

St. Joseph's Home-School-Parish

Weekly Newsletter

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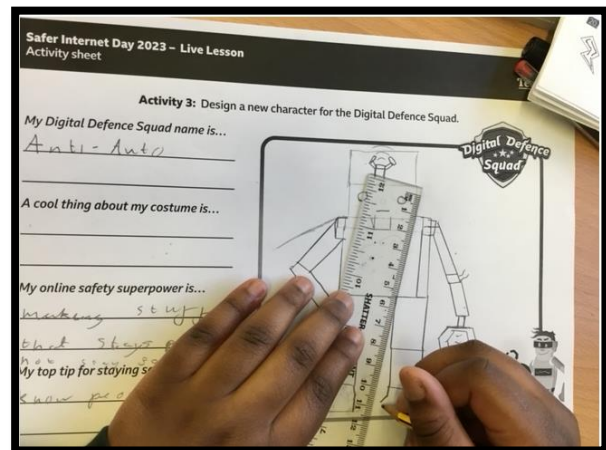
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This half term has been a really busy time. We've had lots going on – trips to the Science Museum and the BFI. We thoroughly enjoyed the Christmas panto. Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the Number Day parent workshop and "Read with your children" weekly parents sessions.

Have a fantastic half term!
Miss Long

**Rest.
Relax.
Reflect.**

In Year 4, we followed the live lesson on the BBC and created our own Safer Internet Day characters for the Digital Defence Squad. Each character has a super power that makes being online a safer place!

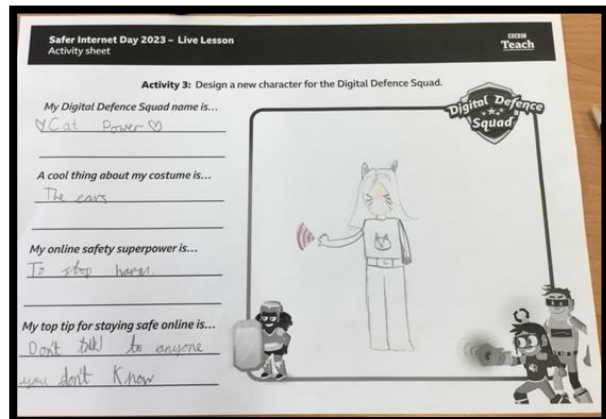


Half Term Free Lunches

Any child in Royal Greenwich can get a free lunch this half-term as the Council's holiday meal scheme returns to libraries and leisure centres.

Grab a healthy, nutritious packed lunch throughout the week, with no forms or fuss. Just turn up and tuck in!

Serving times vary so check our website for details. www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/holidaymeals



Coffee Morning for Parents of Children with Special Educational Needs

Being a parent of a child with special educational needs can be challenging at times. We will be holding 'coffee mornings' where you can come and meet other parents/carers of children that have additional needs. This is an opportunity to share your thoughts and provide each other with support. The first coffee morning will be on **Thursday 9th March at 9am-10am**. We look forward to seeing you there. Feel free to drop-in or stay a bit longer and enjoy a coffee!



Free Counselling Sessions for Parents



Juggling family and relationships with home and work commitments can put a strain on mental health. This can be especially true if you are supporting a child with their own mental health or if you are experiencing divorce, illness, separation, financial difficulties or bereavement. With the practicalities of day-to-day life, it can be easy to forget to look after your own wellbeing needs, which can lead to feelings of stress or being overwhelmed.

Are you going through divorce, separation or bereavement? Do you need help with anxiety or depression? Would it be helpful to talk through worries about your situation with a counsellor? For a short period of time, parents can access a counsellor at no cost. A counsellor is available on Thursdays either remotely, via telephone or in person at school. If you are interested, please speak with Miss Maciejewski for more information.



This week we celebrated and raised money for NSPCC Number Day! Children were asked to dress up in their best Number Day outfits and parents and carers were invited in to school to take part in Maths challenges with their children.

This Week



Olivia Y3

Arthur Y6

Elsie Y1

Miss Lopez



Rainbow Awards

10th February 2023

Rec – Dennis, Nadia

Year 1 – Elijah, Tiana

Year 2 – Sola, Oscar

Year 3 – Kaiden, Maggie

Year 4 – Melvin, Lara

Year 5 – Harri Leigh, Nishanya

Year 6 – Somto, Terrie

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!



To order your child's school uniform from our online supplier, click [here](#) with free delivery to school.



Good time keeping at our school means...

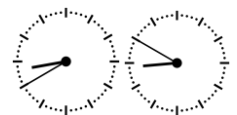
...being in school, on time, every day, ready to learn.



