



St Catherine's

Catholic Primary School



Class 1G Prayer service

Thank you to Miss Paschali , Mrs Puttock , Ms Ansell and Mrs Revere and Class 1P for preparing our prayer service this week. 1P's prayer service was all about new beginnings. The children spoke about how they will be embarking on a new and exciting journey next year in Year 2 by reflecting on some of their favourite memories this year. They retold the story of how Jesus healed a man who was paralysed, giving him a new start in life, as well as inspiring others around him to start their journey of faith with God.

Finally, the children presented pictures of their beautiful butterflies which they recently released into the wild, sending each one into their next stage in life.

The children spoke so confidently and sang beautiful. They were delighted to see so many parents.

Nursery Mass

Thank you to Father James for coming to celebrate Mass in our Nursery grounds last Friday. The children were so excited to welcome their parents. Father James told the children to be happy! After Mass the children shared a picnic with their families. It was such a memorable experience.

Good Samaritan Mass

On the 10th July Class 6C went to the 'Good Samaritan Mass' at Westminster. This was a truly special occasion for our children as their time at St Catherine's comes to an end. Mrs Carruthers said the singing was beautiful and that our children were reverent and she was incredibly proud of them. The celebrant was Bishop Paul McAleenan. The music was provided by John Henry Newman Choir. The children were extremely excited about telling the other year 6 children and staff about this very special opportunity as they prepare to go onto their new schools.

The First week Back after Summer holidays

Monday 2nd September	Tuesday 3rd September	Wednesday 4th September	Thursday 5th September	Friday 6th September
Staff Training INSET Day No Children expected at school.	Children return to school		9a.m. Year 6 Curriculum Meeting	9a.m. Year 4 Curriculum Meeting 11a.m. Years 4-6 Mass- parents welcome

Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors

Our four new Year 2 RRS Ambassadors are Kehinde and Kathryn from 2H and Gabriella and Darcie from 2R. The year 6 Rights Respecting Ambassadors met with them today.

We look forward to working with them in September as we embark on another exciting year at St Catherine's. Martins School are visiting in October.

Good luck to our year 6 Ambassadors as they journey on to their new schools and a very big 'thank You'.

On Thursday Gaia, Charlotte, Martyna, Johnny, Kimmianne, and Gabriel visited Hatfield house to speak about their work as RRS Ambassadors since year 4. The event was held at The Old Palace. We were one of three guest speakers at this annual event. Firstly Mike Penrose, Executive Director of Unicef UK spoke followed by Unicef ambassador Martin Bell. Mike Penrose introduced the children from St Catherine's School. The children shared their experience of embedding the CRC (Convention of the Rights of the Child) and what it means to them. The children were truly amazing. They spoke with such clarity and confidence and it was evident that being a Rights Respecting Ambassador has positively impacted both on our school but also on them as wonderful individuals. So many of the guests came over during the tea party to congratulate the children from year 6. We are so proud of them. Thank you to Mrs Reeve and Mrs Ward who accompanied us to this event. The children's speeches are on the website in the Special Newsletter Edition on the Rights Respecting page.

Mrs Ainger



Science Ambassadors

Our new Science Ambassadors for 2019/2020 are:

Damian Czerwinski, Maximilian Betcke, Amari Barnor, Harry Harley, Anna Sierakowski, Siena-Maria Musso-Hall, Cheryl Lee, Aine Karema, Aoife Walsh, Luca Bertossa Padin and Millian Allen

This year we were fortunate to have a group of inspiring, young scientists who have represented their class and shown enthusiasm for science learning across our school.

I look forward to working alongside our new Science Ambassadors in September.

Miss Reilly

Gospel reading for Sunday 21st July

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 Martha works; Mary listens

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

Staff Leavers

We wish all the staff who are leaving this year the very best of luck in their new positions or in their new adventures. We have enjoyed working with them all and thank them for their hard work and dedication to the children. I'd also like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Haran, one of our TAs, a fond farewell. Mrs Haran who has stood at the slope in all weathers passing on important messages to the teachers has not only worked in every year group in the school but has been an active supporter of the drama and dance clubs. Her dressmaking skills are legendary and over the years the children have worn many of her wonderful costumes. For many years Mrs Haran also ran a popular Chess club and more recently supported the QE Boys in teaching the maths challenge club. We wish Mrs Haran the very best of luck for the future.

We regret to inform you that after 27 years of service at St Catherine's School, Mrs Van den Abbeele will be leaving the school at the end of the term. We would like to thank her for her years of service and dedication to the school and wish her the very best for the future.

Year 6 children

The time has come to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children. All ninety of them! They started with us in 2012 at a time where there was a shortage of spaces in Catholic schools across the borough. The seven years have passed quickly. The children have received a wealth of amazing experiences and have progressed and achieved beyond our expectations. We are so proud of their achievements and we wish them the very best of luck in their secondary schools.

