



St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

***Weekly Update* from Jane Hines, Headteacher** **1st July 2022**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we welcomed our new Reception children who are starting St Elizabeth's in September into school to meet the Reception team and spend some time in their classroom. It was lovely to meet them all, with their parents too, and we look forward to welcoming them to our school family.

As part of our ongoing celebrations of different cultures in school, in assembly today, Sophia, Catherine and Natasha presented to the whole school about 'Festa Junina'. This is a Brazilian festival which marks harvest season, and the children were really interested to hear all about it and asked questions.

On Tuesday, we had a whole-school 'Maths Challenge' where all pupils took part in online live Maths problem-solving activities! It was fantastic to see children from Reception to Y6 working together, explaining their thinking and finding solutions!

On Wednesday, we celebrated Mass in school for the feast of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Thank you to Fr Brian from St Winefride's for saying Mass for us and it was lovely to see so many parents able to join us.

This week, it was our annual 'Walk to School Week' where we asked all children to reduce their car journeys to and from school and use other means of travel. Our Y6 Junior Travel Officers, Bruce, Gisele, Raphael and Aoife, have been totalling up the number of non-car journeys every day this week and we are looking forward to them announcing the winning class next week and awarding the 'Golden Boot' trophy. Thank you so much for your support with this initiative; there has been a noticeable difference to the congestion in the local roads at drop off and collection times – and a healthy way for children to travel to and from school if they chose to walk, cycle or scoot!

On Thursday, our Schola Choir performed at a 'Good News Concert' at St Richard Reynolds Catholic College. The concert celebrated all different styles of Gospel Music. There were a number of choirs performing and it really was an exciting opportunity for the children to be part of this performance and showcase their talent.

Congratulations to our Y6 children who have completed their cycling proficiency with the London Borough Road Safety Team over the past three weeks. This is an invaluable course for the children to ensure their safety on our roads.

Next week ...

On Monday, it is St Elizabeth's Feast Day and we will be celebrating our school patron saint in school. Fr Stephen will be saying Mass for us at 10:00 a.m. which has been prepared by Y5D. Parents are very welcome to join us. Children learnt about St Elizabeth in assembly today so please do ask them about our patron saint over the weekend.

On Tuesday, we wish our Y2 Battle of the Books team the best of luck as they compete in a Battle of the Books competition in school.

This term's SEND parents' meetings, where learning plans of pupils with SEND are reviewed, are taking place on Thursday 7th July and Friday 8th July next week. Invitations for these meetings have been sent today.

Key Dates for your diary

KS1 Sports Day – the morning of 6th July in school. Parents invited. A separate ParentMail has been sent about this.

KS2 Sports Day – the afternoon of 15th July on Christ's School field. Parents invited. Information to follow.

Amended dates – Y6 Production of 'Chitty Bang' will be taking place on Monday 18th July and Tuesday 19th July. Y5 and Y6 children will be taking part in the performance and are needed to attend on both evenings. Details of how to order tickets will be sent out soon.

Summer PTA BBQ – Friday 8th July at 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

Values Awards

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

Well done to Oliver and Dylan in Reception, Hugo and Pavle in Y1, Arietta and Maxim in Y2, Kate and Bohdan in Y3, Oliver in Y4, Ciara in Y5D, Theo in Y5BC, Zara in Y6A and Grace and Amelia in Y6T for receiving a Values Award this week.

Million Word Readers

Many congratulations to Maya in Y6T for becoming a 5 Million Word Reader, and to Ethan in Y6T for becoming a 10 Million Word Reader. These are incredible achievements. Congratulations to you both.

Local Community News

Please find attached a job opportunity with Richmond Good Neighbours, a local charity which helps elderly people in the Richmond area, who are recruiting a part time administration assistant.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines