

# 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,

This week we have been learning about equality and justice as part of Equality Studies. There will be more information in next week's newsletter, but do ask your child what they have been learning about racial and gender equality this week. The children are very knowledgeable and have impressed us this week with their discussions and their thoughts about equality and justice:)

Best wishes,

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

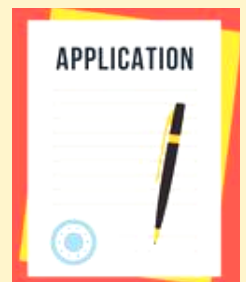
This term we continue to welcome parents and carers into school for our 'Parents Working Alongside Children in Class' sessions. Please look at the 'Important dates for your diary' section and look out for the invitation letter, if you would like to join in a class session alongside your child. It is a good opportunity to see your child learning and work alongside them, helping them with their work. We hope you find it useful in understanding a little more about how your child learns and how we teach at St Eugene's. **Thank-you very much to the parents who have already attended:)**



"Parents Working Alongside Children" Mathematics lesson in Year 3

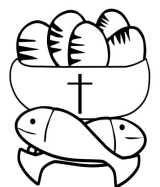
## Reception class for September 2025...

If you are making an application for a child to come to our Reception class next September, or have a friend or family member who is, please note that the deadline for applications is Wednesday 15th January 2025. This seems like a long while away, but it's a good idea to get your applications sorted early. You should make an online application in the borough in which you live and you also need to fill in a school supplementary form which you can get from Miss Gayle or Miss Jess in the office or download from the school website. Mrs Smith is running parent tours on Friday mornings. If you know someone who would like to find out more about our school applications, please ask them to book a place on a tour. Do phone the office if you have any questions. We are happy to help:)



## 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 8.11.2024  
Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
please return this slip to school office and your child might win a prize:)

## Important dates for your diary...

Week beginning 11th November:  
Anti Bullying Week

Tuesday 12th November Parents Working  
Alongside Children in Year 2 at 9.05am

Thursday 14th November Parents Working  
Alongside Children session in Year 1 at 9.05am

Friday 15th November: Parent Tour with Mrs  
Smith 9.10-10 for prospective new parents

Friday 15th November 3.30 PTFA Cake Sale and  
Pre-Loved Uniform Sale in the hall

Monday 18th November: 2.50-3.20 Parent  
information session in the hall: Attendance and  
Success led by Camden Attendance Officer

Tuesday 19th November Parents Working  
Alongside Children in Reception class at 9.05am

Friday 29th November Autumn Term Music  
Concert 2.00pm in the school hall

Friday 29th November Non Uniform Day

Week beginning 2nd December: last week of after  
school enrichment clubs

Tuesday 10th December 10am Nativity for Y1 and  
YR parents and 2.00pm for Y2 parents

Friday 13th December 2.00pm Carol Service in  
church



## Our prayer...

During November we are remembering loved ones who have died and are now with God. In our assemblies this week we thought about All Saints and All Souls Day.



God our Father,  
Give us warm and loving hearts  
and help us to do what Jesus wants us  
to do. We remember those who have  
died and are in heaven with You.  
Eternal rest grant unto them, Oh Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace.  
Amen.



## Anti Bullying Week

Next week is Anti Bullying Week. The children will be taking part in a range of activities to help them better understand the different types of bullying and strategies to stop themselves from becoming involved in bullying behaviour.



## 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 1 class with 97%.

**Well done Year 1!**

## Remembrance Poppies...

The school council have been selling poppies this week. The money raised from your donations goes to the Royal British Legion to help injured, sick or wounded service men and women and their families. Thank-you if you bought a poppy:) On Monday 11th November we will be holding two minutes of silence at 11am in remembrance.



## 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:)

Saskia (Year 6) has impressed us all with her brilliant maths work this week. She has been solving long division problems in a very clear and logical way. Saskia is able to identify and correct mistakes. This shows that she has a thorough understanding of the mathematical concepts. Saskia has focussed and worked very hard.

**Well done Saskia, super maths!**



**Person of the Week!**  
Well done to these children for showing how we live our school values!



Reception: Giselle  
Year 1: Daniel  
Year 2: Abigail  
Year 3: Neve  
Year 4: Eleah-Grace  
Year 5: Elise  
Year 6: Yovella

## Science learning at St Eugene's...

Year 1 and Year 2 had an exciting visit from Ranger Stu this week. They were learning about a variety of different animals; their physical features, habitats, growth, life-spans and diet. The children were patient, kind and showed our school values of **excellence** and **respect** when discussing and handling the different animals. The children met lots of animals including:

a tarantula, scorpion, snake, armadillo and a tortoise. As you know we value trips and visitors as a brilliant way to enrich children's learning in our school. Well done Year 1 and 2 children!



Year 1 children visited the church this week. Father Tom's remembrance display is beautiful.

In school, we have been thinking this week, and this month of November, of those we love who have died and gone to live in heaven with God. In assembly this week we learnt and talked about grief and how we can celebrate and remember loved ones. We also learnt about Remembrance Day and why it is important.

Do pop into church with your child and say a quiet prayer if you'd like to.



## PTFA News...

Next Friday, 15th November, the PTFA are holding a Cake and Bake Sale in the school hall at 3.30pm. There will also be an opportunity to buy some pre-loved uniform; £1 per item and a raffle.

Each class will have a table to sell their donated shop bought and home made bakes and cakes. This is a friendly competition to see which class can raise the most.

Do come to the PTFA meeting next Friday at 9.05am—9.35am in the school indoor club, if you are able to help with the cake sale and sell goods for your child's class.

This is also a good opportunity to recycle some uniform and give it another life. If you have some uniform that your child has grown out of, but is still in good condition, please donate it to the PTFA so that another child can get some use from it.

If you are able to donate some bakes or cakes (home made or shop bought), or have some pre-loved uniform to donate please bring them into the school office on Friday morning.

Thank-you for your help with this.

The PTFA have also organised three food hampers as raffle prizes on Friday. If you would like a raffle ticket you can buy them from the playground after school today and every day at 3.30 next week or in the cake sale. We will hold the raffle at 3.45 on Friday in the hall. If you are lucky enough to win, you will receive your hamper in the week before we break up for Christmas



## Online Parenting Courses - Family Lives

Being a parent has never been easy. There are no manuals for it, and previous generations may not be able to provide the insight you're looking for. The family unit is more dispersed than ever, with some families existing hundreds of miles from what may be called a 'core unit'. The pace of societal change in the UK rapidly outstrips the knowledge of the immediate past. The result is that many parents may find themselves lost in a world of real life and online contradictory advice. For adults, time has never been more compacted. Everyone needs a little bit of help sometimes.

Family Lives has produced a series of online parenting courses, to make the challenge of being a parent a little easier.

If you are interested please follow the link below:

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

Family Lives also offers a **confidential and free helpline** service for families in England and Wales (previously known as Parentline).

They can be contacted on **0808 800 2222** for emotional support, information, advice and guidance on any aspect of parenting and family life. Their website is also a rich source of useful support and advice.