



# 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,

Our school is featured in the Camden New Journal this week! Thank-you to our governor, Mr Hanson, who contacted the newspaper. Do pick up a copy if you'd like to or take a look online.

**Please come and join us next Friday 15th December in church at 2pm for our Carol Service, all welcome.**

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

## The Very First Christmas!

Our Year 2, Year 1 and Reception class performed wonderful Nativity shows this week. They retold the story of Jesus' birth. There was wonderful singing, dancing and acting. Well done to all of the children involved for spreading joy and helping us to celebrate and enjoy the story of the Nativity in this special way.



Come into the lobby, play with the crib and read a Christmas book this week. There are some lovely books to share.

**MOG'S Christmas**  
Judith Kerr



Thank-you very much to our wonderful school council who decorated our Christmas trees with Miss Jess this week. They look very festive!



## The Winter Reading Challenge is coming to your local library!

Please take your child to the library (Kilburn or West Hampstead) and discover some exciting titles to read over the Christmas break. Your child can also listen to a story by downloading an e-audio book [Digital library - Camden Council](#). The [Winter Reading Challenge](#) is about encouraging children to enjoy reading, have fun and share stories. Visit our new [Fantasy exhibition](#) at Camden libraries, see more information [here](#).



I have received and read the St. Eugene's Catholic Primary School newsletter of 8.12.23

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

## Important dates for your diary...

There is a tour for prospective parents on Friday mornings this term from 9.10am to 10.00am led by Mrs Smith. Do phone the office if you would like to book a place.

**Tuesday 12th December** Y5 & Y6

Christmas party

**Wednesday 13th December** Y3 & Y4

Christmas party

**Thursday 14th December** YR, Y1 & Y2

Christmas party

**Friday 15th December** 2pm Carol Service in church

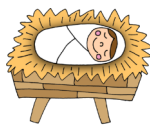
**Thursday 21st December** last day of term, school closes at 3.30pm

Friday 22nd December to Sunday 7th January:

Christmas break

**Monday 8th January 2024** children back to school

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



## Our prayer...

This coming Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of Advent

Jesus, In our troubled world, we pray for **peace**. Bring your healing power to those in the midst of war and danger.

You bring us **peace** even when there is hatred.

Help us to forgive when we are hurt or wounded.

Help us to be **peacemakers** with our friends and in our homes.

Bring **peace** into our hearts we pray. **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 5 class with 99%.

**Well done Year 5!**

## 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.

Arsema (Year 2) has written a brilliantly adventurous story about Traction Man. She has used a wide range of interesting sentences and phrases to make her writing grip the reader. Her handwriting is clear, neat and joined.

**Well done Arsema!**



## Travelling Crib and Christmas cards...

There is a travelling crib that will spend one night in each of the Year 1, Year 2 and Reception children's homes as we prepare for Christmas. You may have already seen it. Once you have set the crib up, you can light the candle together with your child and say the prayer on the card given in the set. Please ensure that when it is your turn to welcome the travelling crib into your home, all the pieces are returned the next day ready for its next destination. Thank you for your help with this. We hope that you enjoy talking about the story of the first Christmas sharing this with your child. It is lovely when the children want to write Christmas cards to other children and teachers. Each class teacher is keeping a post box of Christmas cards in their room and the cards will be handed out in the last week of term.



## Person of the Week!

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



Reception: Charlie  
Year 1: Beau  
Year 2: Stasia  
Year 3: Nina  
Year 4: Tarisai  
Year 5: Saskia  
Year 6: Tate



The Children's Commissioner UK, Dame Rachel de Souza, would like children across the country to take part in a survey so that they can share their thoughts and ideas and tell her what is important to them. This will help to tell policy makers to make new decisions, taking children's views into account. We would like St Eugene's children to have the chance to have their say. Please click the link to this [flyer](#) and help your child to complete the survey. The closing date is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### Applying for a place at St Eugene's...

**We have spaces for children in some year groups this year.**



If you have a friend whose child is looking for a place, or know someone with children who have moved into the area, do ask them to pop in and make an application.

If you would like to apply for a child to be admitted to St Eugene's in September 2024 Reception class, or know a friend who is interested, do ask them to call the office and book onto a school tour, which run on Friday mornings 9.10—10am. The deadline for Reception class applications is 15th January 2024. Please call or pop into the office if you would like some help with this.

Thank-you very much to Miss Antwi, Miss Phillips and Year 4 who went to sing Christmas songs and carols to the Young at Heart Club this week. They really helped to spread the Christmas spirit with their wonderful singing. **You are shining in the world Year 4!**



### A reminder...

We are delighted when parents make appointments with class teachers to look at their children's work. Do make an appointment with your child's class teacher if there is anything you would like to discuss. If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one... You can also pop in to tell us good news. It helps to keep us going with a smile :)