We say good bye to :

Thomas Butler, Isabel Corsica, Ryan Daly, Ruby Davis, Sofia Donatiello, Noah Enriquez, Sophie Eveson, Sampson Ewo, Samrath Fyfe, Johnny Harley, Sophie Howson, Oliver Hurrell, Pablo Kalamaras, Daniel Kerrigan, Adam Khalish, Antonina Koltun, Rosie Larkins, Michele Lusignani, Mateusz Malkowski, Theo Miller, Brianna Mobebe-Malubu, Hannah Morris, Carl O'Donnell, Marley Palamer, Olivia Parker, Maximillian Pasciak, Jasmine Perira, Alex Pokrzywinski, Jamie Reeve, Ryan Slate, Kit Tolaini, Leo Vokri, Roisin Walsh, Austin Ward, Ella Watson, Dexter Welton, Sebastiano Wigernas, Maciek Wyrwalski

All at St Catherine's will miss you! However as they have siblings still at St Catherine's we will be seeing these families.

After many years of being part of the St Catherine's Community we say a huge thank you and goodbye to the following children and their families. You will be missed by all who have known you over the years:

Stephanie Andreou, John Hermosa Aza-Gnandji, Martyna Bednara, Zuzanna Biront, Andreanna Brueton, Max Cahill, Rickelle Canova-Murray, Gabriela Caparanga, Oliver Coe, Eagma Comer King, Ava Comerford-Farina, Shea Connolly, Charlotte Coster, Gabriel Culverwell, Maya Dabeedoal, Kimmianne Davis, Malachy Dobinson, Harry Fox-Street, Aishwarya Frederick, Everlyn Freeman, Louise Freeman, Juan Gaviria Morales, Holly Gazzi, Connor Gill, Emilia Grazioli, Dalia Gun, Imogen Hill, Lucas Hornett, Kayra Kara, Ellie Knipe-Eaves, Aaron Lavelle, Romy Lonsdale, Seidi Lusamba Mulumba, Deirdre McNeela, Nathan Morka, Aila Ngar, Cara Noble, Roisin O'Toole, Maya Rodrigues, Mateusz Roszak, Joseph Russell, David Saunders, George Smith, Brown Tawamba, Daniel Todesco, Ronan Wijeyesekera, James Will, Johnny Yassa.



Families from other year groups leaving

We also say good bye to wonderful families from other year groups who are leaving for new adventures. We say good bye to Jack and Darragh Herlihy, Senan O'Sullivan, Aurelia and Xavier Gunzi and Christian Hammond. We wish them lots of happiness in their new homes and schools and hope they keep in touch with everyone at St Catherine's, we would love to hear how you all get on!

Thank You

On behalf of all the staff I would like to say thank you to the parents for your kind gifts and your words of appreciation. Working in a school is not an easy job. Whether you're in the classroom or the school office the impact everyone has on a child's life is huge. We are so lucky to have such wonderful staff at St Catherine's. Thank you for recognising this. I know you will join me in wishing them all a happy and restful summer break.



Thank you to Parents

I want to also say thank you to all the parents for all the hard work and support you have provided the school. Children progress and succeed when parents work in partnership with the school. The school's successes are down to you. It's not easy being a parent in 2019. There are so many distractions, fears and unknowns in society today. Please know that you are all doing an amazing job. Your children have been incredible this year. We are so proud of them. Make sure you take the time to congratulate yourselves as we at St Catherine's believe you are doing an amazing job and we look forward to welcoming you back in September. Have a wonderful summer break. Be safe. Be happy. God Bless.



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Celebration Mass for our Year 6 Leavers

Thank you to Father John and Father James for celebrating our Leavers Mass on Tuesday in the bright sunshine. It was a beautiful service with very apt readings in preparation for our year 6 children as they move on to their new schools and meet new friends. Thank you to the Year 6 House Captains who read the introduction, the first reading, responsorial psalm and prayers of intercession. Thank you to Mr Bell and the staff for preparing the children and the beautiful choice of music. Finally thank you to the parents for your support in ensuring this service was truly special for your children.

During the offertory a beautiful, engraved slate heart was brought to the altar. This will be placed by/on the apple tree planted by year 6 and the parents.

Parent Reps

Thank you to the wonderful Parents Reps who have been an amazing support this year. The SLT and I have really enjoyed our meetings with you. There has always been a wonderful supportive atmosphere and your suggestions have had a positive impact on the school and ultimately the children. We have really appreciated all of the reps who have been at the end of the phone to help us with any queries and clarifications. This has really strengthen our home school partnership. If any of you are willing and able to do it again next year we would be delighted! Have a wonderful summer holiday - free from school whatsapp reminders I hope. I look forward to seeing you all again in the new academic year!

