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Prayer for End of the Year

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:

For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school, both in and out of the classroom.

For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the challenges that have been faced;

For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have been healed;

For the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for those that have grown.

For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles,

For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days
And for the love that has kept us going.

We give thanks for the community Of Our Lady of the Visitation, and we ask you Lord – Bless our children, especially year 6 and those other few that leave our school today: may your Spirit inspire them with confidence and calmness.

Bless our families as we take our holidays, may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.

Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed to continue our journey together.
We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

A REFLECTION ON THIS YEAR: The word I would use for this year is extraordinary! This year (2022) has started and ended with grief, for the loss of Fr Eugene on 31st December and Mrs Lonergan on 29th June. However our faith enables us to be grateful for the gift of these two kind, compassionate and loving people who brought so much joy to our lives.

It is with the same gratitude that I give thanks for this community in which we have the privilege to live and work. Thank you to ALL the staff for their dedication to the running of the school and the education of the children.

We do have a special relationship with our Parish. Our priests, Fr Liam, Fr Joe and Fr Tom welcome us and it is the joy they bring to our worship that shapes the faith development of the next generation of Catholics.

A special thank you goes to Fr Liam for celebrating the Mass with us, today, and for reminding us all that we have much to be grateful for.

Finally well done to all the amazing year 6 pupils. This has not been an easy year yet they have overcome all obstacles put in their way. They have adapted to the changes in school, attended to their learning and been good friends. They finish with us being well-rounded individuals, resilient and ready to move onto high school. We are very proud of you!

Good luck to all the year 6 pupils and parents/carers who will be leaving us today. There are a few other pupils who have also left the school this term, to go back home to their country of origin or because they are moving to another area. I would like to wish you and your families all the very best for the future.

GOODBYE AND THANK YOU: We also have two members of staff who leave us today who I would like to say goodbye and thank you.

To Mr O'Connell who moves on to specialise in teaching sports and to Miss Hewlett who is moving away. I am so proud of everything you have achieved with the children and wish you all the very best for your future endeavors.

UNIFORM: We have noticed a deterioration in our uniform this year and this will be a target for everyone next year.

After a discussion with the school governors we will be phasing out the summer dresses over the next two years. When we introduced the summer dress we stipulated that it had to be a particular dress. However parents have not adhered to this and many girls are wearing dresses of different colour blues and designs. We will however be introducing blue tailored shorts for girls to wear in the summer with the polo shirt. We will continue to have skirts.

Your child should wear the summer uniform when they return in September up until 30th September. The winter uniform, shirt and tie will be worn from 1st October.

PE KIT: Children will continue to wear the PE kit. ALL children are required to wear the blue shorts with the logo from September. We will be vigilant with the uniform and your child will receive a consequence if you do not put them in the correct uniform.

HAIR CUTS: I want to reinforce that boys should not have a cut shorter than a number two or have lines cut into their hair. We know they are fashionable so please keep them for the holidays.

OUR TARGETS FOR NEXT YEAR:
Attendance: I have given all children a target to improve their attendance.

Phonics and reading: We will be holding parent workshops to support you to support your children.

Times tables: If a child is secure with their times table then they will be able to cope with calculations which form a large part of the maths curriculum. We will be holding maths workshops in the first term.

SPORTS: We have ended our sports year on another high note as we again achieved a Gold Games Mark. We have offered a wide range of sports opportunities to our KS2 pupils. Many of the skills that they have learned in the year were in evidence for our 3 phases of Sports Day, where everyone competes to earn points for their houses. Individual medals were also awarded for achievement, effort and team support.

Congratulations to St Joseph's in yellow who were the overall winners and to all our athletes for their teamwork.



SCHOOL FINISH TIME: In September ALL children will go back to finishing school at 3.30pm.

FUNDAY SUNDAY: A huge thank you to the Friends of the Visitation (FOTV) and all the volunteers who made Funday Sunday such an amazing day. Thanks to all your contributions they have made approx. £7,000.

This money will help us to buy additional resources for the school.

These include: air conditioning units that were purchased in the unseasonable hot weather;

Friendship benches that will be dedicated to Fr Eugene and Mrs Lonergan.

We also have a long term project to refurb the pond area and develop outdoor learning through creating a forest school in the playground. The money raised will help to make this a reality.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS: Thank you to everyone's kind and very generous donations we were able raise £695.70 to donate to the British Red Cross Ukraine Appeal and £2,227.35 to the Catholic Children's Society.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS



AUTUMN TERM

Monday 12th September-
Welcome Mass (Years 2 to 6 only)

9.30am

Wednesday 12th October -

Harvest Liturgies in School

(Infants at 9.15am and Juniors at 9.45am)

Tuesday 1st November- **Family of God (All Saints) 9.15am**

Friday 2nd December- **Advent Liturgy- In school** (Infants only at 9.15am)

