



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,

As the weather is currently very changeable, please ensure that your child has a warm coat or jacket for playtime. The classrooms are toasty warm, but it has been cold outside on the days that we have been able to go outside for play.

Thank you for your help with this:)

Best wishes,

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

Learning about keeping ourselves safe.

Fire Fighters from the London Fire Brigade visited Year 2 and Year 5 classes this week. The children learnt about how to get out of their home quickly if there is a fire, how to test the door handle and duck down if there is smoke. The children also learnt about hazards in the home e.g. candles and cooking. The children know to call 999 if there is an emergency.



The children would like me to remind you to check your smoke alarms at home.

If you would like free fire safety check from the fire brigade, you can go to : [Smoke alarms and heat alarms - Fire safety at home | London Fire Brigade](#)

They will arrange to visit your home if you wish and even fit free smoke and heat alarms, if you need them.

Thank-you to the London Fire Brigade.

What is my child learning this term? Last week you received your parent information leaflet. This tells you what your child will be learning in the Spring Term. The leaflets (including an RE leaflet) can also be found on our school website. We hope that you find this information useful. You will have a scheduled appointment to meet your child's teacher on Academic Review Day, Friday 27th February. At this meeting you will receive a mid-year report about your child's learning and have the chance to discuss this with the teacher. We think it is important to keep you informed on how your child is doing at school and welcome the chance to discuss this mid-year.

You will have a letter with your appointment time nearer the date. Do make a note of this day in your diary and in the meantime pop into the office and make an appointment to meet the teacher if you have any questions about what your child is learning this term or how you can help them.



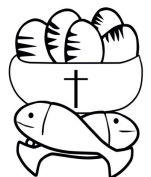
Do you have any questions about school life?

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 23.01.2026

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Important dates for your diary...



Friday 30th January Non Uniform Day

Friday 30th January Movie

Afternoon KS1 and Movie Night for KS2 children (more details next Monday)

Wednesday 18th February: Ash Wednesday—this is the start of Lent (in half term break)

Half term break: 16th to 20th February

WB 23rd February Keeping Safe Studies

Thursday 26th February Non Uniform Day

Thursday 26th February 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with YR parents in the hall

Friday 27th February : Academic Review Day

Monday 2nd March Spring Disco tickets on sale

Tuesday 3rd March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y6 parents in the hall

Wednesday 4th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y5 parents in the hall

Thursday 5th March: Word Aware Day

Friday 6th March 9.05-9.35 PTFA meeting, all welcome

Tuesday 10th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y3 parents in the hall

Thursday 12th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y4 parents in the hall

Friday 13th March 2.00 Spring Music Concert

Tuesday 17th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y2 parents in the hall

Thursday 19th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y1 parents in the hall

Friday 20th March PTFA Spring Disco 6-8pm

Friday 27th March Non Uniform Day

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.



Marlee's brilliant art work has been chosen this week (Y4). In preparation for mask making later this half term, the children were focusing on exploring different facial expressions for characters in art and literature. Marlee has worked on a detailed and very beautiful picture of Sita from the story of the Ramayna as her character study. Her art work is colourful, expressive and precise.

Well done Marlee, super art!



Our Prayer

Hold my hand Lord,
Lead the way,
Help me to be kind every single day.
Let me know what's wrong and right.
Keep me safe both day and night.
Let me know what you have planned.
Lead the way Lord,
Hold my hand.

Amen



Reading Records; A reminder ...

Parents, please sign your child's reading record at least once a week.

If you would like to discuss your child's reading, then please make an appointment to see the class teacher. We know that you are your child's first and most important teacher. Thank-you for your help with this:)



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 2 with 99%.**

Well done Year 2!



Person of the Week!

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



Reception: Ryo
Year 1: Giselle
Year 2: Alenzo
Year 3: Nancy
Year 4: Kaylan
Year 5: James
Year 6: Hannah-Rose

Do you love writing? Do you have a brilliant imagination? Why not enter the Camden short story competition? Please see the details below. Good luck with your super writing!



The Camden Reading Road Map Short Story Competition



- Write your own original short story for a chance to win!
- Your story can contain characters from a book you have read before, or characters from your imagination.
- We will judge the stories on— Creativity, originality, use of language and imagination

Winners of the short story competition will have their story printed in a book.

That book will appear on next year's Camden Reading Road Map!



- Submit your story to ELS@Islington.gov.uk OR your teacher can request to have them picked up by us at the Education Library Service.
- No more than 500 words.
- Competition ends Friday 24th of April. Winners announced in June.
- Open to Years 3,4,5 and 6.



Catholic Social Justice and Charitable Giving...

Part of what we teach at St Eugene's is learning to give of your time and your talents to others.

The school council are organising a **Movie Night next Friday**, as part of the children's commitment to charitable giving. The money raised will go to The De Paul Society, which is a Catholic charity who help homeless teenagers in London and to the New Ways charity who run a primary school in Kenya.

The children recognise that they will be making a difference to other young people with their donations. The Movie Night will be next week on Friday 30th January.

We really hope that the children enjoy their afternoon snuggling up with their friends and having a real cinema experience!

Thank-you in advance for your £2 donations and for helping your child to show the Value of community.

Well done to our School Council who are planning this special event!

KS1 will be an afternoon movie, with pick up at 3.30pm as usual (Reception, Y1 and Y2). KS2 children (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) are invited to stay after school for their movie, and pick up is at 5pm next week.

We will send you a flyer on Monday with further details.



Children's Book Project

As you know reading is at the heart of our curriculum and sharing books and reading with your child is an important and precious time for you and for them.

We were delighted to share Part 2 of the Discovery Programme book gifting event last week. Every child at St Eugene's chose a book to take home and keep.

We hope you enjoy building up your child's home library and sharing books with them:)

