



# St Eugene de Mazenod Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 14th September 2023

[www.steugene.camden.sch.uk](http://www.steugene.camden.sch.uk)  
[admin@steugene.camden.sch.uk](mailto:admin@steugene.camden.sch.uk)

Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Tomorrow is Academic Review day, when you have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out about their learning for this term and how you can help them. We hope that you find this meeting useful. 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 at any time.

If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one.

We welcomed our lovely new Reception class children this week, they are settling in brilliantly.

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

## School Council Elections.

Congratulations to our school council. The children at St Eugene's are always keen to help us. They learn about the British Value of **democracy**. Those children who wanted to put themselves forward, prepared a short speech explaining why they thought that they had the qualities needed to be a school council member and then every class from Y2 to Y6 had an anonymous vote. Well done to all of those who were brave enough to make that speech and put themselves forward! The school council represent their classmates and bring ideas and questions to the Headteacher and help her to make our school even better.



Oskar Y6



Blayke Y6



Arlo Y5



Hebron Y5



Tom Y4



Tarisai Y4

## We are shining in the world!

These children and all of those who took part in our elections, have shown **determination, community and respect**, three of our key Christian Values.



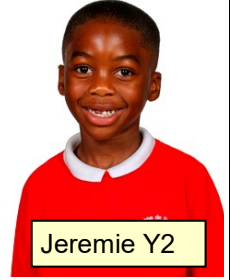
Gabriel Y3



Eleah-Grace Y3



Delina Y2



Jeremie Y2

## Important messages from Father Terry...

If your child is in **Year 3** you may want to enrol your child on the First Holy Communion Programme at Sacred Heart Church with Father Terry.

If you have a child in **Year 4, 5 or 6** who has not yet made their First Holy Communion, you are also very welcome to enrol them on this year's programme.

Please come along to the information meeting at **7pm on Wednesday 27th September** in the Sacred Heart Church

If you have a child in **Year 6** and are applying to a Catholic Secondary School for them, Catholic Certificate of Practice forms will be signed on **Monday afternoons between 2-4pm** in the Parish Office.

If you have an older child (13 years or older) who would like to be part of the Confirmation Programme, the information meeting will be on Thursday 28th September at 7pm in church.

The annual Blessing of Animals will take place in Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 1st October at 1.15pm.



I have received and read the St. Eugene's Catholic Primary School newsletter of 14.9.23

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

## Important dates for your diary...



**Monday 18th September**—After School Enrichment Clubs start today

**Tuesday 19th September:** NHS Fluoride Varnish dentist programme for YR, Y1 and Y2 children

**Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October**— School closed for half term holiday

**Friday 22nd September** 9.05– Parent Tour with Mrs Smith for prospective new pupils (places can be booked via the school office)

**Wednesday 27th September**—Healthy Heart Day

**Wednesday 27th September** 7pm Holy Communion information meeting in church

**Friday 29th September**—School Pupil Photos

**Friday 29th September**—9.05-9.35 PTFA meeting in indoor club—all welcome

**Friday 6th October** 9.05—Parent Tour

**Friday 13th October** 6-8pm PTFA Family Fancy Dress Disco

**Friday 20th October** Non Uniform Day

**23rd to 27th October**—Half Term break

Week beginning 30th October—Equality Studies Project



## 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.



This week Year 6 have been reading "Skellig" by David Almond. Jayden (Year 6) has written a powerful and imaginative description of the garage and the creature found in it, using interesting and apt language. He has created an appropriately spooky atmosphere in his description and painted a realistic picture for the reader.

**Well done Jayden!**



## Our prayer...

Lord,  
Help us learn new things this year and to make new friends.  
May we open our minds to learn more about you.  
May we open our hearts to the needs of others.  
May we have a welcoming word for those who are new or who need a friend.  
Help us to learn new ways to serve you in love.

**Amen**

*We pray also this week for all those affected by the tragic loss of life in Morocco and Libya. Father, bring your comfort and healing to those in dark and difficult 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 6 class with 98%.

**Well done Year 6!**

## Person of the Week!



Year 1: Chloe  
Year 2: Conor  
Year 3: Miguel  
Year 4: Deborah  
Year 5: Edouard  
Year 6: Miguel



# **IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

## **ALL SAINTS**

(1 November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

## **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

**(ALL SOULS)**

(2 November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

## **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

(26 November)

## **ADVENT**

(Begins 3 December)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

## **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED**

**VIRGIN MARY**

(8 December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

## **CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

(25 December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

## **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

(31 December)

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ST EUGENE DE MAZENOD SCHOOL

## AUTUMN TERM 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

### DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

*(4<sup>th</sup> September – 29<sup>th</sup> September)*

Early Years	<b>MYSELF</b> - God knows and loves each one
Year 1	<b>FAMILIES</b> - God's love and care for every family
Year 2	<b>BEGINNINGS</b> - God is present in every beginning
Year 3	<b>HOMES</b> - God's vision for every family
Year 4	<b>PEOPLE</b> - The family of God in Scripture
Year 5	<b>OURSELVES</b> - Created in the image and likeness of God
Year 6	<b>LOVING</b> - God who never stops loving

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love.

Write underneath it

**"We show God's love to one another."**

Include those who have died.

### JUDAISM (6<sup>th</sup> November - 10<sup>th</sup> November)

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.

### BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

*(2<sup>nd</sup> October to 3<sup>rd</sup> November)*

Early Years	<b>WELCOME</b> - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
Year 1	<b>BELONGING</b> - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
Year 2	<b>SIGNS AND SYMBOLS</b> - Signs and symbols in Baptism
Year 3	<b>PROMISES</b> - Promises made at Baptism
Year 4	<b>CALLED</b> - Confirmation: a call to witness
Year 5	<b>LIFE CHOICES</b> - Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6	<b>VOCATION AND COMMITMENT</b> - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

### ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

*(13<sup>th</sup> November – 21<sup>st</sup> December)*

Early Years	<b>BIRTHDAY</b> - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
Year 1	<b>WAITING</b> - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
Year 2	<b>PREPARATIONS</b> - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas
Year 3	<b>VISITORS</b> - waiting for the coming of Jesus
Year 4	<b>GIFT</b> - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Year 5	<b>HOPE</b> - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one
Year 6	<b>EXPECTATIONS</b> - Jesus born to show God to the world

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home.

Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.

Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.