



## **St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School**

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have many highlights this week and we are pleased to share these with you in this week's update.

It was so lovely to be able to welcome our Reception and Y1 parents into school this week for their class concerts with Mrs FitzGerald. These concerts are an opportunity to see a 'Music lesson in action' and show what our KS1 children have been learning in Music lessons this year. We are looking forward to our Y2 class concert next week on Friday 25th March.

As part of our learning in History and Geography, we are arranging local educational visits for some of our year groups so that children can explore and learn about the area in which they live and come to school. This week, as part of their topic 'Where does our food come from?', our Y2 children walked to Richmond town centre to purchase foods from around the world.

As part of their research project into the history of our school, our Y4 pupils visited the original site of St Elizabeth's School which was located there until 1969 when St Elizabeth's moved to Queen's Road.

This afternoon, our Y6 pupils are taking part in the Junior Citizen Event at Holly Lodge in Richmond Park. This is a Borough wide event for all children in Y6 to experience how to respond to different scenarios and situations they may face. It is an invaluable learning opportunity that helps our Y6 pupils develop some of the life skills they will need as they prepare to move onto secondary school.

#### **Praying for the People of Ukraine and for Peace in the World**

In our assemblies and classes this week, we have been praying for the people of Ukraine and for peace in the world. Our children are showing great kindness and awareness for those in need and have said that they would like to do something to help Ukrainian families. The school chaplains will be organising a 'Day for Peace' on Thursday 24th March with a focus on praying for peace, celebrating the many cultures within our school community and raising money for the DEC. The school chaplains will be sending more information about our 'Day for Peace' next week.

We are aware that some children may be experiencing anxiety about the situation in Ukraine and we know that all children will have very different levels of knowledge and understanding. We are especially aware that some of our families may be directly affected in different ways. We continue to encourage children to talk to their class teacher or any adult in school if they want to ask a question or feel worried in any way.

If you have any particular concerns or wish to share something with school, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's classteacher, and this can be arranged through the school office.

### **Parents' Meetings Next Week**

We are very pleased that we have been able to return to face to face Parents' Meetings this term with the opportunity for parents to see some of their child's work. Please arrive at school a few minutes before your appointment time and staff in the hall will direct you to where your class teacher meeting will take place. Please may we remind you that each meeting is 9 minutes and the class teacher will observe the time to ensure that the meeting schedule for all parents keeps on track. Please be aware that if you arrive late, your meeting time will be reduced.

Mr Sagar, Mrs Diver and myself will also be available in the hall over the course of the Parents' Evening on Tuesday and Thursday. Dr Stannard, our Chair of Governors, as well as members of our school governing body will also be in attendance and look forward to meeting and speaking with parents to gain their views.

### ***Sports Action ..***

Our sports teams have been in action this week!

On Monday, our girls' football team performed very well in a competitive match against the Russell School. On Tuesday, St Elizabeth's hosted Orleans School Rugby team and with some excellent running, passing and tag tackling; we scored 11 tries and only conceded 1!

On Wednesday, the boys' football team attended the Richmond Borough Football competition at Bushy Park Sports Club. The team played really well and drew all of their morning fixtures. It was an exciting afternoon of knock out rounds as the first round game went to 4 minutes of golden goal time!

Yesterday, our netball team travelled to Meadlands Primary School for another close match! Once again, great team work by everyone.

On Thursday, we invited Richmond Knights Basketball into school to lead Basketball lessons in PE. The children really enjoyed playing this sport and had some fantastic dribbling, passing and shooting skills! If your child is interested in basketball, Richmond Knights run a Basketball Club at school on Wednesday morning and they also host training sessions around the borough. For more information, please see the attached flyers or visit: <https://knightsbasketball.co.uk/>

Finally, thank you to our parent volunteers this week that have helped with transport to these events; your support is very appreciated.

### **Reminder - Staff Training Day (INSET Day) on Monday Next Week**

There is a Staff Training Day on Monday, 21st March, and pupils will not come into school on this day. NSSport, our after school and holiday provision, are holding their holiday club at school on this INSET day if you require childcare. If your child receives Free School Meals or the Pupil Premium Grant and you would like to access after school care or holiday care, please contact Mrs Diver.

**Dates for the rest of the term**

**w/c 21st – 25th March Last week of school clubs**

**Tuesday 22nd March 9am Y5 Parents' Meeting: Sayers Croft**

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**Wednesday 23rd March Y6A & Y6T Educational Visit to Kew Gardens**

**Thursday 24th March Parents' Meetings**

**Friday 25th March 9 to 10am Y2 Class Concert**

**Tuesday 29th March Y5BC & Y5D Educational Visit from Architecture Workshops**

**Thursday 31st March 1:30 p.m. Y3 & Y4 Passion Play Performance – All parents welcome**

**Friday 1st April Holy Week Mass prepared by Y6T – All Parents welcome (time tbc)**

**Friday 1st April Term ends. Children to be collected at 2pm.**

### **Values Awards**

This week, congratulations to our children who have received a 'Values Award'.

Well done to Josie in Reception, Kateryna in Y1, Emily Boo in Y2, Esme in Y3, Sofia in Y4, Arthur in Y5BC, Samuel in Y5D, Bertie in Y6A and Lorcan in Y6T for receiving a Values Award this week.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Jane Hines