Poor punctuality – less chance of success

Very poor punctuality – serious impact on education and reduced life chances

DID YOU KNOW? If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed 2 full weeks of school in one year?



Arriving after **08:50** negatively impacts on social & academic development and does not allow for a calm and relaxed start to the day.



School success starts with attendance

As a school we aim for pupils to achieve 100% attendance or as close as possible. Evidence shows strong attendance directly links to a child achieving their full potential. Through working together, we can ensure that your child receives a full-time education, through regular and structured attendance.

While it is understandable that there may be a number of legitimate reasons why your child's attendance may be affected, it remains essential that all children attend school as often as possible and are not absent for minor coughs and colds.

Last week's Whole School attendance: 91.4%

Keeping attendance above 95% allows pupils to achieve their potential.

Last week's highest attendance:

Year Y6 – 98.5%

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

Number of Lates
30.01 – 03.02

Group	Lates
Reception	13
Year 1	14
Year 2	14
Year 3	7
Year 4	12
Year 5	6
Year 6	10

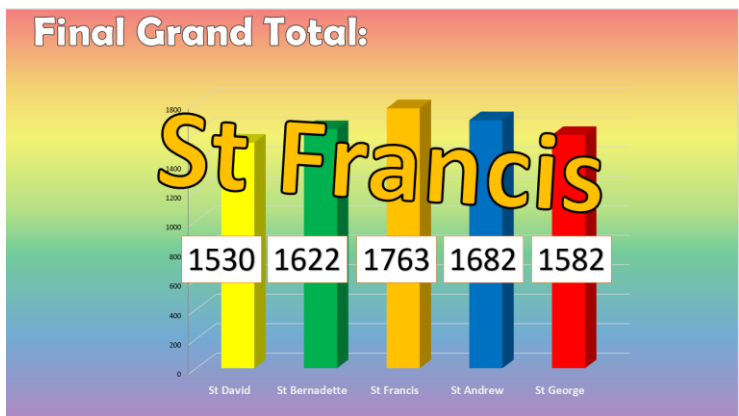
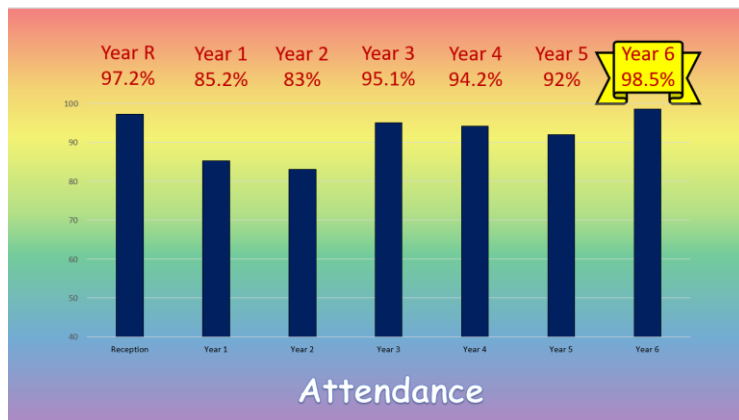
Gardening

With Spring approaching we are thinking about our outside areas. One area in particular is the area outside of the hall. The children will be thinking about how they would like to use it and may need volunteers to help make this happen. If you are able to spare anytime during lunchtimes or after school please leave your name at the office as we may be able to accommodate a gardening club. Thank you for your support.

Matthew 5:20-22A, 27-28, 33-34A, 37



Jesus said to his disciples: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with brother will be liable to judgment. "You have heard that it was said, *You shall not commit adultery.* But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. "Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.* But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."



Year Three Daniel

Year Four Lola Y

Year Five

Year Six

Officially UNOFFICIAL MTC Spring Edition

Amarachi Munachimso
Abu, Chloe, Melvin, Theo, Freda, Carolina & Lola Y.

Inclusion

- 📌 Last week, all classes from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in online 'kindness workshops.' The children created a special card and messages to a real child in need of kindness.



During half-term it is "Random Acts of Kindness Week." Please click on the link for more information and you could win our school a kindness bench!

<https://schoolofkindness.org/kindnesschallenge?>

We have also been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. On Monday, Miss Maciejewski introduced the week during assembly, with the theme "Making Connections." Lots of children have been making connections this week – playing together and helping each other. Many children came to school "Dressed to Express!" We saw different coloured ribbons in each plait, positive affirmation messages on t-shirts, hearts on tops, clothes which represented something that children liked.



