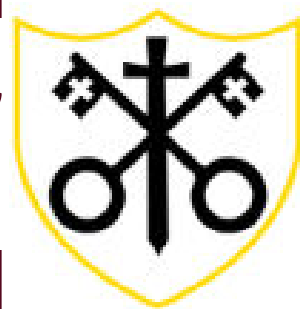




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Dear Parents and Friends,

What an exciting day it has been! Today we welcomed into our school and our assembly this morning a very special guest who is also a next door neighbour to our school, The Worshipful, the Mayor of Merton, Gill Manly. The Mayor was very keen to visit our school having heard about all of the wonderful things we had been doing. Many of you will remember that some of our pupils had entered a Places and Faces competition back in October that was run by the Mayor and quite a few of our pupils deservingly won. In fact one of our pupils' artwork was her favourite. Well, a week or so after the competition we received some fantastic news. Please read more about the Mayor's visit on page 2.

Congratulations to our NED winners this week: Chimamanda (St Joseph); Blanka (St Brigid); Daniyal (St Clare); Jarrell (St Marie); Ana (St Maximillian); Ava (St Francis); Joel (St Josephine); Jonathon (St Daniel), Bethany (St Joan). Our PE NED champions: Nathan (St Josephine) and Alexander (St Clare) and finally our Music NED champions: Joel V (St Joseph) and Chris (St Daniel). Again 8th time champions St Maximillian for their attendance award.



'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things; I will trust you with greater.'

Matthew 25: 23

This week's Gospel is very fitting to our call of duty from the Mayor. In the parable of the talents, Jesus tells a story, about three servants who were given talents by their master. In the time of Jesus a piece of gold was called a 'talent' and it was worth a lot of money, maybe as much as a million pounds today. The first and second servants used the money to sell items so they could make more money. The master was disappointed by the third servant who buried his money in the ground and didn't use it well. A talent can also mean our gifts or abilities- something special and amazing that God give us and he wants us to know His love for us. Let us think about this week how we can love God back by using our gifts and showing love to others.

Lord Jesus Christ, creator and giver of the light of each day; we bless you for your generous gifts, and thank you for the talents you have entrusted to us. May we use them wisely in your service. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendour of creation and in the beauty of human life. Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, to share our blessings with our sisters and brothers, and to experience the joy of life in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you hit the dance floor at our PTA school disco tonight, A huge thank you to you and your families for continuing to support these events.

Mrs Atkinson-Aransiola
Headteacher



Important dates:

20th- Y3/ Y4/ Y5 Assessment Week

21st- British Transport Police visit Y6

22nd- Y5 Gaelic Football team out at Primary School Blitz Finals

22nd- Y5 Semi Finalists out at Covent Garden Challenge Finals

24th- Chocolate Mufti Day- bring in £1 or a box of chocolates

24th - Y5/6 Football Borough Championships.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

School Target- 96%

Total this week: 96.6%

GOLD AWARD

Y4-Maximillian 99%

SILVER AWARD

Y5 St Josephine 98.8%

BRONZE AWARD

Y2-St Clare 98.3%

Class Attendance:

Y4- St Francis 96.6%

Y6- St Daniel 96.4%

Y6- St Joan 96.4%

Y3- St Marie Milleret 96.2%

REC- St Joseph- 96%

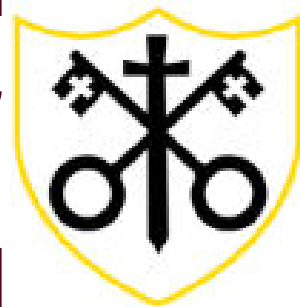
Y1-St Brigid- 95%

NUR- St Mary 89.8%



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A special visit from the Mayor

Over the last few weeks we have had many local councillors visit our school to share their stories of how they help those in our local community. Today, was even more special as we welcomed The Worshipful, The Mayor, Gill Manly to our school. A close neighbour to our school, Madam Mayor has been keen to visit our school having heard many wonderful things about us.

After the Black History Month Faces and Places Competition which many of our pupils participated in and some deservingly won, we received a very special letter from the Mayor announcing that SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School will be designing the Christmas card for the borough of Merton this year and there's more... she would like our school choir to perform at her Christmas charity event on 15th December- WOW! This is such a privilege and honour! And we would like to thank Madam Mayor for giving us this opportunity to showcase our pupils' many talents far and wide.

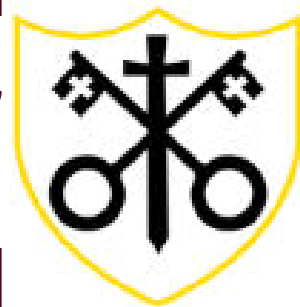
Madam Mayor was also impressed by the strong message given by our newly appointed Eco warriors in assembly today - a cause that is very close to her heart, she awarded the team with their ECO warrior badges which I'm sure they will wear with pride.





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Catholic Life of the school

Shoebox Appeal 2023- Operation Christmas Child

A simple shoebox gift packed with love and fuelled by prayer can have a huge impact!

Last week, we asked for your support to the charity Samaritan's Purse-Operation Christmas Child, who are collecting shoe box gifts for children around the world. We were overwhelmed with your help and generous gift donations, our chaplaincy team have been very busy packing the shoeboxes ready for collection today.

