



Saint Christina's School Bulletin

Friday 2nd February 2018

Year 5 visit the Ragged School

On Tuesday, Year 5 stepped back 130 years in time, to 1888, to find out more about the Victorian Era. We travelled by coach all the way to East London, dressed as poor, filthy and ragged children. To take things even further, we brought bread, jam and cheese in a small basket or tea towel, instead of modern lunches in plastic bags or boxes.

The Ragged School was founded by Dr Barnardo for those children who were unable to pay for an education in the Victorian times.



First we headed to the top floor where we examined various historical objects such as a hot water bottle, a washing 'machine', curling tongs, an iron stand and a cobbler's anvil. In this way, we learnt about how hard life was as a poor Victorian.



Secondly, we lined up to go to an authentic Victorian classroom. The classroom was L-shaped with rows of desks and benches running along the perimeter. A strict teacher called Mrs Poole was there to teach us how to write the Victorian alphabet, with letters which were made of twists, twirls and loops. She yelled 'Elbows off the desk!' and 'Stop fidgeting!' We were all scared out of our wits!

Compared with our classroom at Saint Christina's, the Victorian Ragged School was smaller, darker and the facilities were very basic. Also, Ms Donnelly is a lot kinder than Mrs Poole!

I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Ragged School Museum. I got a hands on experience about the hard, unfair and often cruel daily life which poor Victorians had to face. The experience in the classroom made me realise how lucky I am to live and learn in a far more comfortable environment.

By Jeanine – Year 5





Year 6s Make History!

It was a week to remember for Saint Christina's netball!

On Thursday, the Year 6 squad travelled to South Hampstead High School for the annual U11 Netball Tournament.

We were entered into a tough first group, up against Heathside, South Hampstead and Devonshire House. The girls performed brilliantly picking up two wins and a draw in order to successfully win the group.

Their attitude and determination to win continued to build as they progressed through the tournament, with the girls picking up some excellent wins.



In a tense final game, the girls showed some excellent netball skills and worked hard as a team throughout, finishing the tournament in 1st place!

Huge congratulations to the Year 6 squad for making history - they performed with wonderful spirit and resilience and were deservedly rewarded for their efforts.

Well done to Olivia Foster and Catherine Endres who had excellent defending and shooting skills and who won joint player of the tournament.

Miss Vicky and Mr Artur – Saint Christina's Sports Team

Intermediate Mathematics Challenge

On Thursday 1st February, seven children in Year 6 entered for the 2018 Intermediate Mathematics Challenge. This is a particularly challenging competition aimed principally at pupils in Years 9 to 11, so our children are showing enterprise and resilience in entering and persevering at the competition!

Results are not due for another 3-4 weeks – but we will certainly let you know our results when they come.

A problem that our children attempted today was: How many three digit numbers are increased by 99 when their digits are reversed? Any parent wishing to send in a solution to this question to Fr Rudolf is warmly invited to do so.

Fr Rudolf – Year 6 Class Teacher

Year 4 Trip to Camden Learning Centre

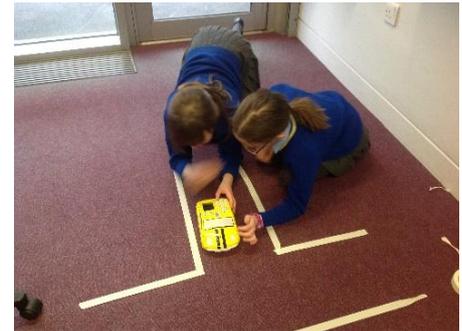
On Wednesday Year 4 travelled to the Camden Learning Centre where they were introduced to Probots.

The girls were thoroughly engaged through a number of different activities to “drive” their probot through various challenges to complete their driving licence! The girls enjoyed fitting a pen into the probot with the challenge of using their mathematical skills of estimating angles in order to programme it to draw their initial in one long sequence.



The highlight was the girls constructing their own road system (including road names, parking bays and dead-ends) which their probots could be navigated around using sensors. The girls cracked this challenge brilliantly and it was a joy to see them working together so well.

In the afternoon the children were introduced to Studio Code where they continued to develop their programming and mathematical skills, having entered certain algorithms in order to complete challenges and move on to different levels.



Miss Argles – Year 4 Class Teacher

Mass led by Year 4

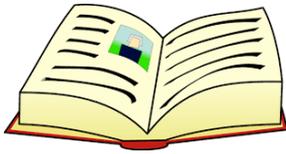
Last Friday Year 4 led a wonderful Mass about Saint Paul.

I was very proud of all the girls who read their parts clearly and with confidence. We had some wonderful acting of the first reading, the singing was as beautiful as ever and for the first time we used altar servers.

Very well done to all the girls in Year 4 and a special thanks to Sr. Noella for her help with organising the mass.

