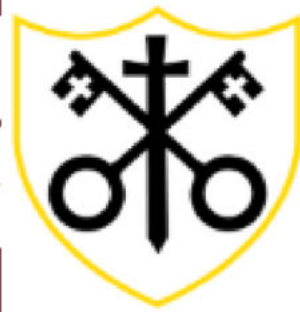




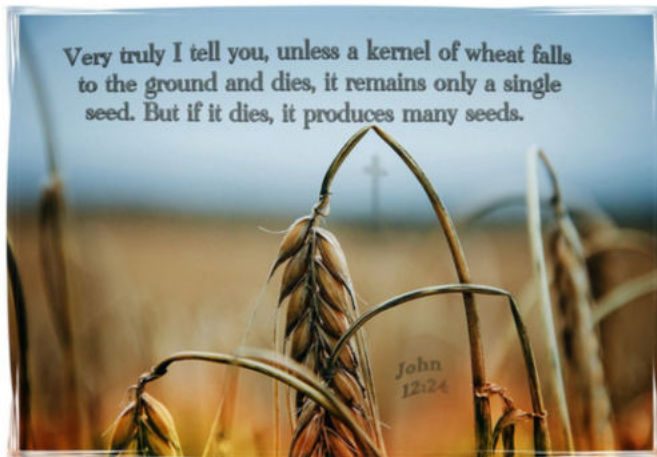
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Dear Parents and Friends,

We hope you enjoyed receiving and reading your child's mid year progress reports last week and found these to be informative of your child's attainment and progress thus far. Any queries regarding your child's learning development, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's class teacher.



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of the grain of wheat, which dies to produce rich crop, to show us that his death was necessary if many were to receive eternal life. Through this gospel, Jesus is also encouraging his disciples to follow him- to give him first place in their lives. This message is for each and everyone of us too! Jesus wants us to make following him our most important priority. Choosing to follow him is not always easy and demands commitment. But it helps our families to keep growing in love and leads us to happiness in this life.

Thank you for your continuing support with putting our faith in action and making sure that those with very little are supported and shown love. We would appreciate your support with the KS1 Lent Cake Sale which will raise money for the Catholic Children's Society (CCS). If you could please bring cakes to school that would be much appreciated.

Enjoy a very special time with your families this weekend, I wish all of our families the most joyous of St Patrick's Day celebrations this Sunday.

Mrs Atkinson-Aransiola
Headteacher

**HAPPY
ST. PATRICK'S
DAY**



Important dates:

17th- St Patrick's feast Day

19th- St Joseph Feast Day
(Reception children to wear a purple accessory)

19th- Year 5 (St Josephine)
to attend Church Mass. **THEY
MUST BE IN SCHOOL FOR
8.30am**

20th - Nursery's Mitcham
Library Visit 10am-11.30am

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

School Target- 96%
Total this week: 95.2%

GOLD AWARD

Y4- St Maximillian 99.5%

SILVER AWARD

Y1 St Brigid 98.3%

BRONZE AWARD

REC-St Joseph 96.4%

Class Attendance:

Y2- St Clare 96.3%
Y4- St Francis 96.2%
Y3- St Marie 94.7%
Nur- St Mary 94.6%
Y6- St Daniel 93.2%
Y6- St Joan 91.7%
Y5 St Joseph 90.6%



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Catholic life of the school

Saint Patrick's Feast Day - 17th March

During the 15th century, 16 year old Patrick was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland. Six years later he escaped, returned to his family and became a priest. He later returned to Ireland to share the Gospel and became known as the 'Apostle of Ireland'. According to legend, Patrick taught the Irish about the Holy Trinity using the three leafed plant called a shamrock. He explained that like the plant had three leaves but was one plant, so God is three persons in one: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The shamrock shown below is now a central symbol of St Patrick's day, as he is the Patron Saint of Ireland.



This is a version of a prayer St Patrick prayed:

Christ is before me
Behind me,
He's over me
And under me
Christ is within me,
With me

All around, He lives in me
Overshadows me,
Morning, day and night
Thanks be to the Lord of all
creation.

Amen

St Patrick pray for us

Happy
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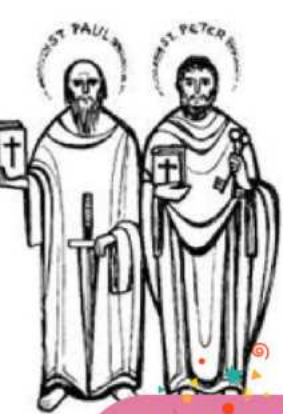


Year 4 Pupil-led Liturgy

This week our St Maximilian and St Francis classes (Year 4) celebrated their giving and receiving liturgy with us. The children have been studying the sacrament of Holy Eucharist- Holy Communion.

