



Well done everyone – we've made it through this challenging period of part-closure and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the return to school next week. Although we won't be taking anything for granted, we were so impressed by how smoothly pupils transitioned back to in-school learning after the last lockdown so we are confident that pupils will adjust quickly to the 'old new' routine. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing all pupils back at school on Monday.

Police Visit

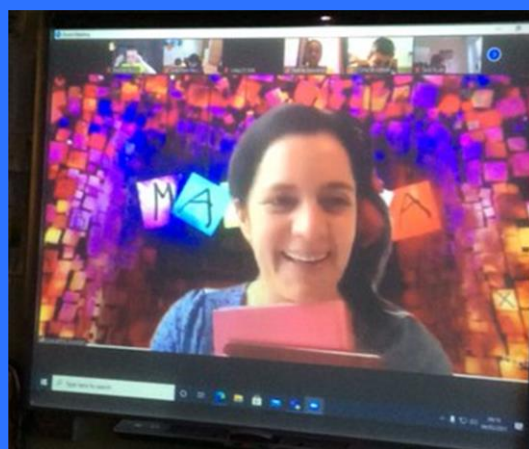
We are very grateful to the Croydon Youth Engagement police team for coming in and talking to our key workers on Monday.

It was great to get a reminder about the rules of lockdown and to get a chance to ask loads of questions!



World Book Day

On Thursday our pupils got to meet Matilda via Zoom (how 2021!) to celebrate World Book Day. We were able to have this event to raise the profile of reading for pleasure because of the generosity of S.A.S.A, who covered the entire cost of the event.



A reminder that we will be having our own World Book Day belated celebration next Friday 12th March, where we will be inviting all pupils to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Return to School

If you haven't had a chance to read through the letter that went out with last week's newsletter please do so as it contains important information that will help to keep us all safe in the weeks ahead. I'm attaching the same letter again this week for your information. Drop-off / pick up is the area where you can have the biggest impact in helping things to run smoothly and safely.

- Arrive within the 10-minute window allocated (there's no need to be here right at the start of the window – if everyone does this it will create a bottleneck)
- Please wear a face-covering
- Please maintain social distancing
- Please do not congregate anywhere near the premises before or after picking up your child.
- Please only collect children in your own childcare bubble.

Thank you for your support with these measures.

Uniform

Although it is quite early (and chilly!) we are allowing pupils to begin wearing summer uniform from Monday if they wish, with the expectation that all pupils will return in summer uniform after Easter. This is to help families to avoid buying winter uniform at this point if they have outgrown it since Christmas. All pupils need to wear black school shoes (apart from their PE day). Children are not permitted to wear shoes that come above the ankle.



St Mary: Olivia McMullan
St. Francis: Olivia Kiamtia-Cooper
St. Joseph: Imogen Sone
St. Bernadette: Loneh Omozuapo
St. Theresa: Iris Kember
St. Peter: Kiki Edo-Ukeh
St Paul: Orla Hunt



St Mary: Caelan Bleach-Thorne
St. Francis: Viola Bardetti
St. Joseph: Tom Ransom
St. Bernadette: Isabelle Griffin
St. Theresa: Jason Gjondrekaj
St Peter: Sofia Laverty
St Paul: Erin Doohan

Lenten Fundraising Challenge

We are making good progress towards our overall target of £500 for our Lenten fundraising Challenge. The Catholic Children's Society have been of huge support to a number of our families over the last year and we would really appreciate the support of our families in giving back, where we are able to do so. You can donate at any time between now and Easter via the following link:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/StAidansGoodSamaritan>

Virgin Money Giving
Saint Aidan's
Good Samaritan Fundraising Challenge

Target: £500.00
Total raised so far: £175.00 (35% of target)
Total plus GR: £218.75

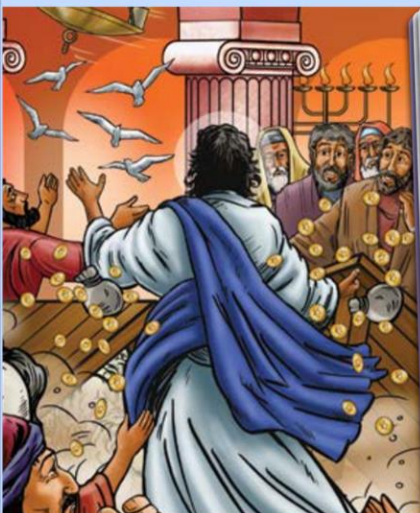
My story: One of the three pillars of Lent is almsgiving. This is a time of extraordinary need locally, nationally and internationally and we are using this as an opportunity to help children understand the importance of almsgiving. We are asking children and their families to...

Playdates

Croydon Public Health have asked us to remind all families that children should not be mixing out of school, even if they are in the same class in school. There are no changes to rules for children / families mixing out of school until 29th March at the earliest.

Wednesday Word

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read how the people had actually lost sight of God by getting caught up in their buying and selling. Jesus' enthusiastic action was a protest that things had gone seriously wrong with how they were relating to God; something needed to change. Lent is a time to renew our own relationship with God and to be filled with a new enthusiasm for God and for life in all its fullness.



THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 7th March 2021

Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple there he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and money changers sitting at their counters. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, "Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market." Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The people in the Temple said to Jesus, "What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?" Jesus answered, "Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The people replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple: are you going to raise it up in three days?" Now the Temple Jesus was talking about was his own body. And later when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had told them.

Adapted from John 2:13-25
The 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year B

You are warmly invited to learn more about...

Weekly Challenge

Well done to all of the children who participated in our weekly Lenten challenge. It was lovely to see where you've found such great beauty in God's creation.

My Lent Quest List
Participant's name: Gabriella
Year: 4

- 1. The night - in spring we see the stars brighten. There's a special reason for this. Find something that makes light.
- 2. Springtime flowers - highlight only one for all of the day on a weekend. Colour something. Colour something.
- 3. Find a bird's nest - highlight only one for all of the day on a weekend. Colour something. Colour something.
- 4. Find a yellow flower - highlight only one for all of the day on a weekend. Colour something. Colour something.
- 5. Find a blue flower - highlight only one for all of the day on a weekend. Colour something. Colour something.
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A bird's nest
A yellow flower
Something purple
Some blossom

Achievement

Well done to Michelle Leon- Gonzalez for obtaining a bronze medal for Athletics. Hopefully as lockdown regulations ease and clubs recommence we will have lots of good news to celebrate in the weeks and months ahead.

