



## St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

### ***Weekly Update*** from Jane Hines, Headteacher **18<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### **Anti-Bullying Week and 'Dress to Express' Day**

This week is National Anti-Bullying Week and in school we have had an Anti-Bullying focus. The theme of Anti-Bullying Week this year is 'Reach Out', and on Tuesday our School Council led an assembly showing children how to recognise bullying behaviour, look after each other and reach out for help when needed. Incidents of bullying are very rare in school, however it is important that we give the children the skills to take action, now or in the future. The children were reminded that they should talk to any 'trusted adult' in school and that the adults will listen and help.

In school, throughout the year, we foster a culture, based on our School Values, where everyone is unique, special and respected. We are a wonderfully diverse school community and we encourage our children to be proud of their differences.

To celebrate this, on Friday 25th November, the School Council are organising a '**Dress to Express**' Day where children can come into school dressed in something that expresses their personality. This could be a favourite sports kit, clothing from countries of origin, a favourite colour, even pyjamas! For one day only, anything goes, and if your child feels most comfortable in their school uniform, this is fine too! Instead of bringing in a donation to charity on this day, we are asking for donations of items of food for the Christmas hampers which will be prizes at the Christmas Morning. This could be wine, mince pies, crackers, jams, chutney, Christmas pudding, chocolates and biscuits.

Following on from Anti-Bullying Week we will be involving the children in updating our Anti-Bullying policy which will also be shared with parents. Anti-Bullying themes are also included within our Relationship and Health Education lessons throughout the year.

If you would like more information about Anti-Bullying Week to share with your child, please visit: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curations/anti-bullying-week>

Information for parents can be found at: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/11/18/what-we-are-doing-to-help-combat-bullying-in-education/>

## **Explorer Dome workshops for Y4 and Y5**

On Monday, our school hall was filled with a huge inflatable dome which became a planetarium for our Y5 pupils to learn about space. Our Y4 children took part in a Sound workshop inside the dome. Both experiences helped to make the children's learning memorable and exciting.

## **Schola Concert**

Last night our Schola choir performed at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church singing a variety of liturgical songs including a number of arrangements from the Kingdom Choir. Every single child in the choir sang a solo and it was a truly uplifting evening. Thank you to Mrs FitzGerald for organising this concert and to the parents and families for attending. The children's singing raised £221 for the charity Mary's Meals.

This is the first of our Schola concerts and the choir are looking forward to performing in the parishes of St Elizabeth's and St Winefride's in the Spring and Summer Terms.

## **Sports Round Up from Mr Sagar**

The PE department has entered a busy phase of the season with tournaments and league fixtures. On Monday, our Y6 rugby team played the 1st game of the season which resulted in a 7 -1 win against Holy Trinity.

On Wednesday, our girls' football team took part in the Borough Tournament at Bushy Park Sports Club. They had a great day. In the morning they played 5 games in the league, finishing 3rd place. In the afternoon, it was knock-out and in the 2nd round, after a fantastic performance, the girls lost on penalties.

We are excited to report that two of our Y6 boys have been selected to represent Richmond Borough in the London Youth Games Cross Country Run. We wish them all the best – Good luck, Rory and Charlie!

Next week, we are hosting a girls' football match and a netball league game. We are also looking forward to following the progress of our teams within the World Cup and we will be holding a whole school sweep stake on Monday.

## **Values Awards**

Congratulations go to the following children who have lived out our School Values this week:

Y6T – Laila

Y6A – Mattia

Y5 – Matilda

Y4 – Colton and Zoe

Y3 – Theodor and Kit

Y2 – Antonia

Y1 – Elijah and George

## Upcoming Dates

**Wednesday 23rd November** - Y6A WW2 workshop at Richmond Museum

**Thursday 24th November** 6:30pm - PTA Bingo Night! All parents and children invited. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Friday 25th November** - SEND Coffee Morning from 9 to 9:45am. All parents of children on the SEN register are warmly invited to attend to meet with other parents and with Mrs Compton our SENCO.

**Friday 25th November** - 'Dress to Express' Day. Children can wear clothes that reflect their personalities in return for bringing in a food item for the Christmas Hampers.

Have a lovely weekend,

Jane Hines