There are so many ways to connect with others, and the world around us. While connection means something unique and different to each of us, let's celebrate that even with our differences, we are all connected.

You might like to share the story of "The Invisible String" together as a family:

<https://youtu.be/2rZNTff35Aw>

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PROSPER SPORTS ACADEMY

HALF TERM SPORTS CAMP

- A Range of Sports
- Football Tournaments
- Fun Games

AGES 5 - 11

MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY
9AM – 3PM

Please provide pack lunch (no nuts) and drink and ensure children are dressed appropriately for the weather.

£15 / DAY
£65 / WK

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RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS WEEK

HALF TERM CHALLENGE

13th-19th February 2023

Complete all 5 and you could WIN amazing prizes!

FIRST NAME: AGE: YEAR GROUP:



DAY 1

SHHHH...COULD YOU BE A SECRET SPREADER OF KINDNESS?

Today, your mission is to do something kind for someone in your household, without them knowing it was you! Maybe you could make someone's bed, or tidy a sibling's toys away?



What I did

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How I felt

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What I did

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How I felt

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DAY 2

THANK SOMEONE

Your mission today is to write a kind note (or draw a kind picture) for someone you know who you would like to thank. It could be a parent, a teacher, a sibling, a friend...anyone who has helped you in some way. Thanking people helps to let them know you appreciate what they do and that they matter to you. Your little note might make their day.



DID YOU KNOW?

Kindness is contagious, just like a cold. Scientists discovered that when you are kind to someone, that kind act can spread to up to 125 people!



DAY 3

BE KIND TO YOURSELF

When we think about kindness, we often think about doing something for others. But being kind to ourselves is just as important. It helps us feel happier (which makes us more likely to be kind!)

Today, your mission is to do something kind for yourself. It might be spending time doing something you enjoy, making sure you have a good night's sleep, writing a list of 5 things you love about yourself...or anything else you can think of!



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How I felt

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COMPLETED



What I did

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DAY 4

SAVE THE WORLD

Being kind to people helps to create a better world...but being kind to the planet will give us a world to live on.

Today's mission is to do something to help the environment. Some ideas could be to plant some wildflower seeds to help bees and butterflies, or ask your adult if you can walk or cycle instead of using the car.





DAY 5

HELP US TO HELP SOMEONE

Your final mission is to help someone via our Kids' Kindness Club. Every week, the Kids' Kindness Club helps to spread kindness to someone going through a tough time. Visit the website www.kidskindnessclub.org and watch the Kindness Challenge video to find out what your task is! (If you don't have internet access, you can choose your own activity - perhaps you could make a thank you card for doctors and nurses at your local hospital?)

COMPLETED

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How I felt

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DID YOU KNOW?

When we are kind, it releases feel-good chemicals in our brain and helps us feel happier.



WHAT'S NEXT?

If you're doing this activity for school, give your completed challenge sheet to your teacher. Otherwise, ask a grown up to post or email it to us:

52 Lives – School of Kindness
PO Box 3154 Reading, RG1 9AT
Email: schools@52-lives.org



PRIZES...

The winner will receive:

- A £20 book or toy voucher
- A one-year subscription to the Happy Newspaper
- An exclusive School of Kindness 'Kindness Bench' donated by [NBB Recycled Furniture](#).

The competition is open to children in the UK in Key Stage 1 and 2. Only one entry per person may be submitted. Entries will be judged by the 52 Lives CEO, Jaime, and Director of Kindness, Greig. For the full terms and conditions, visit <https://schoolofkindness.org/kindnesschallenge>

PSSSSTTT - YOU'VE ALREADY WON!

If you don't happen to win a prize, just remember...when you're kind, it makes your mind and body healthier and happier, and creates a kinder world.
That's the best prize of all.

CONTACT DETAILS... (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CHILD'S PARENT / GUARDIAN OR TEACHER)

These details will only be used to send prizes, unless you indicate below that you would like to subscribe to our newsletter or join our Kids' Kindness Club.

Name of Teacher / Parent / Guardian

Name of School

Postal address

Email address

Telephone number

I am interested in joining the free Kids' Kindness Club (we will send you details of how to join)

I would like to subscribe to the free School of Kindness monthly email newsletter (you can unsubscribe at any time)

I confirm the child has completed the activities detailed above. I have read the privacy notice (<https://schoolofkindness.org/privacy-policy>) and consent to the processing of my personal data.

Safeguarding: 52 Lives is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. We have a duty to share information that is disclosed to us with other agencies where we have safeguarding concerns, in line with legislation. For our full safeguarding policy, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/y6lhootn>

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