



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Update from Jane Hines, Headteacher **7th October 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

'Brighten Up Day' and collection for CAFOD

Well done to the children and staff for 'brightening up' our school by wearing bright clothes and carrying out kind acts today. The money raised will go to CAFOD and will be used to support people around the world who are affected by natural disasters, conflict and the effects of climate change.

The children learnt about the work of CAFOD during Tuesday's assembly which was led by Gillie, a guest speaker from CAFOD. She highlighted that many of our global brothers and sisters do not have enough to eat, drink, a place to live, an education or medicine to live a full, healthy life. Thank you to everyone for taking part in 'Brighten Up Day'.

Poetry Day

We celebrated National Poetry in school on Wednesday with each class exploring poetry on the theme of the environment. Children either wrote their own poem or chose a favourite poem to present to their class and each class decided on their favourite poem to be presented to the school in assembly.

Congratulations to Albert in Y2, Clodagh in Y2, Dearbhla in Y3, Esme in Y4, Elizabeth-Rose in Y5, Alessandro in Y6A and Ciara in Y6T for sharing their poems.

The children in Y2 and above have all been invited to take part in the National Poetry Day Lost Words competition, by writing an acrostic poem about their favourite plant or animal. The closing date for entries to be given to Mrs Briggs is 1st November.

Reading slides from the Welcome Evening

Mrs Goldsmith presented Reading at the Welcome Evening; these slides are attached for your information.

Food Bank Collection

Our Pupil Chaplains will be organising a food collection each morning at the front and back gates next week. All donations of food and toiletries will be much appreciated and will help those in need in our local community. For more details of items which are in particular need, please click here <https://richmond.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

Y6A Assembly

On Thursday this week, our Y6A children led us in the first class assembly of the year on the theme of inspirational people. They shared the lives of people who have dedicated their lives to improve the lives of others or have persevered to develop their talents, linking these to our school values. They all spoke and performed with great maturity.

Y1 Local Walk

Our Y1 pupils enjoyed their Geography walk around the local area today, looking at geographical features in Richmond.

Sports Highlights!

This week, Y4 have been putting into practice their rugby and football skills against other Richmond schools, and on Wednesday this week, Y6 Girls played football in a festival at Rocks Lane.

After school today, Y5 and Y6 are taking part in the annual Barnes Tag Rugby Festival. We wish them all the best and look forward to a match report next week!

Next Week in RE

Next week in school the children will be learning about Judaism in their Religious Education lessons. More information about what the children will be learning about can be found on the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ewhINceAcHm8G6aDNBPSJ15DTEKpPOV5/edit#>

Vocal Concert for Junior Choir and Schola

On Thursday 13th November, Junior Choir and Schola will be performing at the Vocal Concert at 6pm at school. Parents and family members are welcome to attend. We look forward to a lovely evening of Music.

Important Safety Notices

We have been alerted this week to a couple of instances of dangerous behaviour this week: one concerning a child on a scooter, another concerning a vehicle moving irresponsibly around children at the Lower Grove Entrance gate to school. For the safety of all children, please make sure that if your child scoots to school they do so under your close supervision or that of a responsible adult. Please also never turn or park in the space next to the back entrance to school on Lower Grove Road. Thank you for your co-operation.

Values Awards

Congratulations to the children who have earned a School Values Award this week:

Y2 - Albert

Y3 - Kate

Y4 - Toby

Y5 – Wiktor

Y6A - Lance

Y6T - Freddie

Wishing you a good weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines