



Saint Christina's School Bulletin

Friday 17th November 2017

Happy 60th Birthday Fr Rudolf!

Today, Fr. Rudolf celebrated his 60th Birthday! The day started with his class and parents giving him presents, cakes and cards with heartfelt messages.

At morning break, the staff also gave him their presents, cards and a wonderful 'cat cake' baked by Mrs Franz.

In the afternoon, he celebrated a special Mass led by St Cecilia's House and the whole school sang Happy Birthday to him.



We send Fr Rudolf all our love and very best wishes for his birthday and for the rest of his celebrations to be held with family and friends.

Remembrance Mass

On Friday 10th November Year 3 led the Remembrance Day Mass. Isabella and I did the introduction. Remembrance Day is a special day to remember all those who have died during wars to keep us safe. We are lucky that there is no war in England. In some parts of the world people are still fighting wars. Everyone in Year 3 did an amazing job!

Alexia – Year 3

I took part in the Remembrance Day Mass on Friday 10th November. My role was to bring up a poppy wreath and hold it whilst my friend Nancy read out a sad poem. It was the time to remember people who have died during wars. To finish it all Beatrice from Year 6 played 'the Last Post' beautifully on the trumpet. It was a beautiful mass and it made me pause to think about how difficult life must have been for those living in times of war. My class were well behaved and we presented the mass very well.

Lara – Year 3



Year 6 'Three Little Pigs Assembly' Fundraiser

All children are invited to come to school on **Monday 20th November** dressed in pig colours (e.g. pink, black, white, brown etc.) – and with a (suggested voluntary) donation of £1 or more. All monies raised will be donated to CAFOD. Thank you for your support.

Anti-bullying Week

This week was anti-bullying week. Every class in the school had a lesson about what bullying is and how to stop it happening in our school.

These were some of the things that the children thought constituted bullying:

- Hurting someone by hitting or kicking them
- Making fun of someone
- Telling lies about what someone has said or done
- Making unkind comments about the way someone looks
- Pulling faces
- Using bad language
- Ignoring a person or refusing to let them join in with a game



We talked about the fact that in order for a person's actions to be called bullying they have to be repeated. Falling out with a friend one day and making up the next is not bullying. Being unkind to someone day after day *is* bullying.

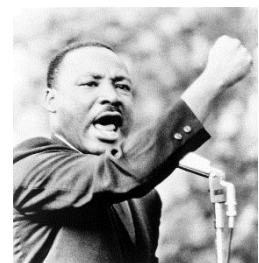
The children came up with some ideas about how we can beat bullying:

- Look out for the other children in your class
- Tell a teacher or someone you trust about what is happening
- Talk to the bully and tell them to stop
- If you can, ignore the bully
- If your friend is being bullied, go over and ask them if they would like to play with you or tell a teacher what you think is happening

People who are being bullied often feel very alone. It can feel as if no one cares or even that other people are on the bully's side if they don't speak up. If you think your friend is being bullied, say something! Speak to your friend, to a teacher or teaching assistant or another member of staff.

Year 5 Class Assembly

Black History Month was the theme for the Year 5's assembly this week. The stage opened with Martin Luther King's inspirational 'I have a Dream' speech, which changed the course of our world today. The audience thoroughly enjoyed learning about another significant, but less well known Black person, Sojourner Truth. She fought for so long and so hard for slaves to be freed, she even met the President of America, Abraham Lincoln, in 1864.



To the audience's delight, they found out about a whole array of famous Black people. My personal favourite was Nelson Mandela, who formed a political party called the A.N.C. He was a remarkable man because he fought courageously to get rid of apartheid in South Africa – a system where black and white people were separated.

An important moral was learnt during the showcase: Everyone is equal and no one is better than anyone else.

Imogen – Year 5

Reception Classes Assembly

On Tuesday morning, the Reception children put on a fantastic performance of the story “Aliens Love Underpants”.

They all said their lines clearly and with great enthusiasm. The children have all had so much fun learning the story and making their beautiful patterned underpants over the last few weeks, and their confidence really shone through!

Well done for an excellent first assembly, Reception!

Mrs Evans – Reception Class Teacher

Teacher Led Clubs

We will be trialling a new system to sign your child up for a place for the Spring term Teacher led clubs. Next **Friday 24th November**, all teacher led club letters will be added to our website. Please go to the Homepage, click on Extra Curricular & Enrichment, then click on Clubs. See below:

The screenshot shows the Saint Christina's School website. The header includes the school logo, name, and tagline "Where happy children are successful learners". Navigation links include HOME, ABOUT OUR SCHOOL, PASTORAL, ACADEMIC, EXTRA CURRICULAR & ENRICHMENT, ADMISSIONS, NEWS & DATES, and CONTACT. A dropdown menu is open under "EXTRA CURRICULAR & ENRICHMENT", showing options: FIT FOR SPORT, MUSIC, DRAMA, CLUBS (highlighted), and TRIPS AND OUTINGS. A banner features a photo of four children in school uniforms with the text "WHERE HAPPY CHILDREN ARE SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS". Below the banner are three buttons: "APPLICATION PROCESS" (with "ADMISSIONS" above it), "ETHOS AND AIMS" (with "ABOUT OUR SCHOOL" above it), and "OPEN MORNINGS" (with "ADMISSIONS" above it).

