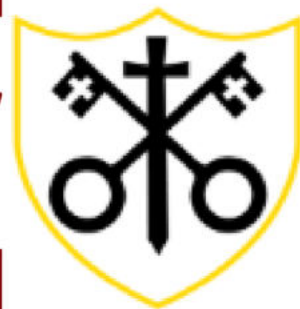




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Dear Parents and Friends,

And so the month of October has begun with a bang and not just one but two classes receiving the much coveted attendance award for 100% attendance this week. Well done to St. Joseph and St. Maximilian classes!

Early this week we enjoyed a fantastic launch of our Black History Month celebrations in an assembly led by Miss McGill and pupils. Children reminded us of some of the great female pioneers across the globe who have helped shaped history or made a positive contribution.

Well done to Y1 children for their beautiful pupil led liturgy reminding us of the importance of family. Thank you to all the pupils and staff involved in preparing the children for this and to parents we hope you enjoyed watching them.

Y4 St Francis of Assisi Class celebrated their Feast day this week. St Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals and the environment and the feast day could not have been made more special when Our Holy Father, Pope Francis took inspiration from him and published his Apostolic Exhortation, *Laudate Deum* (meaning "Praise God"), eight years after his first Encyclical Letter- *Laudato Si'*. Here he encourages us, his brothers and sisters, to care for our common home especially during our climate crisis. He believes we should all rise to the challenges afflicting our world today as time is running out and an irreversible damage to our planet has already been done. Please click on the link to read more.

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

Thank you to many of our Y1 parents who attended the Phonics Coffee Shop morning to hear from Mrs Smith-Norris about a number of different strategies you can use to support at home with early reading. We hope you found the information useful. Further to this, our brand new reading scheme as finally arrived in school, I would like to particularly thank you as parents for always supporting the school during fund-raising events as your generous contributions have helped make this happen. More information coming soon.

Have a very blessed and wonderful weekend,

Mrs Atkinson-Aransiola
Headteacher



Important dates:

- 10th Oct- World Mental Health Day
- 10th Oct- Y4 trip to Wimbledon Bookfest
- 11th Oct- Y2 Liturgy (Parents welcome)
- 12th Oct- Jamie Knight Freestyle Football visiting school
- 13th Oct- Y5 & Y6 Trip to Wimbledon Bookfest
- 13th Oct- Mufti Day (with the exception of Y5 & Y6 who will have their Mufti Day on Thursday 12th).

ATTENDANCE MATTERS School Target- 96%

GOLD AWARD
Rec - St Joseph 100%

GOLD AWARD
Y4 - St Maximillian 100%

SILVER AWARD
Y5 St Josephine- 99.2%

BRONZE AWARD
Y1 - St Brigid- 98.3%

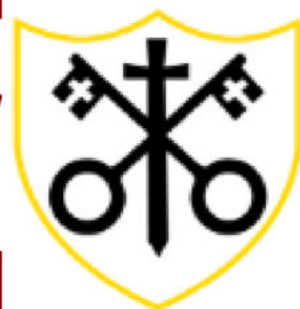
Class Attendance:

Nur - St Mary 95.9%
Y2 - St Clare - 97.5%
Y3 - St Marie Milleret- 97.8%
Y4 St Francis- 95.7%
Y6 St Daniel - 86.9%
Y6 St Joan - 97.5%



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WALK the WILBERFORCE WALK- Wimbledon to Westminster ... (or as far as you want to go!)

Help raise funds for **The Salvation Army Big Collection** which will support today's victims of modern slavery.

Anti-Slavery Day: Sunday 15th October 2023

The WILBERFORCE WALK starts in his Wimbledon home and takes us to significant places in the long road to the abolition of slavery at Westminster. The story will hopefully inspire you and show you how you can play your part in the story of fighting modern slavery today. Departs from Wimbledon Station at 10am. Letter with details shared shortly.



Faces & Places A Black History Month Photographic Competition for Merton Schools

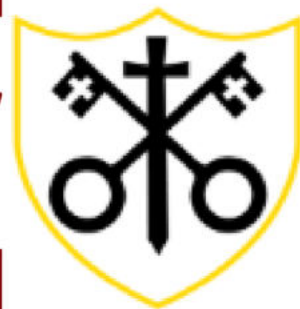
Many of you would have seen a recent competition shared by Miss McGill from the Merton Heritage Service asking children to share a photo of family and friends, to places, events and sport. From the few entries received, we have some successful entrants who will be accompanying Miss McGill tomorrow for a special launch event. I will share with you next week how they got on.





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Catholic Life of the school

St Francis of Assisi Feast Day

Wearing purple to mark the occasion, Year 4 celebrated their class feast day by reminding themselves of their class Saint, Saint Francis of Assisi. In their liturgy, they listened to the prayer associated with Saint Francis- *'Make me a channel of your peace'* and they made promises to show how they can bring about peace.



Year 1 Class Liturgy

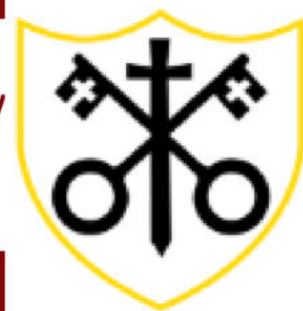
Thank you and congratulations to our Year 1 class, St Brigid, for their wonderful liturgy on Wednesday. Year 1 reflected on their loved ones and how they show that they care for us. Thank you again to the parents that came out to support them, despite their initial fears of performing in front of an audience their little lights shone through as they sang.





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Pupil Voice

Well done to all our Y6 children who put themselves forward to be the voice and representative for children across the school. All the children were involved in the election process and after counting all the votes the Head boy and Head girl was announced.



Head Girl
Paloma



Head Boy
Jonathan



Prefect
Francesca



Prefect
Jason



Prefect
Bethany



Prefect
Christopher

We are delighted to announce our new **Head Boy, Jonathan**, and **Head Girl, Paloma**. They will play a key role in the school community and will lead a team of prefects and class representatives. Jonathan and Paloma will act as role models and figureheads in our school. They will represent the school at a wide variety of events and work with a team of carefully selected prefects to help ensure the smooth running of our school council and improvements to the school. They will assist staff, support younger students, help to maintain our high standards, organise events and represent the school in the community.

Coffee Morning Key Dates

- **Wednesday 18th October 'Building Confidence Through the Primary Years'**
- **Wednesday 8th November 'Supporting Big Emotions'**

The workshops listed above will be delivered by two **Merton Child Well-Being Practitioners**. They will be held in the spare Year 5 classroom and will start promptly at 9:05am



If you would like to sign up please email Mrs Bimson on:

inclusion@sspp.merton.sch.uk