Thank you to all of our families who helped support our Christmas appeal and help other children around the world who are less fortunate than ourselves.

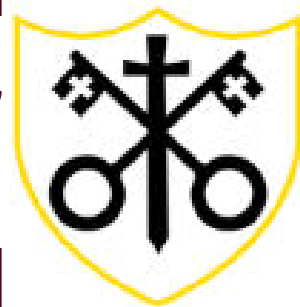
You will be giving unimaginable excitement and hope to children around the world.





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Catholic Life of the school

Eco Warriors and Laudato Si

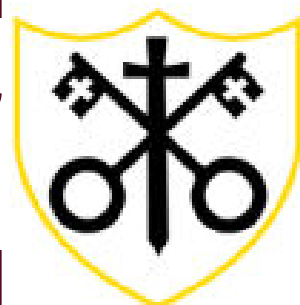
Our newly appointed Eco team, led by Mr Genuardi, reminded us of Pope Francis' encyclical- Laudato Si and to look after our common home- planet Earth. The Eco warriors and Madam Mayor posed thought provoking questions on what we can do to help within our school and local community eg. pick up litter, turn of our car engines to reduce Co2 emissions when dropping children to school, stop wasting paper and recycle or waste.





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Anti-Bullying Week

Odd Socks Day

To kick off Anti-Bullying week, we joined the Odd Socks initiative on Monday 13th November. Children wore odd socks to school as a way of celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion, a symbolic gesture that serves as a reminder that being different is something to be proud of. We designed our own socks to reflect our personality.



School Council Assembly

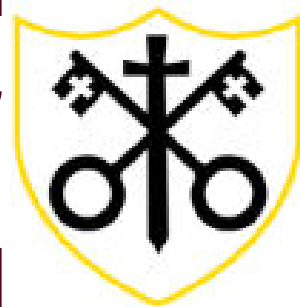
Thank you to our Head Girl Paloma, Head Boy Jonathan and Prefects, Bethany, Jason, Francesca and Chris for their fantastic assembly to launch the Anti-bullying week.





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Curriculum News

Year 2 and Year 5 Reading workshop

Thank you to the many parents that could join us this week for our rescheduled Reading Parent workshops, we hope you found the sessions useful and packed with strategies you can use to support your child at home.

Covent Garden Challenge

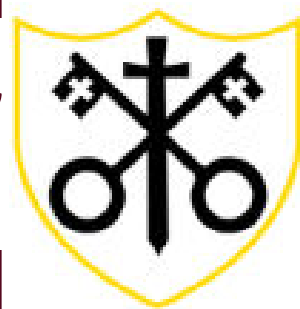
Yesterday, 16th November, two teams from Y5 attended the annual Covent Garden Enterprise Challenge at Ursuline High School. They were joined by many other catholic primary schools in Merton. Supported by a group of Year 12 students testing their leadership skills the Y5 pupils had to come up with an innovative new product for the Covent Garden Apple Market in a fantastic opportunity designed for younger children to work on their enterprise, creativity and problem solving skills. The Y5 pupils presented their ideas in front of peers and a panel of judges. Congratulations to both teams for taking part: Esmee, Kimblerley, Oscar, Daniel, Evie, Jenso, Amanda, Jennifer, Max, Isaiah, Adam, Dominik



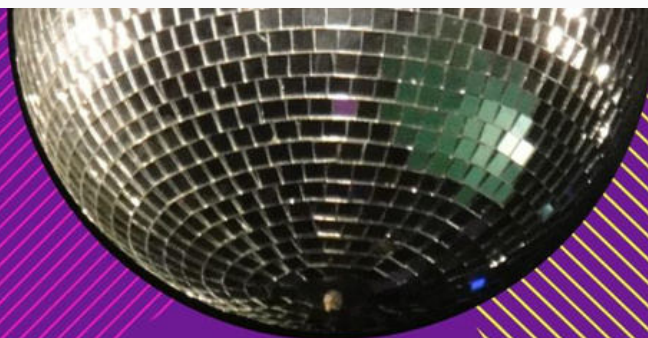
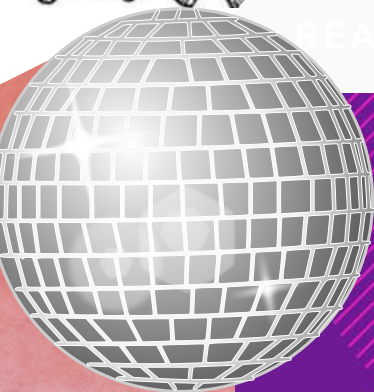


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READING FOR **PTA News** PURE PLEASURE



THE SSPP PTA PRESENTS

CHILDREN'S DISCO

Nursery 3.15- 4.15
Y1- Y3 - 4.30- 5.30
Y4- Y6 - 5.45- 7pm

17th November 23
Free glow stick included

TIME TO PARTY!!

£3 PAY VIA PARENTPAY. MORE
INFORMATION VIA PARENTMAIL





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Community News

MITCHAM'S
WINTER WEEKEND

Mitcham Fair Green and Market Square

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 3-8pm
FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 3-8pm
SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 12-8pm
SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 11-4pm

Event includes:
Ice rink • Live music
Christmas makers market
Food • Plus more!

Scan QR code for more details

Towards
Employment

