

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,

Thank-you if you have joined us for a prayer session with your child's class. We love to share our prayer and worship times with parents and carers. We will continue to run these through the spring term. Look out for your child's prayer service overleaf.

We wish you a pleasant half term break and a Happy Valentine's Day!

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



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

We welcomed a visitor from CAFOD this week who led us in a special assembly and some workshops. We thought about Catholic social teaching. It is a moral compass helping us to know what is right and what is wrong. One of the seven principles is "The common good". We want to work towards the common good, spread hope in what we do and what we say. By supporting CAFOD and other charities we are reaching out and helping others in our world, doing something, however small, to support other people and not just think about ourselves.

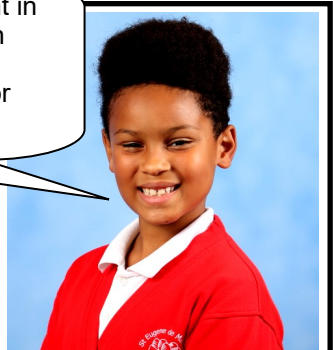


Charles Dickens Museum

This week year 5 had a guided tour of the Charles Dickens Museum, which was once the author's home, where he lived and worked. They saw the desk on which he wrote, "Oliver Twist."

The children loved seeing how Charles lived, learning about his life as a child and adult, including his time as a boy when his father was in debtor's prison. They also learnt lots about the Victorian era and the lives of the servants in Charles' home. Well done Year 5, you behaved beautifully on this trip and learnt a lot about Dickens.

I learnt that personal hygiene was different in the Victorian era. People might only wash once a week and many had a "guzunder", which is a pot that goes under your bed for going to the toilet at night!



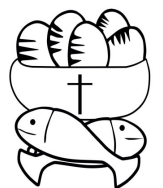
Reading volunteers...would you like to help a child to read?

We read every day with your child in school. Reading fluency and a love of reading are the best thing that we can do for your child and we do it in partnership with you; you are your child's first and most important teacher. If anyone would like to volunteer to help children in school with their reading it would be most welcome. You would need to have a safeguarding check called a DBS (Disclosure and barring check) which everyone who comes into our school needs to have. We can arrange that for you. We will give you training and support to read with a small group of children or an individual child in Reception class, Year 1 or Year 2. Please make an appointment to meet Mrs Henry if you would like to volunteer to help with reading at St Eugene's.



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 14.2.2025

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Important dates for your diary...



Half Term break 17th February to 21st February: school closed

Week beginning 24th February Whole School Keeping Safe Studies

Thursday 27th February: Non-uniform day

Friday 28th February: Academic Review Day

Tuesday 4th March: Y3 Prayer Service with Parents 2.50 in the hall

Wednesday 5th March Ash Wednesday: start of Lent

Thursday 6th March: Word Aware Day

Monday 10th March: Y4 Prayer Service with 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

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

Sunday 16th February is Racial Justice Sunday

Lord God, You created each one of us in your image and likeness.

Help us to recognise you in each person.



As we pray for end to suffering caused by racism and hatred.

Lead us this day to walk with one another, pray with one another and work together, so that we create a future based on justice and healing.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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:)



Ethan (Year 2) has made a brilliant Japanese Koinobori kite this week as part of his design and technology work.

Ethan designed his kite very carefully and then spent time crafting it, cutting, sticking and improving it.

The Koinobori carp represents strength and courage, as it can swim up waterfalls. Ethan's kite is certainly strong and looks like it is also courageous!



Well done Ethan!

Person of the Week!

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



Reception: Ariella
Year 1: Eden
Year 2: Henry
Year 3: Jeremie
Year 4: Nahla-Renae
Year 5: Meles
Year 6: Ginevra

Tuesday 11th February was Safer Internet Day. The children learnt about how to keep themselves safe online. Please ask them what they learnt.