Monday 5th December – **Carols with Cardinal Wiseman Choir**

Tuesday 13th December- **Junior Carol Service** - 2pm

Wednesday 14th December- **Junior Carol Service** - 6.00pm

Class Masses

Thursday 15th September- **6C Mass 9.30am in the School**

Thursday 22nd September – **6S Mass 9.30am in the School**

Thursday 29th September- **5W Mass 9.30am in the School**

Thursday 6th October – **5D Mass 9.30am in the School**

Thursday 13th October – **4Y Mass 9.30am in the School**

Thursday 20th October – **4P Mass 9.30am in the School**

Diary Dates

The New Term: The first day of term is **Tuesday 6th September** for pupils in year 1 to year 6. Nursery and Reception start dates have been sent out.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS: Next year we will be inviting parents to meetings to find out more about what the children will be learning and to meet your child's new class teacher. This is also an opportunity to remind ourselves of school routines and expectations to help our children thrive.

The meetings will begin straight after school at 3.35pm.

Parent Information Evening Dates

Tuesday 13th September - Year 1 and 2

Wednesday 14th September - Year 3 and 4

Thursday 15th September - Year 5 and 6

Extended Curriculum

Friday 23rd September to Monday 26th September - Year 6 PGL

Thursday 6th October – National Poetry Day

Week Beginning Monday 17th October – We will be planning a week of activities to celebrate Black History Month

Week Beginning Monday 14th November – We will be planning a week of activities for Anti-Bullying Week

Week Beginning Monday 17th October – World Cup begins

More Diary Dates

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Monday 12th September – How to support your child who has Dyslexia (for all parents)

Wednesday 21st September – **Maths** (parents of pupils in year 1 and 2)

Wednesday 28th September – **Reading and Phonics** (parents of pupils in Early years and year 1 and any pupils who are struggling with reading)

Wednesday 5th October – **Maths** (parents of pupils in year 3 and 4)

Wednesday 2nd November – **Maths** (parents of pupils in year 5 and 6)

Wednesday 9th November – **Phonics** (parents of pupils in Early years and year 1 and any pupils who are struggling with reading)

OTHER DATES

Thursday 20th October – Parental Consultations – School Closes at 2pm

Monday 24th to Friday 28th October – Half Term

Saturday 26th November – Parish Christmas Bazaar

Friday 16th December - Last Day of Term for the Christmas Holiday (School finishes at 1.30pm)

Wednesday 4th January - School re-opens for the Spring Term

ACHIEVEMENTS

The school presents three awards at the end of each academic year in memory of three past pupils. The Sandra Sheba sports award is given for good sportsmanship, most improved at sports or great effort. The Donnel Thomas and Martin Sinyangwe awards are given for a number of reasons including; effort with learning, helpful nature, academic achievement. Well done to the children who received these awards this year.

Sandra Sheba Sports Award

FS2: Franek and Damian

Year 1: Keira and Natalia

Year 2: Dominik and Eliza

Year 3: Amanda and Dominik

Year 4: Liliana and Tiago

Year 5: Andrew and Reuel

Year 6: Patryk and Zane

Donnel Thomas Award

FS2: Adrianna and Kasia

Year 1: Daniel and Ethan

Year 2: Deniro and Laila

Martin Sinyangwe Award

Year 3: Sara and Willow

Year 4: Sara-Ansi and Sienna

Year 5: Emilia and Erika

Year 6: Selihom and Zuzanna

SPORTS AWARDS

Girls Sports Award: Hanna 6C

Boys Sports Award: Filip 6P

Sports Day winners:

St Joseph's – the Yellow team!

100% CLUB: Well done to all those children who join the 100% club for coming to school every day for the past year. This is a great achievement.

Xemari Nursery, Daniel 1B, Keegan 1B, Gabrielle 2C, Mollie 2C, Luca 2V, Harish 3D, Micaiah 3D, Joshua 3W, Olutoye 3W, Tiago 4O, Krisban 4O, Gabriel, Liliana 4Y, Nicola 4Y, Alicia 5S, Theo 5S, Christine 5S, Charles 5S, Emilia 5W, Golden 5W, Victor 5W, Kimberley 6C, Patryk 6C, Heniston 6P



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12th July 2022.

Dear Miss Coll,

I was travelling on the E3 'bus towards Acton on Monday 11th July with a large number of your Y6 pupils who were on their way to Gunnersbury Park.

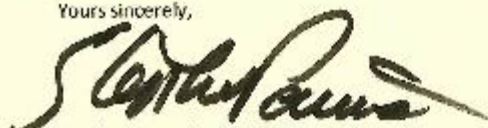
I cannot say how much I was impressed by their excellent behaviour and the fact that they immediately offered to give up their seats to any older person boarding the 'bus.

The pupils were polite and well behaved and, if I may say so, an absolute credit to Our Lady of The Visitation primary school.

I came to know you and your school well during my years as your Member of Parliament but have never before been so proud of your school as I was on Monday.

Please accept my warmest congratulations and I hope you will pass on my thanks to the parent helpers and escorting staff but, above all, to the truly impressive pupils who enhanced even further the already excellent reputation of the school.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen Pound