



St Eugene de Mazenod Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 7th March 2025

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Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank-you for the amazing creativity and hard work you have showed in helping your child to dress up as a word this week. Please ask your child which new words they have learnt.

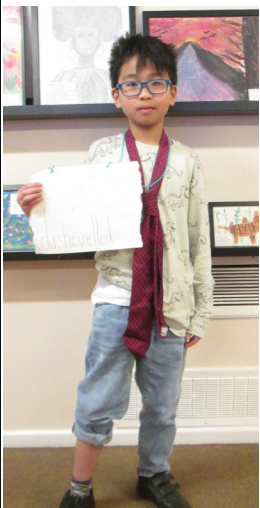
Thank you for attending the Academic Review Day meeting with your child's teacher last week. We hope that you found it useful.

Best wishes,

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

Word Aware Day...

Yesterday the children and staff at St Eugene's took part in "Word Aware Day". We enjoyed celebrating a wealth of English vocabulary and introduced more than 200 words to the children! We had a special assembly and played word games. Dressing up as a word is fun and makes it memorable for all.



Dishevelled, Sebastian Y4



Foliage, Aoibhe Y5



Crafty, Deborah Y4



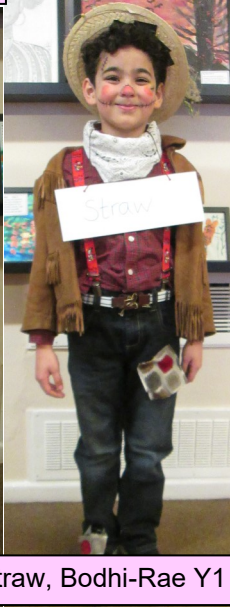
Erupt, Dylan Y3



Triumph, Chae Y3



Quack, Eirin YR



Straw, Bodhi-Rae Y1



Mystify, Neve Y3



Perform, Eloise Y1



Plant, Anna YR

I have received and read the St. Eugene's Catholic Primary School newsletter of 7.3.2025

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Our Lenten Journey...

Pope Francis' Lenten message for us to reflect on:

"We are called to walk together, leaving no one behind."

We are called by Pope Francis to experience Lent as a time of renewal of trust in the promise of eternal life.

We continue to pray for Pope Francis' healing and comfort.



We have begun our Lenten journey. Father Tom led us in prayer this week and he and Father Ilango blessed us and gave us ashes in our service on Ash Wednesday. Thank-you Fr Tom and Fr Ilango.

Lord,
Help us to keep our Lenten promises.
Help us to follow your example and love our neighbour as ourselves.
Help us to bring love and light to our families and friends.
Give us strength when we are feeling down and courage when we feel alone.
Amen



Important dates for your diary...



Monday 10th March: Y4 Prayer Service for Parents 2.50pm in the hall
Tuesday 11th March: Y5 Prayer Service with Parents in the hall 2.50pm
Wednesday 12th March: YR Prayer Service with Parents in the hall at 2.50pm
Friday 14th March: 9.05-9.35 PTFA meeting
Friday 14th March 3.30 Cake sale in the hall
Friday 21st March Spring Music Concert 2pm
Week beginning 24th March: last week of after school enrichment clubs
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.

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 98%.

Well done Year 3!



Person of the Week!

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



Reception: Chenelle
Year 1: Roham
Year 2: Jacob
Year 3: Michael
Year 4: Mya
Year 5: Bianka
Year 6: Emnet

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:)

Eden (Year 1) has impressed us with his exceptional mathematics this week. Eden has tackled "missing box" maths problems with skill and confidence. Eden has worked hard and we are very proud of him.



Well done Eden, super maths !

Academic Review Day

Thank you very much for the excellent turn out at Academic Review Day last Friday.

We hope you found the meeting with your child's teacher helpful.

Thank you also for taking the time to complete the parent questionnaire.

Your views are very important to us.

The feedback you gave us was extremely positive. Thank-you, positive feedback really helps our teachers and support staff to keep going with a smile:)

You came up with some helpful suggestions of things we could do to make our school even better. We have attached the results of our parent questionnaire to the newsletter and it is on our school website too.

As always, we are very happy to meet you.

Do pop in the office and make an appointment to meet the teacher if you have a question or a worry. Don't let a little worry turn into a big one.

Thank you again :)



PTFA Spring Family Disco

6.00-8.00pm

Friday 28th March in the school hall



Tickets for this popular school event will be available from the school office from Tuesday 18th March at 8.30am. If you have asked to go onto our waiting list

because you were unable to buy a ticket to our Autumn Disco, the office will contact you on Monday 17th March to offer you a ticket.

We are limited in the number of tickets that we can sell for this event due to fire safety regulations.

Tickets : £4.00 for adults (including one free glass of wine) £2.00 for children

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

If you have a donation for our wonderful raffle or know a friend or family member who can donate a prize please contact our Chair of the PTFA via the school office.