To receive the Holy Communion means being in union with Christ and with one another. Year 4 shared thoughtful messages about the gifts Jesus gave us, the sacrifices he made and ways which we can try to be more like him. Well done to our pupils for a beautiful liturgy.





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Royal Albert Hall

Oh what a night! It'll certainly be one the children will remember for years to come with all those happy memories made yesterday.

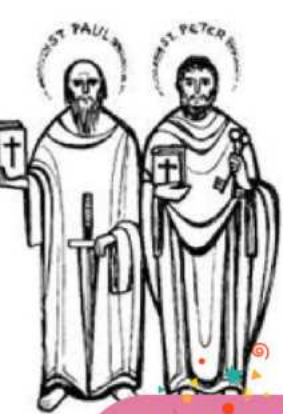
The 'Change is Coming' show at the Royal Albert Hall on Monday evening was nothing short of spectacular. The combined talent of around 1,500 young people and their teachers was displayed at its very best, with professional musicians joining them to produce a truly amazing event. All organised by our local music hub, Merton Music Foundation, who are (in our opinion) the best in London.

After many weeks and months of rehearsing for the big night, our wonderful Year 5 children (St Josephine class) did us all proud and sang their hearts out. The specially commissioned piece, 'Turning Points', by London composer Pete Churchill, told the story of the significant changes in our world over the years through a selection of fantastic songs. One of our favourites, 'Up to the Cloud', had everyone dancing along together, filling the auditorium with a party atmosphere.

We are very proud of our children's musical abilities here at SS Peter & Paul and also very grateful that we have 'once in a lifetime' opportunities like this one. It's so wonderful to see how communities and generations are united through the power of music and the joy this brings to all.

A special thanks to Mrs Nassim, Ms McGill, Mrs New and Mrs Aransiola and a huge thank you to everyone for all your support with the RAH this year and for coming to watch the show - it was incredible!





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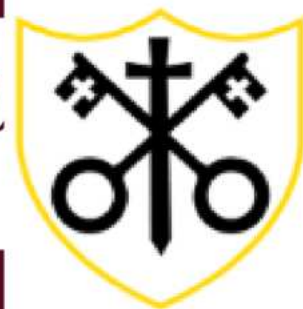
Thank you to everyone who came out to support us.





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Curriculum News



Author Visit Nick Carter



Nick Carter, the explorer and adventurer, came to school on Thursday to talk about his amazing adventures, like climbing Mount Everest and trekking through the Amazon rainforest with remote tribes.

Nick used his amazing adventures to teach children how to take more courageous decisions in life; and how kindness, bravery and resilience can be used to make every day more meaningful.

Nick has published his first children's book (£12) that tells the stories behind his biggest adventures to date and explains how to develop important adventure values yourself.

The book also nudges children to go out and experience these values through age-appropriate missions. If you'd like to order a copy for your own young adventurer, you can order a copy online at www.amazingadventures.org.

The book is **only** available through the website and all orders close one week after Nick's visit. Any books ordered will be delivered to our school and will be distributed to the children.





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Achievement & Success

NED CHAMPIONS THIS WEEK ARE:

ST JOSEPH- MINOSKA
ST BRIGID- JOSIAH
ST CLARE- AUSTIN
ST MARIE- JASMINE
ST MAXIMILLIAN- DANIELLE
ST FRANCIS- ASHLEY
ST JOSEPHINE- JENNIFER
ST DANIEL- SORAYA
ST JOAN- SOLOMON

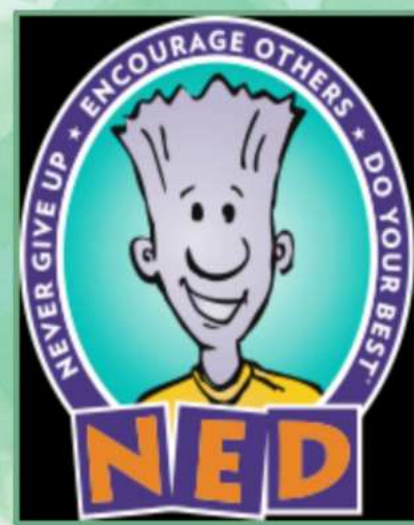
PE NED CHAMPIONS ARE:

ALEXA V (ST MARIE)
GODSWILL (ST CLARE)

MUSIC NED CHAMPIONS ARE:

JOEL A (ST BRIGID)
CHLOE (ST MARIE)

Congratulations to all of our Ned Champions on their incredible achievements and talents this week.



