4: Meles
Year 5: Prince
Year 6: Oskar