



# 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 warms up, the children are sometimes getting warm enough to take off their cardigans and jumpers in the playground. It is really helpful if you label their jumpers with their names, so that we can return them to the right child if they are misplaced. Please help us by putting your child's name in their jumper or cardigans. Thank-you.

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

## Some very sad news to share...

Mrs O'Connor, who worked at St Eugene's for many years, sadly passed away last weekend following a short and sudden illness. When Mrs O'Connor retired in December of 2021, she moved to Ireland and was enjoying spending time with her husband, children and grandchildren.

Over the thirty-five years that she worked in St Eugene's, Mrs O'Connor taught more than 1,050 Reception class children as well as countless older children whom she worked with over the years too.



Mrs O'Connor set so many children on their first steps in learning at our school; teaching them the fundamentals of learning to read, count and write as well as those simple but very important things like how to hold a knife and fork and how to do up the buttons on your coat. We pray for Mrs O'Connor and thank God for her dedication, hard work and enormous kindness. Many of the children in the older classes will remember Mrs O'Connor fondly as do all of the staff who knew her as a friend and colleague. Please join with our school community as we thank God for her life of giving and ask Him to grant her eternal rest. ***Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen***

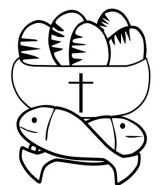
## The Camden Music Festival

Year 5 really showed the values of **excellence** and **inspiration** last week when they performed as part of the Camden Music Festival. We are delighted to have such high quality music provision in St Eugene's. Music education significantly enhances your child's cognitive development. Children aren't just learning to play an instrument or sing; they are also sharpening their cognitive skills such as memory, attention, problem-solving, and language processing. It's also enormous fun! Thank-you parents, for encouraging your children with their music. Well done Year 5, you should be very proud of yourselves! Thank-you to Mr Phillips, Miss DeMonick and Miss Pepic who accompanied the children and Mr Bolaji who led them in song.



## 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 08.05.2026

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Important dates for your diary...

Friday 8th May 3.00 PTFA Cake Sale

WB 11th May: Y6 SATs (Standard Assessment Tests)

WB 11th May: Y3 daily intensive swimming course begins (2 weeks)

Thursday 21st May Feast of St Eugene: 11am Mass in church. Please join us if you'd like to.

Friday 22nd May Non Uniform Day

Monday 25th May to 29th May half term break: school not open

WB 1st June : Whole School Looking After Our World Studies

WB 1st June Y4 multiplication tests (over 2 weeks)

Wednesday 3rd June: 9.30 YR Presentation to Parents in hall

Thursday 4th June: 9.30 Y5 Presentation to Parents

Tuesday 9th June 3;45 Secondary Transfer meeting

Saturday 6th June First Holy Communion in church

Wednesday 10th June 10.00 Y1 Presentation to Parents

Tuesday 16th June 9.30 Y4 Presentation to Parents

Thursday 18th June 9.30 Y3 Presentation to Parents

Wednesday 24th June : Sports Day at Grange Park

Friday 26th June Non Uniform Day

Friday 26th June 2.00pm Summer Term Music Concert NB this is a change of date

Wednesday 1st July 2pm Y6 Production for parents

Friday 3rd July 9.05-9.35 PTFA meeting

Monday 6th July to 8th July Y6 School Journey

Friday 10th July Academic Review Day

Friday 10th July 6-8pm PTFA BBQ

Thursday 16th July 10am Y6 Leavers Service

Friday 17th July: last day of Summer term for children

Monday 20th July INSET day for staff



## Our Prayer

*On Sunday we listened to the Gospel of John*



"I am the way and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except through me"

Lord,

When we stumble and fall, when we don't know which way to go in our lives. Help us to know that we can always ask you for help. We can follow in your footsteps in what we do and what we say. You are the way and the truth and the life.

Amen

All of the children had a workshop last week, learning about the importance of a nutritious breakfast every day. Our breakfast club is open at 8am. We serve a healthy and delicious simple breakfast of a bagel, toast, cereal, fruit and milk. The children then play games quietly until lessons begin. It is a lovely, calm, but sociable way to start the day.

Breakfast club costs £1 per day.  
Why don't you give it a try?



## 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 6** with 98%.

**Well done Year 6!**



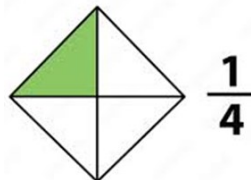
## Work of the week...

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.



Freya (Y2) has been chosen for her fabulous maths work this week. Freya has shown brilliant understanding of fractions. She can identify halves and quarters of shapes. Freya can also calculate halves and quarters of numbers.

**Well done Freya, super maths!**



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## Person of the Week!

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



Reception: Evgenia

Year 1: Eirin

Year 2: Alannah

Year 3: Ellen

Year 4: Stasia

Year 5: Clarissa

Year 6: Emily

**St Eugene's has Talent!** Our talent show this week was lots of fun! The children who performed showed amazing skills and talent! Practising, auditioning and then, finally, presenting your act in front of an audience of 200 children and staff is a great achievement.