The letter will invite you to email the Club Leader to apply for a place. This will ensure that places are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, based on the time that emails are received. In addition, this system is more environmentally friendly as it will cut down on unnecessary paper use.

Details of Peripatetic Clubs (e.g. Art, Ballet, Irish Dancing, Yoga) will be sent to you separately via email. The Fit for Sport Clubs (e.g. Football, Running, Multisports Clubs) are paper copies that will be put into children's bags.

Pupil of the Week

Well done to:

Name	Class	Reason
Allegra	Reception AE	For amazing work with blending her sounds this week.
Eloise	Reception RP	For writing a fantastic sentence about Mercury.

Risha	Year 1 DB	For wonderful work on halving in Maths.
Margot	Year 1 RQ	For writing a very detailed report in Literacy on 'Owls'.
Lilly	Year 2 LS	For excellent work in all subjects and always trying her best.
Vassilissa	Year 3	For an exceptional improvement in her handwriting and for fantastic effort in all lessons.
Paloma	Year 4	For being so enthusiastic during our 'Talk for Writing' lessons and writing a fantastic diary entry on Malala's Magic Pencil.
Tansy	Year 5	For always listening carefully and using feedback to improve her work.
Violet	Year 6	For a great all round improvement in all areas.

Specialist Teachers Certificates

Miriam – Year 5	Spanish	For outstanding work in every Spanish lesson and for looking for new challenges.
Beatrice – Year 6	Music	For great determination and effort when performing in the Remembrance Mass.

Dates for your diary –

Please note that dates/timings are subject to change and additions

Date	Event
Monday 20 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 CAFOD Fundraiser • Year 6 Netball Fixture (away game)
Tuesday 21 st November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Taster Session for Parents – 3.40pm in Main Hall
Wednesday 22 nd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instrumental Assembly for Individual Instrumentalists – 9.00-11.00am (see schedule below) • Reception & Year 1 Classes Theatre trip
Thursday 23 rd November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miss Finlayson & Fr Rudolf visiting Channing School – am • Inter-House Quiz Competition • Year 5 Netball Fixture (away game)
Friday 24 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass led by Year 6 – 2.00pm
Wednesday 29 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instrumental Assembly for Ensembles (Little Voices, Junior & Senior Choirs, Orchestra and African Drumming) – 9.00-9.30am
Thursday 30 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 History Trip
Friday 1 st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS1 Nativity (Years 1 & 2) – 9.15am • Mass led by Year 4
Monday 4 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 5 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Nativity – 9.30am
Wednesday 6 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Classes Nativity – 9.15am Visiting Pantomime – ‘Scroogical’ (Reception to Year 6)
Thursday 7 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Lunch and Class parties (children may wear their party clothes to school) KS2 Carol Service – 7.00pm (KS2 parents only)
Friday 8 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12 NOON FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Wednesday 3 rd January 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff INSET
Thursday 4th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children return Nearly New Uniform Sale – 3.40pm in Main Hall
Monday 8 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extra-Curricular Clubs begin

See below for Instrumental Assembly Schedule

KS2 Instrumental and Vocal Solo Concerts Wednesday 22nd November 2017

Year 6 9.00am – 9.35am	Piano	Amelie G Tara M Isabel R
	Singing	Catherine E Olivia F Antonia B Arisa O
	Violin	Theodora J
	Cello	Isabel R
	Trumpet	Beatrice T

Year 3 9.35am – 9.55am	Piano	Arianna A Rima H Stella S Isabella B Lara M

		Sophia B Sophie M Alexandra O
	Singing	Arianna A Indira H Margot F
	Guitar	Amelia N
	Violin	Nancy O Stella S
	Cello	Indira h

Year 4 9.55am – 10.15am	Piano	Paloma L V Celine P Sakiko D Saachi P Clarissa P Isabella T
	Guitar	Pippa B Emily L
	Violin	Isabella T Mayako A

Year 5 10.15am – 10.40am	Piano	May A Anna T Grace M Constance v L Florence R
	Guitar	Natalie M
	Singing	Anna T
	Violin	Florence R

Jenny Finlayson

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Headteacher