

## Weekly Newsletter

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### MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF SCHOOL

I am writing this after returning from a fantastic sports day. I would like to thank all the children for their excellent performances, the staff for their support, and the parents and carers for their enthusiastic involvement in the event. Many thanks to Mrs Dennis-Huille for organising the day.

I particularly enjoy our sports day because it is both inclusive and competitive, providing an opportunity for everyone to participate and showcase their skills while fostering a spirit of friendly rivalry and teamwork.

I am currently enjoying listening to the Y5/Y6 children rehearsing for their performances in July. Encourage your children to practice their songs and lines so they will perform their best for the live performances. Details of getting tickets will be sent to the Y5 and Y6 parents so please ensure you request your quota. It is a very popular performance!

I wish you a happy weekend.

Happy Father's Day to all the fathers and father figures. I hope you enjoy your special day.

Best wishes

Mrs J Hansen  
Head of School



*Nurturing Our God-Given Talents*

### WEEK BEGINNING 16<sup>th</sup> JUNE

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**  
Science Week

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June**  
Y6 Prayer and Liturgy - Convent

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**  
Reception Classes visit Christchurch  
Class A – 10am  
Class B - 10.30am

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**  
Y6 Junior Citizens Event. Sutcliffe Park  
Nursery Bug Walk Eltham Park South

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June**  
Corpus Christi Mass 10am  
Football Match Charlton Football  
Ground

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**  
Y3 Educational Visit British Museum  
Y1 Educational Visit Horniman  
Museum

### MUSIC NEWS

Please note that the Summer Instrumental Concert will take place at 3.15pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June in the gym hall. Members of the Orchestra and Chamber Choir will also perform.

Family members are invited to attend.

Children who are learning guitar will **not** participate in this concert due to the large number of students learning guitar. Another date will be arranged for them to have a separate recital. Please look out for information.

**SCHOOL VALUES: FAITH, MERCY, TRUTH, RESPECT, RESILIENCE, LOVE**

## PRAYER AND LITURGY

Class N were invited to the Convent of Mercy this week to focus on Prayer and Liturgy. Sofia and Valentina led the session, talking about their transition to secondary school, that God is with them at all times to give them courage and strength as they face new challenges.

Linda Kingdon joined the children as their special guest.



## SCIENCE WEEK

Mrs Woodhouse launched Science Week today with a visit from one of our former pupils, Dr Rachel Farrelly. Rachel is a newly qualified doctor and wanted to impart her knowledge on the children, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Emily Rawlins, 5K, took part in the "Let's Take a Bow" at the Indigo, O2 last Sunday. This was her first time on a professional stage and she sang a solo! Let's hope it won't be her last!



Sophie Saunders, RB, has recently moved up to the green group at swimming. Well done, Sophie!



*Catholic Social Teaching Principles of Participation.*

## CAREERS DAY

We are planning to have a Careers Day for the children in Y6 on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July. This has been very successful the last few years so we hope that we can repeat the same this year.

If you or you know someone who would like to come to the school to talk to the children, please contact the main office.

We would like people from different career backgrounds to show case their jobs so please contact us for more information.

*Catholic Social Teaching Principles of Human Dignity.*

## UNIFORM

As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure you put sunscreen on your children before coming to school.

It is also advisable that they wear a sun hat, either the peaked or bucket hat style. We ask that all sunhats are navy blue. Hats are available to purchase at [JK Clothing](#), our uniform shop, on Well Hall Road.

Next week will be an exciting week! Children from the whole school will be getting involved in investigations and experiments. There are visitors coming on site, talking to the children about their roles within the science industry.

Many thanks to Mrs Woodhouse for arranging this week.

Look out for pictures on X.

## BOTTLE TOPS STILL NEEDED

We are still collecting bottle tops. Please save all your bottle tops and send them to school. We need them for the art project, inspired by recycling and caring for God's creation.

*Catholic Social Teaching Principles of Caring for Creation and Working Together for the Common Good*

## SPORTS NEWS

This week the Y6 rugby team took part in London Youth Games Final at Gunnersbury Park. It was a very competitive tournament, the children playing against the champions of the London boroughs. They came 9<sup>th</sup> overall, playing their best rugby.

Many thanks to the team for their commitment and determination and for the parental support leading up to and on the day itself.

### GREENWICH TITANS U10 BASKETBALL CLUB

Greenwich Titans would like to invite children in Y5 and Y6 (U10) students to their Open Day on Saturday, 5th July 2025, from 9am to 10:30am at The John Roan School. This fun, no-pressure session is the perfect opportunity for young players to:

- Learn basic basketball skills in a supportive environment
- Meet our coaching team and current youth players
- Try out drills and mini-games designed for first-time club players
- Discover our Titans pathway from U10 through to U18

[https://greenwichtitans.ticketco.events/uk/en/e/titans-basketball\\_u10\\_open\\_day](https://greenwichtitans.ticketco.events/uk/en/e/titans-basketball_u10_open_day)

If your child would like to give this a go, please ensure you sign up by clicking on the link above.

## PA NEWS

### MESSAGE FROM THE PA

*"The PA would like to thank everyone who supported both the Summer Fayre last Saturday and the Father's Day gift sale yesterday.*

*The rain held off and the fayre was a huge success. Families looked as though they enjoyed it. Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked very hard leading up the event, on the day and afterwards clearing up. We will inform families of the profits once all the money has been allocated and counted.*

*We hope that all the fathers, grandfathers, uncles enjoy their gifts on Sunday. Many thanks for supporting us.*

*The next big event will be the Y6 Leaver's Party. Parents and carers of children in Y6 will be informed of the arrangements once they are finalised"*

## MESSAGE FROM HEADBOY AND HEADGIRL

(NICHOLAS DUNNE & MAJA HARDING)

As part of our Catholic Social Teaching (CST) focus this year, Y6 have been thinking about how we can put our faith into action and make a difference in our local community.

We are excited to share two ways we will be doing this:

**Singing for the residents of the Almshouses** – to bring joy and companionship to others, showing our commitment to *Participation* and *The Common Good*.

**Organising a clothing collection for those in urgent need**, following a conversation we had with Sr Chris from the Sisters of Mercy.

Sr Chris told us that the charities they support are currently in **desperate need of clothes and school shoes**, especially for:

- Families fleeing domestic violence
- Refugees arriving in the UK with very little

We would be very grateful if you could support this by donating any of the following **clean and good-condition** items:

- **Children's school shoes**
- **Baby clothes**
- **Children's clothes** (all ages)
- **Adult clothes**

Please bring any donations to the school office **before the end of this month**.

Thank you for helping us live out the values of *Human Dignity* and *Preferential Option for the Poor*. We believe small actions can make a big difference.

## EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

Parents have already received information about the various educational trips that are taking place before the end of term. Payment for these trips is voluntary but we always say that without the support from parents, trips such as these may not be able to take place. All payments can be made through Wisepay. Please ensure you are up to date with the details. Please contact the office if you have any concerns.

June 20:

Y1 Horniman Museum

Y3 British Museum

25 June:

Y5 Shakespeare Globe Theatre

27 June:

Y2 Fossil Workshop

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