

# Our Lady and Saint George's Catholic Primary & Nursery School

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## Newsletter 11

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **BIG Lent Walk for CAFOD**

Over the last few weeks all classes have been walking every day; working hard to hit our target of 40km by the end of Lent. Pupils are really enjoying taking part and working together to raise money for CAFOD. Please sponsor your child using the sponsorship form which was sent home, or if you prefer you can donate straight to our school Just Giving page. Thank you in advance for your kind donations.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/our-lady-and-st-georges-catholic-primary-scho2024>

### **Science Week (8th-15th March)**



Today was the launch of Science Week! British Science Week is a ten-day celebration held every year in March, with thousands of events running throughout the UK celebrating science, engineering, technology and maths. This year's theme is 'Time'. To officially kick off British Science Week today, the Royal Observatory Greenwich hosted an extra special morning assembly led by a Curator of Time Emily Akkermans, featuring a special guest which all classes attended. We also had a very special visit from Andrea, one of our school governors, who led an assembly on how her love of science has impacted her life as she pursued a career in Pharmacy. We are so excited for what the rest of the week will bring.

### **Wisdom Assembly**

We had our first class assembly of the term last Thursday which was led by our Year 6 children who have been studying World War 2. We had a truly memorable trip back in time with wonderful acting performances as well as some superb singing. Well done to our year 6 children. One of the younger pupils commented on how he couldn't believe how much he learned about what happened in World War 2 from the assembly.

Our next class assembly will be on Thursday 14th March when Class Resilience will be sharing their learning in History.

### **Aquinas Trust Mass**

On Wednesday children from Year 2 and 6 from OLSG, St Patrick's, St Joseph's, Leyton, St Mary's Chingford and representatives from Holy Family Secondary School came together in our parish Church for a beautiful Mass celebration. Fr Michael celebrated the Mass and he was very proud of our children and their contribution to the liturgy. Our Year 6 children performed two beautiful hymns as a post communion reflection and were a credit to the school.

### **Family Mass 10am Sunday 10th March**

Don't forget we will be having our parish family Mass on Sunday at 10am. It would be lovely to see even more families joining us on Sunday.

### **Arc Theatre**

We recently had a visit from the Arc Theatre company who presented a live drama and workshop to help our pupils in Year 5 and 6 to gain a better understanding of how to challenge hate crime and extremism and build stronger communities. The actors commented very favourably on how well our children engaged in the question and answer sessions and their responses to the drama. This initiative was funded by the Home Office 'Building a Stronger Britain Together' programme, the Mayor's Shared Endeavour Fund (2020-23), London Crime Prevention Fund for LBBD (2023) and Barking & Dagenham Education Inclusion and Step Up Stay Safe (2021). We were very pleased to have had the opportunity to take part.

### **No Space for Hate programme**

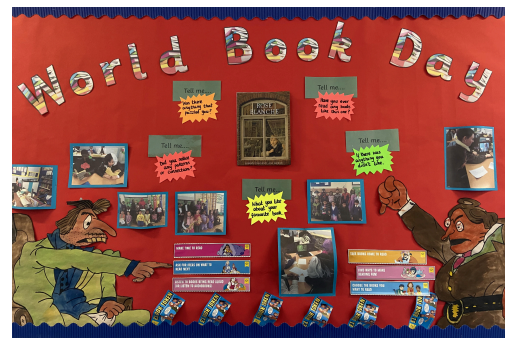
Last Friday children from Year 3 -6 had an assembly which covered different ways to intervene (directly and indirectly) in hate-motivated incidents. The following interventions were covered:

See, Report, Support, Distract, Disapprove, Directly Challenge. Again the children were commended on their high level of engagement in the assembly.

Year 6 had a follow up workshop which delved more deeply into the interventions.

### **World Book Day**

We had a brilliant display of book character costumes for World Book Day yesterday which the children showcased in a World Book Day parade. Well done to everyone for the fantastic effort and array of costumes from pupils and staff alike. We also had visits from Year 7 pupils from Holy Family School who came and read with our Year 3 pupils and had a writing challenge with our Year 6 pupils.



### **Year 5 Trip to Roman Amphitheatre**

On Wednesday, Class Resilience visited the London Roman Amphitheatre and today Class Truth visited. London's Roman Amphitheatre is an interactive and educational attraction, which allows you to dive into the ancient history of Roman London. The children had a workshop there to help them learn more about life in London in ancient Roman times.

Today Resilience Class attended a Master class in History at Holy Family School where they learnt all about special people in History. They are all looking very studious.



### **Year 1 Trip to Lloyd Park**

Today our Year 1 pupils started their science week activities with a visit to Lloyd Park where they were learning about their science topic on habitats and living things. Everyone had a good day and enjoyed the experience.

### **Workshop on Gangs**

Last night we held a parent workshop on gangs which was led by the Youth Engagement team from the police in Waltham Forest. Thank you to all those parents who attended and benefitted from the information shared with you. A big thank you also to Mrs Barra and Mrs Allcock for providing creche facilities enabling you to be able to come along.

## PTFA

### Year 5 and 6 Disco

Last Friday we held the year 5 and 6 disco at Upper Site which was a great success. The children really enjoyed themselves and once again a big thank you to our members of the PTFA who worked so hard preparing for the disco and on the day.

