



For those of you heading out to bonfire celebrations over the weekend please have fun and stay safe. Many thanks for all of your generous donations for the harvest collection so far. We will be continuing to collect across November so please keep them coming!

Parents Evening

We have parents evenings over the next two weeks (10th and 18th November). There will be a few modifications to the evenings to ensure that we can give those attending as much space as possible.

Class teachers will all host their meetings in their classroom (as opposed to previously where KS2 teachers were based in the hall).

Parents are welcome to come to the school hall **no earlier than 15 minutes before their first appointment**. This is to reduce the number of people in the hall at any one time. You will be able to view your child's books in the hall before you meet the class teacher. **Parents must wear a face mask/covering while in the hall.**

Once your appointment is finished, you will leave the school via the classroom external door and exit the school via the playground. You may only re-enter the hall after your parents evening if you have another appointment.

Dr Chandler Fossil Visit

Our Yr 1 children were treated to a visit from Sienna H's grandad, Dr Chandler, who gave a presentation about fossils to our Yr 1 class. The children were enthralled by the stories and science behind the ammonites and were able to investigate some artefacts that Mr Chandler very kindly brought in. The children were even treated to a dinosaur mask and fossil each to take home. Thanks so much to Dr Chandler for volunteering his time to come and speak to the class.



Dates for this half-term

A reminder of some of the key dates for this half-term. Please note that nativity dates have now been added for Reception and Yr1 parents.

2 nd Nov	Pupil photos (individual & family)
10 th Nov	Parents Evening 4pm - 6.30pm
12 th Nov	Year 6 class assembly 2.45pm
18 th Nov	Parents Evening 4pm – 6.30pm
25 th Nov	Panto performance for all pupils (in school)
5 th Dec*	SASA Christmas Fair
9 th Dec	Infant Nativity for Yr R parents 10am
10 th Dec	Infant Nativity for Yr 1 parents 10am
13 th Dec	School Carol Concert 6pm
15 th Dec	Pupil Christmas Lunch
17 th Dec	Christmas Holidays begin 1.45pm
5 th Jan 2022	First day of Spring term



St Mary: Harriet McPartland
St. Francis: Emilia Koch
St. Joseph: Danell Reddie
St. Bernadette: Delaneo Reddie
St. Theresa: Clara Westwood
St. Peter: Zoe Kwarteng
St Paul: Matthew Lehane



St Mary: Bailey Ezeokoli
St. Francis: Ashley Coutinho
St. Joseph: Isabelle Maxwell-Fidler
St. Bernadette: Zoe Mathew
St. Theresa: Hannah Griffin
St Peter: Whole of Year 5
St Paul: Charlotte James

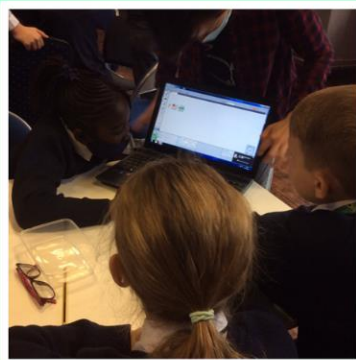
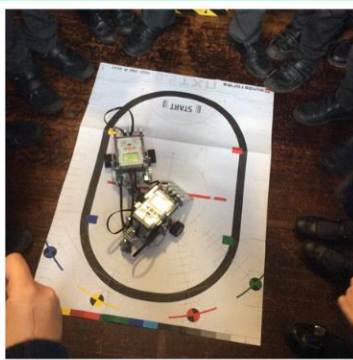
'Housekeeping' updates

- Unfortunately we are not able to accept any donations of second-hand uniform for the foreseeable future. Once we have another second-hand sale and run down some of our stock, we will be able to accept donations again.
- Toys and nik-naks are not allowed in school. They need to remain at home. We do currently allow children to bring trading cards (such as 'match-attacks') to school, but they are only allowed to be played with on the playground.
- All pupils should now be in winter uniform. This includes a plain dark coloured warm, waterproof coat, or a school coat. Patterned coats or ones that are not plain navy or black are not allowed.
- On PE days, please remember to pack socks for girls so that they have something on their feet when they change out of tights.

Year 5 Robotics Workshop

On Wednesday 3rd November, we travelled to Imperial College London, where we did a robotics workshop. There we learnt all about robots and how we can use them in our daily lives. We split into groups to build and code a robot. Students helped us understand this different type of technology. Firstly, we built the colour sensing robot with some complicated instructions and coded its movements. Later, we had a competition where we had to stay in a small black circle, the aim was to push the other robot out of the circle. We really enjoyed our workshop on Wednesday and we would love to have similar days out.

Reported by Sofia and Abigail



Purley Pool – new survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PurleyPool>

If you have a few minutes to spare and you feel as passionately as we do that our children need better access to swimming facilities locally, please fill in the attached survey.

We are very grateful to Mr. Montavez and his company, Clients Solution and CIB Engineering, for generously donating an amazing new screen for the hall. This will be a wonderful asset to our school and enhance hymn practice and assemblies.



Achievement



Another great week for achievements. Well done to: Áine and Sophia (Yr 4 pen licenses), Bea (Yr5 gymnastics), Dara and Liam (Yr3 and Yr4 rugby), Michelle, Bethany and Sofia (Yr2 free readers), Joseph (Yr1 Mathletics), James (Yr1 rugby) and Rocco (Yr R karate).