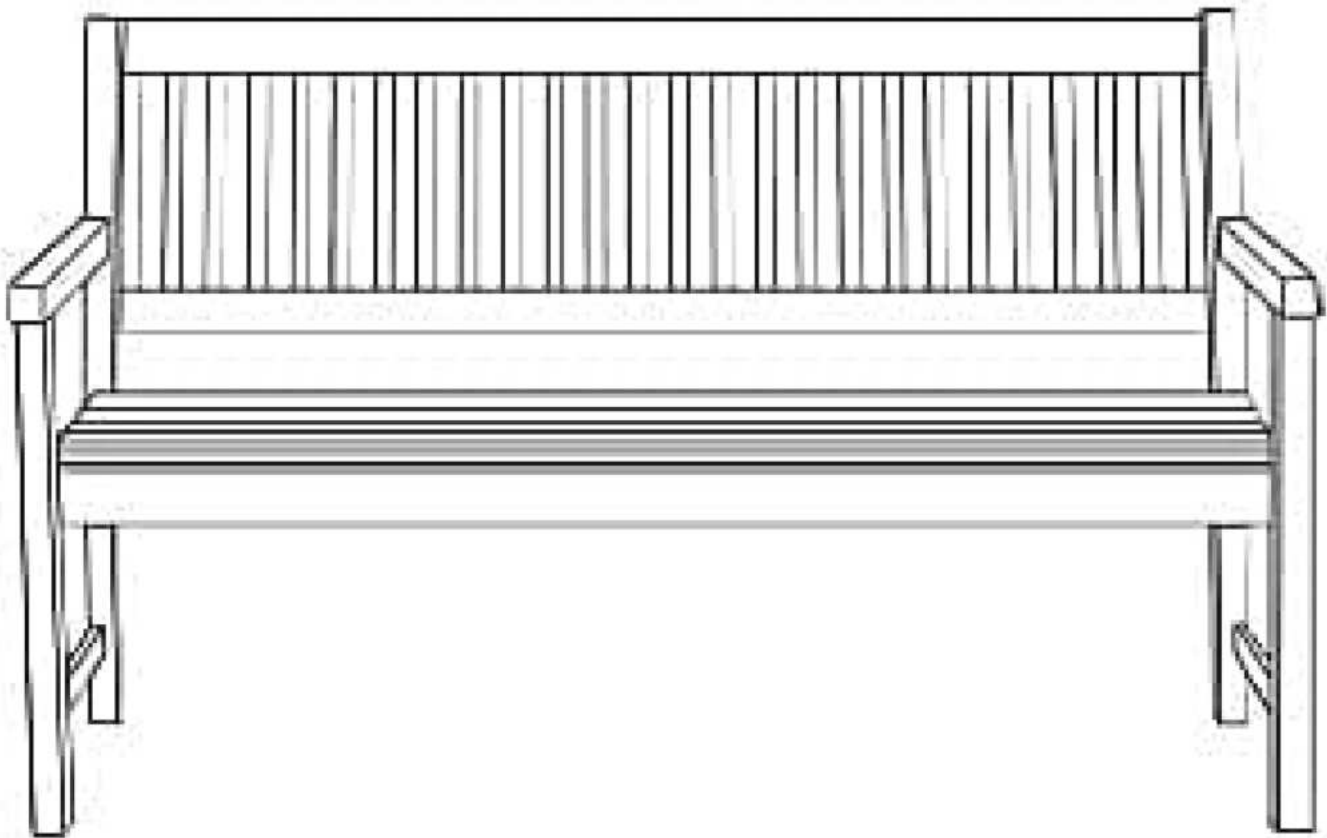


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School council



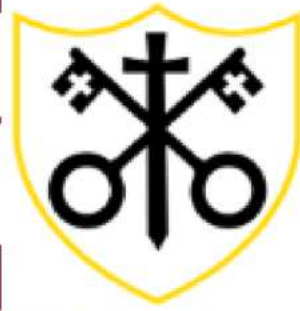
Friendship Bench Competition

Our School Council has been thinking of brilliant ideas of how we can support and promote well-being in school. One of their amazing ideas is to have a friendship bench in the playground. The friendship bench is a place where children can sit if they feel sad, worried or feeling a little bit lonely. It's a great way for children to make new friends and understand the feelings of others. **Please create your design and hand it in to your School Council Rep by Friday 22nd.**



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Community News



It is with great sadness that we share the loss of our beloved school DJ Sean Scanlon. Sean was a constant feature during our summer fete and school discos for over 13 years .

His balloon modelling and playful demeanour always entertained us. He was skilled at engaging with all pupils in every year group who loved the games he organised during our discos.

We all loved the last disco that he attended especially the limbo dance that he even encouraged staff and parents to join in.

He will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by all of us PTA, students, staff and parents.

We send our deepest condolences to his family at this time.