

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,
We have had a busy week, with Healthy Heart Day, school photos and some educational class trips. It's was lovely to see so many parents joining us for our wake up shake up session on Wednesday morning :) Please read the letter from the PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) attached to this week's newsletter.
With best wishes, Mrs Smith (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

Healthy Heart Day!

The children really got their hearts pumping and had lots of fun on Healthy Heart Day! **Thank-you very much for your donations and sponsor money from Healthy Heart Day, however large or small.** All of the donations are used to buy PE equipment for the children. During Healthy Heart Day the children learned about healthy lifestyles and healthy choices. They had a very active day with circuit training, martial arts, Brazilian dancing and healthy snack making. It was a day of fun and learning.



Today is a great day, the best day ever! We got to make a yummy fruit salad.



I can Hula Hoop and I can stretch with my hoop.



I have received and read the St. Eugene's Catholic Primary School newsletter of 3.10.2025
Name of child _____ Class _____
please return this slip to school office and your child might win a prize:)

Important dates for your diary...



Tuesday 7th October Parents Working Alongside Children in Y6 9 - 9.45am
Wednesday 8th October Parents Working Alongside Children in Y5 9 - 9.45am
Thursday 9th October Parents Working Alongside Children in Y4 9 - 9.45am
Friday 10th October Harvest Service 2pm in Sacred Heart Church Quex Road, all welcome.
Monday 13th October Parent information session on Zoom 2-3pm : Healthy Parent Relationships, Happy Children (understanding how adult relationships shape children's confidence, behaviour and future)
Thursday 16th October Parents Working Alongside Children in Y2 9 - 9.45am
Friday 17th October—6-8pm PTFA Fancy Dress Disco
Tuesday 21st October Parents Working Alongside Children in Y1 9 - 9.45am
Wednesday 22nd October Parents Working Alongside Children in Y3 9 - 9.45
Thursday 23rd October Parents Working Alongside Children in YR 9 - 9.45am
Friday 24th October—Non-Uniform Day
Half term break 27th October to 31st October



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:)



Year 2 have been reading poetry this week. Florence has written a brilliant poem with well chosen adjectives and humour. She has used alliteration to add interest to her poem. Florence's presentation is excellent with handwriting which is neat and joined up.

Well done Florence!



Some lovely news to share...

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Henry had a beautiful baby boy yesterday. Mother and baby are both doing well. We wish Mrs Henry, her husband and their new little one every happiness.



Our Prayer... October is the month of the Holy Rosary.



Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.

You could say the Hail Mary prayer at home this month every day. You could say a decade of the rosary. See the information sheet in the foyer for help with how to pray the rosary or Hail Mary.

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 **Reception class** with 99%.
Well done Reception class!

Person of the Week!

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



Reception: Eloise
Year 1: Franklin
Year 2: Namiko
Year 3: Jaece
Year 4: Victor
Year 5: Nina
Year 6: Chizitalu



A Letter from the St Eugene's PTFA...

Join the ST EUGENES PTFA: Fund Trips, Build Community, Make a Difference!

Hi Everyone,

Especially a huge welcome to our new Reception parents!

Whether this is your first year or your sixth, there's no better way to plug into our school community than by joining the Parent, Teacher, and Friends Association (PTFA).

You might think we just run bake sales—and we do!—but the PTFA is so much more. We are the engine that funds the extras that turn a good school into a great one.



What the PTFA Does

- **Fund Magic:** Last year, your efforts helped pay for trips, events, Christmas parties and activities across all year groups. This year, we're aiming even higher!
- **Build Community:** We organise the events you love: the Summer BBQ, school discos, and coffee mornings—perfect for meeting other parents and staff.
- **Give a Voice:** It's the best way to understand what's happening and contribute your ideas for what we should fund next!



Why we need YOU (Especially New Parents!)

You don't need to be a full-time volunteer or a professional fundraiser. We need all talents and time commitments, big or small. Joining is a great way to meet new people and show your children how much you value their school.

Here's where your help matters:

- The Idea Generator: Got a great suggestion for a new event or activity for the next disco?
- The Event Helper: Can spare an hour to set up decorations or serve refreshments at a disco?
- The Committee Member: Ready to take on a bigger role and help steer our strategy? (We meet just once a half term usually!)

Ready to Jump In?

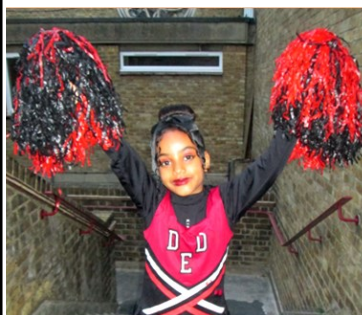
It's easy to get connected right now!

1. Join our WhatsApp Group (for the fastest updates and informal chats): <https://chat.whatsapp.com/BOlcJ4MrDkuCFuG332IyhD>
2. Attend our Next Meeting: Come find us at the next meeting. See newsletter for next date.
3. Sign up for [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and nominate St Eugene's as your charity. You raise money without noticing, without any cost to you every time you buy something online.

Let's make this the best school year yet!



The ST EUGENES DE MAZENOD SCHOOL
PTFA Team



Year 6 Art Project Wins a Competition!



The children in Year 6 all took part in an art project about inspirational Black British individuals with the theme: Standing Firm in Power and Pride. They picked an individual to research and to draw a portrait of and twelve children's work was chosen to form a collaborative art piece. As well as famous inspirational people from history like Mary Seacole, the children chose figures from more modern times like Benjamin Zephaniah, Paul Boateng, Diane Abbott and Stormzy. Later in the academic year, the Y6 children will be reading "Black and British" by David Olusoga as part of their Equality Studies work.

At St Eugene's our curriculum incorporates British Values of democracy, mutual respect and fairness. Our history curriculum, our Equality Studies, our art curriculum, in all of our curriculum areas, we teach about the important issues including equality, fairness and justice in all its forms including issues like gender stereotyping and social justice.

The Year 6 art was entered into a Black History competition run by A & O Shearman, a leading international law firm.

We are delighted that our entry won first place! The children's art work will be displayed in A & O's London offices. We are very proud of all of the art work and learning from Year 6 and especially proud of the collaborative piece by: Sophia, Arthur, Tarisai, Tom, Elise, Elijah, Elsa-Mae, Sophie, Simona, Miguel and Bianca which won the competition.



Year 3 trip to Pizza Express...

The children from Year 3 had the chance to learn the art of pizza making this week. They stretched the dough, tasted ingredients, spread the tomato sauce and cheese and, at the end of their session, they had a delicious pizza to take home. As always, the children were attentive and very well behaved on their trip. We love to combine learning and fun, where we can:)

