

St Vincent de Paul Catholic School – Newsletter

16th September 2016



Dear Parents,

Our Catholic Social Teaching theme this term will be **“We are called to live as family and Community”**. Jesus teaches us that we must recognise the importance of others in our lives so we can create a loving community where everyone can thrive. We witnessed the strength and power of our Catholic community in the overwhelming expression of sympathy and support for dear Elizabeth Ransom and her family.

During October, we will be gathering together daily to share in rosary devotions. During October we will also be celebrating Black History month, an opportunity to recognise the diversity of our school and God’s family.

Visiting author Joffre White

The author Joffre White came to visit our school on Thursday. Our newsletter team interviewed him. Joffre told us he was inspired by his son Chris to write a number of books called the Frog Series. He called the main character Frog because he liked the name. The fourth book in the Frog series is coming out next summer. Joffre likes magic, mystery, time travel and reading science fiction. Before he published his first book he was in a rock band and played bass guitar. He also did some acting. In his spare time he still likes to play music. Joffre likes reading in-between visits to schools. He says; “reading books is fun, if you don’t like it, put it down; pick another up”.

Joffre spoke to the whole school and followed this up with workshops in Years 5 and 6 on the key points of writing. We all enjoyed having Joffre here and he enjoyed being here. We hope to see him again in the future.

Year 6 visit to the Hindu temple

This week Year 6 visited a Hindu Temple in Watford. They were shown around a beautiful temple and dressed up in Hindu costumes. After the morning session a vegetarian lunch was served to the children. They had great biscuits, chips and bread. Samuel said: “We also saw some cows and bulls and were allowed to feed the cows.” They all agreed it was a great day.

Netball

There are still a couple of places for the Year 5 netball team, practice after school on Thursdays. Please see Mrs Levy in the school office.

PSA Thank You

Thank you to all those who attended our first meeting on Wednesday. We especially welcome the new parents who came along and contributed new ideas. Dates for forthcoming events will be published soon.

Pupil profile: New children in our school

Welcome to our school

Welcome to all the new children who have joined our school, including those who have joined in Reception and our Nursery. Samuel, Sophie and Mareesa joined in Key Stage 2: Samuel says “ This school is great. I like playing football with my friends.” Sophie says: “I like going on the equipment.” Mareesa said: “I have made lots of new friends and they take care of me.” We hope you enjoy the rest of your school life and have lots of fun.

Dear Lord,

We are thankful for the world God has created, and the wonderful things He has put in it. We pray for Elizabeth and her family, may they be blessed by God. Amen.

(Written by Honey Year 5)

PIRATE-THEMED MATHS DAY

Don’t forget this Monday, 19th September, we will be having a pirate-themed maths day at school. We would love the children to dress up as pirates for the day (no weapons or face paints please!). The children will be taking part in a workshop during the day and many other fun maths activities (funded by the PSA – thank you so much). We do not expect parents to go to any expense in purchasing pirate costumes - please use what you already have, e.g., a stripy t-shirt and old trousers. Use your imagination!



FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER – Coffee Morning

Everyone is invited to come along and meet our new school Family Support Worker, Lisa Lowe, on Monday 19th September, in the school dining room at 9.00am onwards. Come and have a cup of coffee, meet other parents and find out what a Family Support Worker does and the networks she can signpost you to.

Attendance this week

R: GI Mozart 97.3%	PL/TL O’Connor 98.6%
Yr 1: SC Mistral 96.3%	VH Stein 96.7%
Yr 2: AP Pasteur 94%	LMc More 98.7%
Yr 3: JC Hildegard 99%	CH Seacole 96%
Yr 4: DA Bonifacio 99.7%	AS/SH Michelangelo 97%
Yr 5: BH Agnesi 97.3%	GB Teresa 98%
Yr 6: EG Shakespeare 98%	RJ Tolkien 95.7%

Whole school 97.3% - Mr Arnese are this week’s best attendance, well done, Lenny is on his way.

