



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher** **22nd July 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been saying goodbye to our Y6 pupils as they leave St Elizabeth's to move on to secondary school. On Wednesday the Y6 children received their Governors Awards and shared reflections of their time here in a ceremony in front of parents and friends. The Y6 production, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang yesterday was a triumph! Finally, we celebrated a beautiful Mass for our leavers' intentions this morning. We are extremely proud of each and every one of our Y6 pupils. They have been great fun to teach and wonderful monitors and ambassadors. We will miss them at St Elizabeth's but we are confident they are ready to move on to their next stage in education. Good luck Y6!

We would like to thank all our parents for the support you have given to your child this year, and to the staff at school. I would personally like to thank our school staff for the dedication and care that they have shown the children this year and I know that they, too, would like to extend their thanks to our school community for the messages of support and kind end of term gifts.

Sports News

For the first time in 3 years, we were able to celebrate the sporting achievements of our pupils in a special Sports Assembly. Our school Swimming Squad and Hockey Team were both recognised for their truly fantastic achievements. Congratulations to Maya and Bertie in Y6 on being awarded 'Sports People of the Year', and Chloe, Ginny, Sebastian and Logan were also congratulated for their sports achievements.

Our overall winning house this year at Sports Day was St Teresa of Calcutta, with Gabriel in Y6T, Leo in Y5D and Joseph in Y4, equalling or breaking school records.

And finally, what a way to finish the year! This week, it was announced that St Elizabeth's has been awarded the 'Platinum School Games Award', the highest award a school can achieve. This award recognises the depth, breadth and quality of sports opportunity for all children across the school. Thank you and Congratulations to Mr Sagar, Mrs Knowles, the Sports Committee and to our Y6 Sports Leaders for championing Sport at St Elizabeth's. We would also like to thank our parent helpers and volunteers who lead some of our clubs and squads, and to those parents who provide countless transport to and from fixtures. With this parental support, more of our children participate in sport.

Reading Cup

Congratulations to Y5D and Miss Doherty who are the winners of the Reading Cup for this last half term. Well done to everyone who completed the challenge. We hope that everyone will complete the Richmond Library Summer Reading Challenge and we look forward to the children receiving their certificates after the holiday. Details of this year's challenge called Gadgeteers can be found here. <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadgeteers-intro>

Values Awards

Congratulations to our children who have received a 'Values Award'.

Well done to Keon in Reception, Benjamin in Y1, Theodor in Y2, Olivia in Y3, Haiden in Y4, Nora in Y5D, Lance in Y5BC, George in Y6A and Sebastian M in Y6T for receiving a Values Award this week.

Million Word Readers

Many congratulations to Arthur in Y3, Alex in Y6T and Mia in Y6T for becoming a 1 Million Word Reader. Well done to you all.

Annual School Questionnaire

Thank you to those of you who have completed the school questionnaire. Your feedback is very useful to us and helps to inform our school improvements. We would like as many responses as possible and therefore we have extended the deadline for completion of the questionnaire to Monday 25th July.

Staff Farewells

This term, we are saying a very fond farewell to Miss Doherty, Mrs Said and Mrs Quaid. We would like to thank these staff for all they have done for our school and we wish them happiness and success in the future.

Finally, we would like to wish you and your families a very happy Summer holiday. We look forward to seeing the children when term begins on Monday 5th September.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines and all the staff at St Elizabeth's School