PTA

This year we have been incredibly lucky to have a PTA Committee of superhero proportions! No task too small no job too big! They arranged a Christmas fair in a matter of days. The Mothers Day and Fathers Day gifts were gifts one would keep and enjoy. The Summer fair was epic. As a committee they took up the mantle and ran with it overcoming any barriers in their way. Their courage is immortal, they brought light to the darkest hour and in true superhero fashion they showed that it's not the armour that makes the hero but the "person" inside.

A very special thank you to the leaving PTA Co Chairs Ms Mulligan, Ronan's mum, and Ms Comerford-Farina, Ava's mum. They have been fantastic people to work with and have been so respectful of the needs of the school. Your kindness and energy is so appreciated. Thank you to Mrs Will, James' mum. Your energy, research and ideas are second to none. Mrs Ainger and I have loved working with you all and will miss your energy and bravery. Your motto "you don't get if you don't ask" has helped create events that have been so successful. I wish you the very best of luck for the future. With the remaining committee and fellow superheroes Mrs Welton, Mrs Kerrigan, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Dean and Mrs Scocchia we have had a year of PTA meetings that have been fun filled gatherings with lots of laughter. I hope new parents in September take up the mantle too and join you in your quest for justice, peace and funds for the school!

Class 3T Teacher

We are delighted to welcome Miss Taylor to St Catherine's in September. She will be teaching 3T (formerly 3V in a previous newsletter). Miss Taylor has visited St Catherine's three times now and has impressed us with her passion for helping children to learn and succeed. She has had a thorough handover from Miss Hunt and has spent some time getting to know the children in 2H. We believe she will be a wonderful addition to the staffing team.

Global Learning : Learning with Year 5

Here is a selection of photos and comments from 5S centred around this very productive afternoon during the Family Learning Afternoon.



‘As a team we all put the same amount of effort in and we worked together as team. ‘

‘I really enjoyed not having to follow a set plan and you could use your creativity and imagination. ‘

‘Everyone’s biome diorama was unique, we didn’t have to copy something and we could magpie ideas from each other. ‘

‘I liked drawing the animals and adding colour to them. ‘



Called to Serve: Fundraising at St Catherine's

Thank you to all the children who have organised a fundraising event this academic year. You have all been so inspirational. We are very proud of you all. Throughout the year we have raised money for a wide range of charities and organisations- FSSA Zambia, Noah's ark, Cancer research, Christmas Jumper Day, NSPCC, CAFOD, Catholic Children Society to name just some.

This week Emma, Jessica E and Rose from 5S along with Emily from 2H worked hard to raise money for Cancer Research. They raised £33.25 . Thank you to everyone who supported them by buying a rubber or a pencil.

Earlier this term Eibhlin McNulty raised £16.00 for NSPCC. They were so impressed with Eibhlin they sent a personalised certificate thanking her for her kindness and generosity. Well done Eibhlin!

We look forward to another year where we can live out the Gospel values helping and serving others. Well done everyone and thank you to the parents who have supported the children.

Dear Parents,

Thank you all for your generous gifts, cards and good wishes. Your kind words have touched me deeply and will always stay with me. It has been an honour and a privilege to have cared for your wonderful children; I have so many lovely memories.

I will always keep the children of St. Catherine's in my prayers, and I wish you all health and happiness.

Lots of love, Maureen Angear.



Science Project

Last term year 5 were learning about the Space Race and the history of space exploration. The students enjoyed doing a range of activities which included making fact-files about famous space explorers. A group of students in 5B decided to make a fact-file on Helen Sharman who was the first British person to travel to space back in 1991 on the Mir space station. Last night Ms Burgess went to an event at the Science Museum and Helen Sharman was a key speaker. She managed to get her to sign the fact file the students had made about her. Helen Sharman was very thrilled to see the work of keen scientists. What a special opportunity!



How is your Class Attendance?

Class	% Attendance
1G	99.33
1P	96.21
2H	96.00
2R	98.67
3M	95.48
3W	97.67
4A	98.52
4B	96.13
5S	99.31
5Sy	90.67
6C	98.33
6S	96.77
6V	92.76



House Stars



Gabriel



Uriel



Raphael



Michael

Prayers for Summer 2019

Blessings before the Summer Holidays

Take time to claim your strength; this is a gift from God.

Take time to have fun; it is God's way of teaching you your strengths.

Take time to grow yourself; only you can grow you.

Take time to trust yourself; God trusts you.

Take time to be self-reliant; it is better than being dependent.

Take time to share with others; they will bless you and you will bless them.

Take time to have hope; you are a child of God.

Amen