Online Safety at Home

In school we have very strong filtering and monitoring for the children's internet use and they are supervised at all times when using the internet. Tuesday was Safer Internet Day. Keeping safe on line is part of what we talk to your child about as part of our ongoing computing curriculum. We teach them rules about keeping themselves safe. We know that keeping children safe online is a difficult, but very important job for you as a parent. There are loads of great resources out there for you use at home to support you in keeping your children safe while online. Below are a selection of links, many aimed directly at parents. We hope that you find them useful:

[How to set up the parental controls of your Internet provider](#) - Here you can find out how you can help prevent age inappropriate content being accessed online on computers in your home.

['Caught in the Web'](#) is a 15-minute film made for young people by BBC Newsround about staying safe on the internet.

['Padlet'](#) with lots of links and useful information

[Internet Matters](#) - helping parents with esafety advice and links to games for you and your child

[Know it all](#) - Resources for parents and carers includes content for young people

[Think U Know](#) - Resources for parents and carers includes content for young people

[The Vodaphone Parents' Guide](#) - Developed with leading parenting website [The Parent Zone](#) and tested extensively to ensure it builds parents' confidence. Their magazine, [Digital Parenting](#) is also available online.

[Parents Centre](#) - Internet Safety information for Parents from the government.

[UK Safer Internet Centre](#) – safety tips, advice and resources to help children and young people stay safe online

[CEOP YouTube Channel](#) – This Youtube Channel by CEOP has many video resources and information films.

[BBC Webwise](#) for the latest advice for parents and young people.

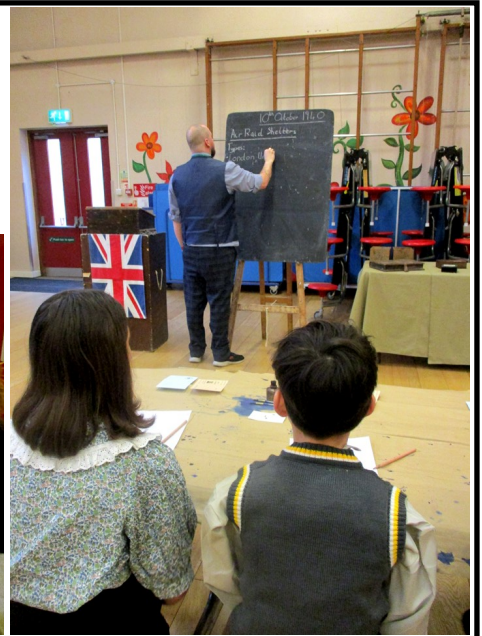
Some key things to talk to your child about are:

- Don't talk to strangers online
- Keep your passwords private
- Follow your family rules e.g. not using sites that are not age appropriate, not going over agreed screen times, not using social media until you are old enough
- Inform your family or a guardian if anyone bullies you online
- Ask your parent or guardian before filling in online forms
- Only use websites that are made for your age
- Don't believe everything that you see or read online, if something seems too good to be true, it probably is not true



A trip back to the 1940s for Year 6

Year 6 had a workshop day yesterday, where they travelled back in time. Their morning was spent as a child in a 1940s classroom, sitting still at their desks, watching the teacher write on the blackboard. They had to stand up and say; "Please Sir" if they wanted to ask a question, and write with ink pens. In the afternoon they had fun playing at being shoppers and shopkeepers in a 1940s high street with a dairy, pharmacy, general store, butchers and best of all a café with jam sandwiches for all. They learnt how to use pre-decimal coins: half pennies, pennies and shillings. Thank-you very much to the parents who helped with this workshop.



The Camden Reading Road Map Short Story Competition

Do you love to write stories?

Why not write one and enter the competition?

What are the rules?

- Children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 can apply
- Your story should have no more than 500 words
- Your story must be original (all your own ideas)
- Your story can contain characters from your imagination, or a character that you know from a book or a film
- You can illustrate your story, but it will only be judged on the words, not the pictures
- You must put your age, year group and your school, St Eugene's, on your entry.
- You must submit your story by Friday 25th April 2025

What is the prize?

The winning story will be published in a book for next year's Reading Road Map...you will be a published author!

Send your story to:
els@islington.gov.uk

Good luck everyone!

