

St Eugene de Mazenod Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 28th March 2025

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Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school community are very generous in their giving. Thank-you if you bought a red nose last Friday. This is a worthwhile charity who support children in the UK and abroad. We raised £240.

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

Spring Music Concert...

The spring term music concert was a wonderful, uplifting showcase of talent last Friday. The choir and school band played and sang beautifully. Our choral singers, Y1, Y2, Y6 and our choir performed with great enthusiasm and all of the individual musicians: pianists, violinists, cellists, guitarists were wonderful. Y4 guitarists played very well. Thank-you for sharing your talents with us and demonstrating our values of "Inspiration" and "Excellence" so brilliantly.

I got the power, the power in me!



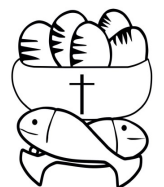
Do you have any questions about school life?

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 28.3.2025

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Important dates for your diary...

Friday 28th March 9.05-9.35am

PTFA meeting

Friday 28th March 6-8pm PTFA

Spring Family Disco

Friday 4th April: last day of Spring Term

Easter Break: 7th April to 21st April

Tuesday 22nd April: children back to school for start of Summer Term.



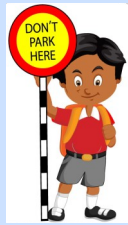
Please help us to keep our school environment safe, reduce air and noise pollution.

The majority of parents in our school community are thoughtful and considerate. However, a small number of parents are not making safe decisions on drop off and pick up from school. Some are parking on the zigzag lines (Mazenod Avenue) and the bottom of the slope (Quex Rd) on morning drop off and/or home time. Some parents are leaving their cars with the engines running. The zigzag lines are there to give children a clear view of the road.

Parents have said that some are driving too fast where the children are crossing or in the church carpark.

This is not safe. We also ask that you also do not smoke directly outside the school.

We want clean air and a calm safe start and end to the day for the children. Please think and make safe decisions when driving or parking near school, even if you are running late. Thank you for your help with this.



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:)



Leon (Year 4) has been chosen this week for his brilliant RE work. Leon has written about Jesus' ministry and how he called his disciples to come and follow him. Leon has reflected on the story and explained what The Good News means to him in his life.

Well done Leon, super RE!



Our Lenten Journey...

O Lord,
Help me not to have my own way today.
Help me to be kind and loving to everyone.
Help me to know when I have done wrong against you and against others.
Amen



(based on St Ephrem's Lenten prayer)

We continue to keep Pope Francis in our prayers as he returns home from hospital.

Lord, give Pope Francis your strength, hope and healing.
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 3 class with 99%.

Well done Year 3!



Person of the Week!

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



Reception: Orla
Year 1: Amirah
Year 2: Finn
Year 3: Tommy
Year 4: Kamara
Year 5: Malik
Year 6: George

How much education is your child missing?

Your child's attendance percentage is on their mid-year report. A recently published [report](#) from the DfE shows a clear correlation between attendance rates and academic performance. Attendance has a massive impact on your child's attainment, progress and also their wellbeing. At Key Stage 2, the data reveals that pupils with attendance rates below 90% are significantly less likely to achieve the expected standard in reading, writing, and maths. Only 55% of pupils with attendance below 90% met the expected standard, compared to 75% of pupils with attendance rates above 95% (national figures). This impact also follows the children to secondary school, when children take their GCSEs. At Key Stage 4, pupils with attendance rates below 90% had an average attainment, ten points below those with attendance rates above 95%. The impact of this is far reaching in terms of the life chances and life choices open to these children when they leave school. Their [research](#) estimates that every additional day of absence in secondary school is associated with a decrease of £750 in future earnings, with a statistically increased likelihood of claiming benefits and not being in stable employment by age 28. Anecdotally we know that children who miss schooling, miss out on friendship and social skills. They have lower self esteem because they lack confidence in their learning, they miss out on the day to day games and find it more difficult to make and keep friendships. **A small improvement in your child's attendance will result in academic gains for them and also greater confidence and improved wellbeing.**