If you would like to help with the disco do come along to the next PTFA meeting on Friday 14th March, which is also the day of our cake sale. Any offer of help is very welcome

Thank-you for your generous raffle donations:)



PTFA Cake Sale

Friday 14th March 3.30pm in the school hall

If you can, please donate a cake for the PTFA Cake Sale. All cake donations, home made or shop bought, are gratefully received. Send them to the school office on the morning of the sale, or the day before. We will have a friendly competition and see which class can raise the most with their donations. Bring along some cash on Friday 14th March and buy a cake for your family. Money raised will go towards the PTFA. The PTFA funds go towards fun and memorable fun events for the children for example, the Spring Disco, the Y6 trip to the theatre and the Y3 trip to Wintershall in the summer term. Thank-you for your support with this community event :)

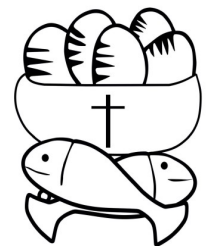


Do you have any questions about school life?

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.



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Parent Questionnaire

February 2025

71 responses representing 154 families.

Thank you very much for all of your helpful and constructive comments from our recent questionnaire.

School leaders and Governors do take them into account when we are planning for the future of our school.

We were very pleased once again by the huge number of positive comments about St Eugene's. Positive comments really help staff to keep motivated and doing their best for your children.

Parents overwhelmingly commented that the school is supportive, nurturing and that they feel a warm, friendly atmosphere in St Eugene's.

Parents stated that they find the teachers in St Eugene's dedicated and kind. Some parents described their child's teacher as effective, excellent and dedicated. This is lovely to hear and keeps our teaching staff going with a smile. Parents said that the curriculum and the teaching in our school shows that we have a high expectation of their child and they feel that their child is being pushed to achieve highly. Other parents also commented that they know that their child is being taught about the wider world and they appreciated the teaching and learning about emotions and feelings and wellbeing.

Equally important other parents said that they appreciate how the school develops and nurtures the morals and spirituality of their child. They appreciated the special Christian values of the school, that underpin St Eugene's ethos. Parents said that they feel that their child is safe and well supported in St Eugene's. Many commented that their child enjoyed coming to school. Parents said that they appreciated the trips, visits and fun events organized by the school for their child.

Parents told us that they find the communication in St Eugene's very good, that the newsletters are informative and the staff approachable and friendly. They said that they felt that they were kept well informed about what their child is able to do and what their next learning steps were, as well as being kept up to date with fun activities and upcoming events.

In terms of what parents think that the school can do better, there were a range of helpful comments. A small number of parents would like more homework for their child and a small number wanted less homework. We try to keep the balance manageable for parents and children with homework. Please speak to your child's teacher if you think your child's homework or reading is too hard or too easy for them.

Five parents commented on wanting more sporting activities or sports for after school clubs or sporting competitions. We would love to have PE every day, but this is not possible with the requirements of the National Curriculum. We already have four sports related after school enrichment clubs this term, including martial arts and PE skills. There is never enough time or staffing for all of the clubs we might run after school, but we will rotate the sporting offer for clubs each term in order to give as wide a sporting range as we can. Two parents asked about a wider range of food for school lunches. We will look into this, we must follow the guidance around nutrition and health, but will move towards service with more choice for pupils. We hope to host a parent taster session in the summer term, so that parents can come along and taste the delicious food for themselves.

Many of you commented that you couldn't think of anything that might improve the school! That is great to hear, but we don't pretend to be perfect so if there are things that you think we could do to improve, do pop in to meet us and let us know. We try our hardest to be a really good school :)

Please see below for the questionnaire responses

1. My child enjoys coming to school
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
69% 31%
(100% positive)

2. My child feels safe at school
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
70% 30%
(100% positive)

3. My child is making good progress
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
71% 29%
(100% positive)

4. St Eugene's enables my child to behave respectfully or well
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
69% 31%
(100% positive)

5. I am kept informed about how my child is getting on
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
70% 30%
(100% positive)

6. I feel comfortable about approaching the school with a question or a problem
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
75% 25%
(100% positive)

7. Staff expect my child to work hard and do his/her best
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
73% 27%
(100% positive)

8. Staff treat my child fairly
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
76% 24%
(100% positive)

9. The school is led and managed well
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
73% 27%
(100% positive)

10. The school provides appropriate homework

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
69%	30%	1%		
(99% positive)				

Religious Education

1. The school keeps me informed of what is taught in religious education lessons (in curriculum overviews sent home termly)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
70%	29%			1%
(99% positive)				

2. I know how well my child is doing in religious education (in reports sent home and meetings with teachers on Academic Review Day)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
68%	31%	1%		
(99% positive)				

The Catholic life of the school

3. I understand the school's Catholic Mission and I am supportive of it

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
69%	29%	1%		1%
(98% positive)				

4. The school provides clear moral teaching (values)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
78%	22%			
(100% positive)				

5. The school provides opportunities for spiritual growth and development (for example through daily prayer or Christian Meditation)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
69%	30%			1%
(99% positive)				

6. The school ensures that there are opportunities for daily prayer in class

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
67%	32%			1%
(99% positive)				

7. There are opportunities for my child to serve others and support those in need (for example by praying for those in need, bringing £1 donation for non-uniform day, half termly donation for the foodbank)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
64%	35%			1%
(99% positive)				

8. The school actively promotes strong partnership with parents

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
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68%	32%			
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(100% positive)

9. There are strong links between the school and our local parish (for example visits to The Sacred Heart Church)

Strongly agree	agree	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
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65%	30%			5%
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(95% positive)