### Parent Teacher Consultations

Please sign up and make an appointment for parent teacher consultations if you haven't already done so. On Wednesday 13th March, classes Charity (Yr 3), Compassion (Yr1) and Generosity (Yr 2) will be holding their meetings and on Thursday 14th March, classes Truth (Yr 5), Hope (Yr 4) and Wisdom (Yr 6) will be holding their meetings.

It is really important that you book an appointment to see your child's teacher as we are now over half way through the school year and this will give you an opportunity to see how best to help your child achieve their full potential by the end of the year.

### Eco News - Earth Hour



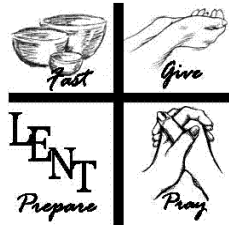
**Saturday 23rd March – switch off your lights for one hour from 8.30 to 9.30pm and help save our environment!**

Since our beginnings in 2007, Earth Hour has been known for the “lights off” moment – a symbolic event to show our collective support for the planet. But in 2023, we stepped things up, breathing new life into our movement and mission to create the Biggest Hour for Earth. Earth Hour represents the need for action on global climate change. The event makes a big difference and you can too.

## Lenten Prayer

God, our Creator,  
as we pray, fast and give to others during this Lenten season,  
help us to grow more trusting, more hopeful and more loving.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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### Prayer Room Content

#### Shaniyah (Class Faith)

Dear God thank you for life  
thank you for my friends  
thank you for everything .  
AMEN

#### Sparkayla (Class Wisdom)

Lord, I don't know what lay  
before me today, but I commit it  
all to You. Please give me  
strength and courage to get  
through the joys, challenges and  
happenings of the day. I thank  
You for my life and for all that I  
have; I commit this day to You.  
No matter what happens, I know  
You have me in the palm of Your  
hand. Amen

#### Kelsey (Class Hope)

Dear God,  
Thank you for this lovely special  
day,  
Thank you for helping us learn  
and participate in learning.  
Thank you for our guardian  
angel,  
Forgive us our sins.  
Thank you for another great  
Friday during Lent. Amen

#### Isaiah (Class Resilience)

Dear God  
help me to be the best that I can  
be and all the people that are  
sick  
and homeless people guide me

through 2024 . Amen

#### Levany (Class Hope)

Dear God, help us to love and  
another. Thank you for my family  
and friends. I also thank you for  
this world help Sudan, Russia  
and all the country's that are  
suffering because of war. Amen



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

### MARCH 2024

- Sunday 10th March** - Family Mass at OLSG church at 10.00am
- Wednesday 13th March** - Parent Consultation Charity, Compassion and Generosity  
Advent Reconciliation Service for Yr 3-6 in school
- Thursday 14th March** - Parent Consultation Hope, Truth and Wisdom
- Thursday 14th March** - Resilience Class Assembly 2.15pm - Upper Site
- Thursday 14th March** - School Nurse Drop in Session 10.00am-11.00am - Lower Site
- Monday 18th March** - Year 3 Trip to LSO, Barbican  
Non uniform day for pupils in St Patrick's House Team
- Tuesday 19th March** - Whole school end of term assembly in Church 1:30pm (Parents welcome)  
Governors' Visit Day
- Wednesday 20th March** - Year 6 Trip to All Hallows
- Wednesday 20th March** - Parent Consultation Gratitude, Faith and Curiosity
- Thursday 21st March** - Parent Consultation Resilience and Honesty
- Thursday 21st March** - Charity Class Assembly 2.15pm - Upper Site
- Friday 22nd March** - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Church - all classes to visit
- Wednesday 27th March** - Year 1 and 5 present the Stations of the Cross at 1.50pm (Parents welcome)
- Thursday 28th March** - Last day of Spring Term (finish 1 hour early)

### APRIL 2024

- Monday 15th April** - INSET Day - School closed for children
- Tuesday 16th April** - Children return to school

### Class Assemblies

Please check below for your child's class assembly and make a note in your diary. All parents/carers are welcome.

Class	Date
Resilience	14th March 2024 @ 2.15 pm
Charity	21st March 2024 @ 2.15pm
Faith	25th April 2024@ 2.15pm
Truth	2nd May 2024 @ 2.15pm
Generosity	9th May 2024 @ 2.15pm
Gratitude	16th May 2024 @ 2.15pm
Compassion	23rd May 2024 @2.15pm
Hope	13th June 2024 @ 2.15pm
Honesty	20th June 2024@ 2.15pm
Curiosity End of year Assembly	4th July 2024 @ 2.15pm

### School Nurse Drop-in Sessions

The School Nurse drop in sessions takes place on the 2nd Thursday of every month. The next drop in session is on **14th March 2024** between 10am- 11am. If you would like to see the school nurse, parents must book an appointment in advance via the school office or contact the School Nurse Teams' Single Point of Access on: 0300 033 620 or email: [thgpcg.wf0-19spa1@nhs.net](mailto:thgpcg.wf0-19spa1@nhs.net).

## World Book Day Gallery

