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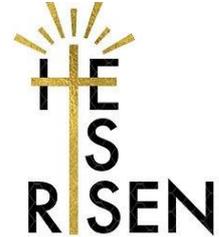


St. Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

'Learning, achieving and growing together with Jesus'

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Friday News from Mrs Maynard

Year 5 Orienteering Competition

I am always very keen for our pupils to be involved in new experiences and on Monday a team of Year 5 pupils entered an orienteering competition with other Slough primary schools at Kederminster Park. The children had to navigate around a course using a map to find 14 different points. They had to work as a team and try and finish in the fastest time. It was a great opportunity for our pupils to try a new activity and get out and about while using a range of skills. They were awarded certificates in assembly.

Police Community Support Officer

Many parents will have noticed our local PCOS has been visiting St Ethelbert's recently. Thomas Heppell is our designated officer, he also works with St Joseph's High School. His work is to help build community relations with pupils and parents. Many of the children have spoken to Thomas and have asked him plenty of interesting questions! Do say hello the next time he is in the playground. Unfortunately, his meeting with Year 6 had to be cancelled last week as an issue arose, but he is hoping to be reschedule this for later in the month. By working with our local services, we can build a safe community for our children to grow up in.



Amphitheatre

Our new amphitheatre is finished and ready for use. You will see it has been turfed and fenced to make an attractive outdoor work space for the children. Teachers will use the amphitheatre for drama, Literacy, outdoor performances, outdoor worship and storytelling lessons. I hope its use as an open air classroom will enhance the children's learning and add to their enjoyment of their lessons.

Healthy Smiles

The Healthy Smiles initiative came to St Ethelbert's today when the team presented information about oral health to Reception parents. Slough has one of the poorest oral health levels in England. All the children in Reception will be dry brushing with special toothbrushes in class each day in a bid to get them into the routine of daily brushing. If parents of children in any year group have questions about how to look after their child's teeth, please contact Ms Wendy Cripps, Welfare and Parent Support Officer.

Slough Healthy Smiles



St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery has a commitment to safeguarding, and the welfare and wellbeing of children.



Writers of the Week

We are continuing to teach writing through the Storytelling Schools approach where the children learn to tell a story before they start writing it. Well done to the following pupils who have been working well this week.



Nicole Gill 1Y Mikola Babiuch 1I Julia Zaluga 2S Yashona Rojas 2M Isabella Lacson 3PC	Jayona George 4Z Matthew Amer 4D Che Saini 5G Gershom Victor 5E Larissa Abreu 6D Adwita Govindarajan
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Attendance for week 23rd April to 26th April

Target attendance is **95%**. Regular absence from school has a negative impact on pupils' learning. Ms Cripps will contact parents of pupils whose attendance drops below 90%.

Class	% Attendance
RH	90.0
RBF	89.6
1Y	98.7
1I	99.0
2S	97.7
2M	98.0
3PG	88.1
3PC	87.8
4Z	84.0
4D	97.7
5G	87.9
5E	83.7
6D	86.0
6C	87.6

Well done to 1I for the best attendance this week. They received a certificate in assembly

Reminders for Next Week

- **Monday 6th May** Bank Holiday. **School closed**
- **w/c/ Tuesday 7th May** Year 2 SATS tests begin
- **Thursday 9th May** Parent/carer coffee morning 9am KS1 hall. All welcome
- **Thursday 9th May** Coding Club starts. A text message will be sent to confirm which children will be taking part in this club

Clubs for next week

Day	Club
Monday	Gymnastics Summer Sports
Tuesday	Football Netball Training
Wednesday	Activities Club Football Training
Thursday	SSN Tennis Dodgeball and Benchball Coding Club

Safeguarding Reminder

Our school staff members with responsibility for safeguarding and welfare are:

Miss Jema Fernandes, Safeguarding and Pupil and Ms Wendy Cripps, Welfare and Family Support Officer

If you wish to speak to either of these members of staff, please make an appointment via the school office.

God Bless

St Ethelbert, pray for us

**Mrs Maynard
Headteacher**