Miss Argles – Year 4 Class Teacher





Book Fair

The Book Fair will be arriving at Saint Christina's in early March, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. Please come and join us!

Nursery and Reception parents: **Friday 2nd March** in the Main Hall at 3.15-3.45pm

Year 1 and 2 parents: **Monday 5th March** in the Main Hall at 3.15-3.45pm

Year 3 and 4 parents: **Tuesday 6th March** in the Main Hall at 3.15-3.45pm

Year 5 and 6 children will be able to bring in money on **Wednesday 7th March** and purchase books during the School day.

Wednesday 7th March 3.15-3.45pm in the Main Hall will be a last chance to buy books for **ALL** parents.

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £3, there is sure to be a book for everyone.

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get **free books** for our School Library.

Miss Argles – Literacy Co-ordinator

DATE CHANGE – The KS1 & 2 Gymnastics Club Display will now take place on **Wednesday 7th March** at **9.15am** and not on Thursday 22nd February.

Online Safety Workshop & Information Evening – WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY

Please email headteacherspa@saintchristinas.or.uk to confirm your attendance at our Online Safety Workshop for Parents at 6.00pm followed by School Information Evening from 7.00pm. Thank you to all parents who have already replied.

REMINDERS / HEALTH & SAFETY

- We respectfully ask Parents not to take photographs during the Mass as it is a religious service. Thank you.
- Please check your child's school bag for notes about accidents.

Pupil of the Week

Well done to:

Name	Class	Reason
Emilia	Reception AE	For fantastic writing of bear facts in her information leaflet.
Riku	Reception RP	For amazing effort in guided reading.
Owen	Year 1 DB	For excellent commitment and enthusiasm towards Mathematics.
Julie	Year 1 RQ	For brilliant story writing.
Charlotte	Year 2 LS	For a fantastic effort in creative writing and using some excellent description.

Sienna	Year 3	For showing perseverance and resilience when solving Maths problems.
Whole Class	Year 4	For an excellent class Mass about Saint Paul.
Neha	Year 5	For showing determination and perseverance when ordering and rounding decimals.
Amelie S	Year 6	For consistent excellence in all areas.

Specialist Teachers Certificates

Marta – Year 2 Nancy – Year 3 Vassilissa – Year 3 Tansy – Year 5	Spanish	For working very hard to improve their Spanish writing.
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Dates for your diary

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

Date	Event
Monday 5 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Class Assembly – 9.00am Year 5 & 6 Science trip
Tuesday 6 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Classes History trip Parent/Child Learning Reviews – Years 1 – 5 (Session 1) 8.15-8.40am
Wednesday 7 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inter-School Quiz Championships (Four selected pupils) Primary Mathematics Challenge – Final Round (for selected pupils) Online Safety Workshop for Parents/Carers (Nursery to Year 6) – 6.00pm followed by Information Evening from 7.00pm
Thursday 8 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parent/Child Learning Reviews – Years 1 – 6 (Session 2) 8.15-8.40am
Friday 9 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inter-House Singing Competition SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.30PM FOR THE HALF-TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 19 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and Staff return London Youth Games U12 Netball Fixture
Wednesday 21 st February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Netball Competition – Years 5 & 6
Thursday 22 nd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gymnastics Display – Years 5 & 6 – 9.15am
Friday 23 rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NO MASS
Tuesday 27 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception AE Class Assembly – 9.00am Year 5 Music trip

Wednesday 28 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception Classes Parent/Child Learning Reviews (letter to follow) • IAPS Netball Tournament (selected Year 5 & 6 pupils)
Thursday 1 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Book Day
Friday 2 nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Author (Karen Inglis) visiting • Mass led by Year 1 – 2.00pm
Saturday 3 rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belmont Netball Tournament – Year 5
Tuesday 6 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery Open Evening for current parents – 6.00pm (Parents only)
Wednesday 7 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 & 4 and KS1 & 2 Club Gym Display – 9.15am • Year 6 Netball Tournament
Friday 9 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mother's Day Mass – 2.00pm
Monday 12 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science Week
Tuesday 13 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Solo Concerts – 9.00-10.00am
Wednesday 14 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Morning for Prospective Parents – 9.15-11.30am • Year 5 Netball Tournament
Thursday 15 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Link Quiz Night
Friday 16 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 First Reconciliation
Tuesday 20 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents' Evening (Reception to Year 5) 4.00-8.00pm
Wednesday 21 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 Science trip
Monday 26 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO EXTRA-CURRICULAR OR TEACHER LED CLUBS THIS WEEK
Wednesday 28 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12 NOON FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS
Wednesday 18 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff INSET
Thursday 19 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pupils return

Jenny Finlayson

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