Descriptor	Threshold Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent	Learning Hours Lost
Excellent	100%	190 days	0	0
	99%	188 days	2	10
Good	98%	186 days	4	20
	97%	184 days	6	30
	96%	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
Cause for concern	95%	180.5 days	9.5	47.5
	94%	179 days	11	55
	93%	177 days	13	65
	92%	175 days	15	75
	91%	173 days	17	85
Unsatisfactory	90%	171 days	19	95
	89%	169 days	21	105
	88%	167 days	23	115
	87%	165 days	25	125
Serious Cause for Concern	86%	163 days	27	135
Critical	85%	161.5 days	28.5	142.5
	84%	159.5 days	30.5	152.5
	83%	158 days	32	160
	82%	156 days	34	170
	81%	154 days	36	180
	80%	152 days	38	190

Football Tournament...

We are very proud of our girls and boys football teams.

They took part in a tournament this week and whilst they did not win, they showed great football skills, fabulous teamwork and sportsmanship. They also had lots of fun. Well done!



Camden Moving On to Secondary School Event for Y4 and Y5 Parents

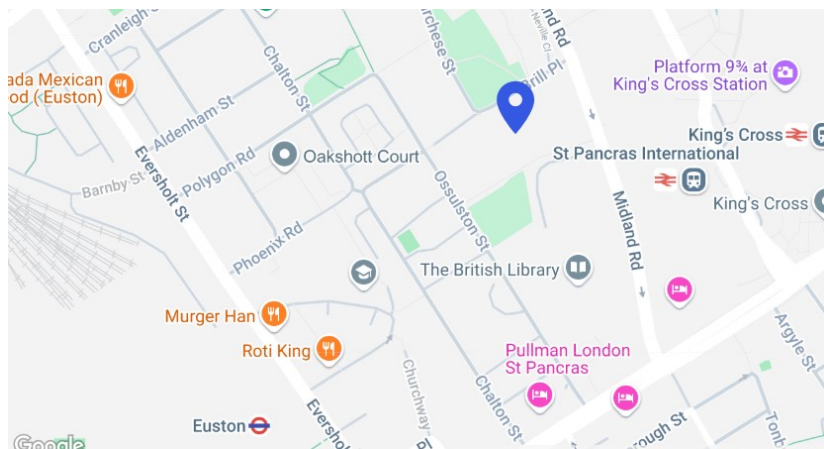
Camden run an event where Camden secondary schools run stalls which explain their admissions criteria and what their school can offer your child. They also let you know about open evenings for their school. The choice of secondary school for your child is yours. You can choose a school from any borough, but this event gives you a good overview of what is on offer in Camden for your child. Parents of children in Year 4 and Year 5 are all invited to this event: Camden Moving On to Secondary School Event on Thursday 5 June 2025, with timed slots available from 4.15pm to 6.45pm. **Please see the information below, book yourself a place and put this date in your diary.**

This free in-person event at the Francis Crick Institute, King's Cross, is a great opportunity to:

- Receive advice on how to apply for a Year 7 place for September 2026 from the Camden Admissions Team
- Find out more about what Camden secondary schools have to offer your child
- Speak with headteachers, student ambassadors and staff from Camden secondary schools.

This is a timed ticket event, so please make sure you arrive for the time you have booked.

The event is aimed at adults - any children attending are the sole responsibility of their parents.



Where?

Francis Crick Institute

1 Midland Road London NW1 1AT

When?

Thursday 5th June 4.15pm to 6.45pm

You can book your place by following this link and clicking on the Get Tickets tab : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/camden-moving-on-to-secondary-school-event-tickets-1291217950649?aff=erelexpmlt>

Mrs Smith will also be running a Secondary Transfer Information meeting for Y5 parents in the summer term on Tuesday 17th June at 3.45pm.