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Dear Parents/carers

This week, Year 1 and Reception had special workshops with CAFOD looking at Catholic Social Teaching. Year 4 visited the Science Museum on Tuesday and Year 2 had a trip to the Half Moon Theatre. Members of the public have commented on our children's impeccable manners and how polite they were. That is enough to make any headteacher glow with pride!

In the Gospel this week, we learned that sometimes people can leave their mark on us. Just as feet and paws leave a mark in snow, Jesus can make His mark on us. Jesus' words and actions can leave a deep impression on us, influencing and guiding the way we think, act and live – we just need to be open and ready to listen to Him!



Uniform

A reminder that children in Year 1 – Year 6 have to wear a tie as part of their uniform. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing a tie, apart from the days it is their PE lessons and they are wearing their PE kit.. Ties are available to purchase from the school office or from Oceans Design, Watney Market or Kelsa in Bethnal Green.

Year 4 Trip to The Science Museum



On Tuesday, we went to the Science museum to learn more about sound. We saw how sound travelled and learned about the first telephone. We also found out how sound was communicated through wires and how people were connected to each other through a switchboard. We even tried to do this ourselves. Lyla and Muntaha 4G

Year 5 Handball



Last week, year 5 participated in a house handball competition. Children represented their houses and played in a mini league style competition. It was an extremely close competition which could have gone either way. Well done to all children involved for showing fantastic teamwork and sporting attitude. A special well done to Elena and Maisie who earned players of the tournament and a huge congratulations to St Josephine (Blue house) for finishing as overall champions!

Gymnastics

Last week, we attended the borough gymnastics competition. At the competition each gymnast had to perform two set routines and a vault. There were 12 schools at both the year 3&4 competition, and the year 5&6 competition. We did so well and we are really proud to say that we finished in second place overall.

A huge well done to all of our fantastic gymnasts.



Congratulations to Keane in 6D

Congratulations to Keane for receiving a Gold Medal in Judo. We are all so proud of you! Also, a note to myself not to mess with Keane!

E-Safety Information

TikTok. You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok. Some of the videos on TikTok may not be appropriate for your child to view and there is also the risk of strangers contacting your child. If your child is using TikTok then make sure the appropriate security/privacy settings are on.



Account set up

By default, accounts for people under 16 are set to private at the start and we would recommend keeping it as this. This means your child can approve follower requests. You can read more about the other settings available (such as switching off comments and switching on restricted mode) [here: https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings](https://support.tiktok.com/en/account-and-privacy/account-privacy-settings)

Inappropriate content, themes and challenges on TikTok



Whilst against TikTok's guidelines, explicit and inappropriate content can be found on this platform, for example nudity/sexual content and hate speech. We often see viral challenges on TikTok, some of which can be dangerous. If your child is using TikTok, chat to them regularly about what they are viewing and to ensure they know not to try challenges they see online.

Family Pairing

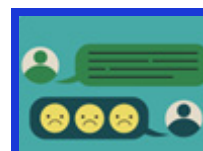
This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. You can then set controls such as restricted mode (limit the appearance of content that may not be appropriate) and screen time management. You can find out more here: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en/guardians-guide/>

Blocking and Reporting

Ensure your child knows how to use the safety features available to them. You can find out more here: <https://support.tiktok.com/en/safety-hc/report-a-problem>

Bullying on TikTok

This article makes suggestions on appropriate settings as well as how to deal with bullying: <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/en-sg/bullying-prevention/>



Tech Tips Live with Parent Zone

You can watch back this 13-minute broadcast from Parent Zone (originally broadcast Jan 2023) which discusses what you need to know if your child is using TikTok. It's an excellent overview including how algorithms work on social media. You can access it here: <https://parentzone.org.uk/tech-tips-live>

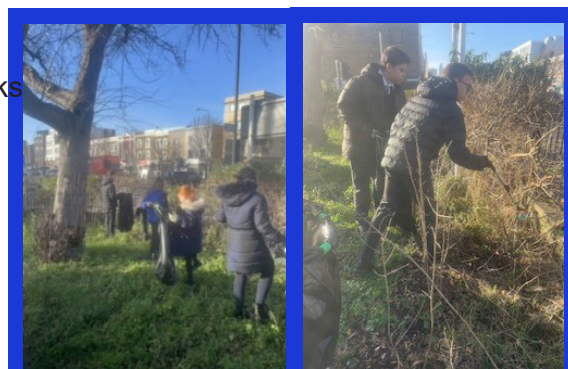
Eco Warriors

Yesterday, the Eco warriors took part in the first of our litter picks of our surrounding area of rubbish. We cleared five bags in 45 minutes! "Why can't people use a bin?!" - Libbie, our year 3 warrior said.

Have a peaceful weekend.

Blessings

Sue-Helen Steyn



Upcoming Events

Monday 5th Feb - Friday 9th Feb:

Y6 Kinswood

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1A Parents observing Phonics

Monday 5th Feb:

Y3 Sonali Gardens

Handwriting Award Winners

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Zain	Lily Kate	Zayyan
Nusrat	Tyobista	Nazaiah
Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Zanin	Saif	Tracy
Muntaha	Elliot	Sophia

BRONZE AWARDS

6K:

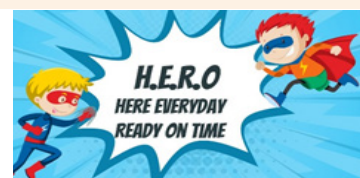
Miley
Gracie
Chamberlain

Attendance Autumn Term

22/01/24-26/01/24

CP	80.1%
BF	93.7%
LB	94.5%
1A	84.4%
1P	85.5%
2F	92.0%
2W	91.7%
3A	95.2%
3F	91.7%
4A	92.8%
4G	94.6%
5A	96.9%
5B	98.6%
6D	90.3%
6K	98.7%

Overall: 91.7%



Our Attendance
H.E.R.O this week:
6K 98.7%

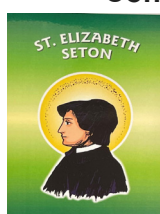
House Points

This week winning houses is
St Elizabeth with 180 points.

Congratulations



St Cyril (yellow)



St Elizabeth (green)



St Lawrence (red)



St Josephine (blue)

GOLD AWARDS WINNERS

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Nola-Monroe	Harry	Elizabeth	Joseph
Olivia	Athur	Sophie	Teddie
	Taraz	Aaliyah	Ava-Violet
	Florence	George	Asher
Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Daniel	Kairo	Afsheen	Karoline
Hannah	Kian	Kamran	Peyton
Yelinah-Praise	Kevin	Johanna	Oscar
Sienna W	Alfie	Mahreen	

