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NEWSLETTER 11

1st December 2023

Dear parents,

This Sunday we begin to celebrate the season of Advent. Advent is the season of hope, culminating in the celebration of the birth of Jesus, which brings us the good news that we are loved unconditionally by God.

In Advent, we make a wreath with four candles.

Candle one (purple) for HOPE - for Jesus coming in a special way.

Candle two (purple) for LOVE - we must love one another.

Candle three (rose/pink) for JOY - we must bring joy to our families.

Candle four (purple) for PEACE - we bring together love and joy.



Advent Service

On Wednesday we had our school Advent Service.

We remembered that Advent is a time of preparation, when we think of Jesus coming into the world.

Faith Friends trip to Westminster Cathedral

This week, our Faith Friends went to Westminster Cathedral to see the Catholic Children's Society Advent Service. The children enjoyed the performance and were excited to see a real donkey from Hackney City Farm in the performance too! They lived up to their roles as Faith Friends, setting an example with their good behaviour on public transport and throughout the service. We are particularly proud of Cristiano and Kayden who donated some money to a homeless man near the Cathedral. Both boys reminded our Faith Friends that our Catholic Social Teaching focus this half term was to give 'Preferential Option for the Poor' and showed respect and compassion, two of our core values. Well done, boys.



Anti Bullying Poster Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Anti Bullying Poster Competition. All the children received a certificate and a treat for their creative designs. Well done Ruby C, Faith, Fariha, Skye, Naeto, Jodie-Lee

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Staff have kindly donated items for a Christmas Hamper and raffle tickets are on sale before and after school for £1 a strip. The raffle will be drawn on Monday 18th December. This year the money raised will be donated to Save the Children which supports children in the UK and internationally.

Cold weather

It's that time of year again. It's cold outside! Please remember to wrap your children up before drop-off in the mornings. When really chilly, please include hats and mittens/gloves. We love to go outside every day we can and hate to see any of the children without toasty outerwear! Make sure to label all extra gear with your child's name; we have a lot of removable clothing items this time of year, and labels help us keep our pupils and teachers organised.

Handball

On Wednesday, our year 6 handball team headed to Bigland Green for a series of matches. This was our ever competitive handball event and our children were fantastic! We managed to win two games, draw one and lose one. A huge well done to everybody for showing such good sportsmanship and passion. A special congratulations to Jaedan and Teddy who were chosen as Players of the Tournament.



Year 1 Fire station

For Year 1's Autumn 2 school trip, we explored our local area! We visited the library, Watney Market, the DLR and concluded our walk at the Fire Station. At the Fire Station, we had a glorious time. We had a tour around the facilities - including the gym, kitchen, lecture room and the place where fire trucks are kept. We were shown around the fire truck and were given a turn at spraying the hose. After that, we were given a live demonstration where the fire officers slid down the pole and changed into their fire overalls in only 30 seconds!



**There are no BUSY CLUBS until after Christmas holidays.
Clubs will start week beginning 15th January in the spring term.**

Have a good weekend. Wrap up warmly!

Blessings
Sue-Helen Steyn

**Attendance Autum Term
20.11.23-24.11.23**

CP	88.8%
BF	83.3%
LB	89.0%
1P	96.8%
1A	91.7%
2F	80.3%
2W	96.6%
3A	93.1%
3F	91.0%
4A	91.7%
4G	83.1%
5A	90.0%
5B	96.6%
6D	87.9%
6K	92.4%

**Overall 90.2%
WELL DONE 1P!**



GOLD AWARDS WINNERS

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Levi-Emmanuel	Darius	Blessing	Kai
Teddy	Harry	Charlie-Jay	Afnaj
	Nikolas	Zikra	Sulaiman
	Florence	Noel	Jasmine
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Gaia	Jamie	Anthony	Nihal
Aida	Florence	Kamran	Leiyah
Andrew	Max	Alba	Reah
Tate	Anaya	Sahil	Mason

Handwriting Award Winners

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Chi Sam	Ava-Violet	Yasmin
Faye	Yunus	Raihan
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Tahid	Pedro	Cassius
Davi	Fariha	Claudia

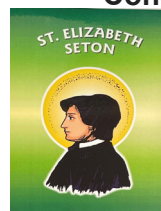
House Points - Winner 2023/24

The winning house is St Elizabeth with
170 points.

Congratulations!



St Cyril (yellow)



St Elizabeth (green)



St Lawrence (red)



St Josephine (blue)

