



~ Newsletter for the St. Scholastica's School Community

OFSTED HIGHLIGHTS

Please see attached letter from Ofsted regarding our latest inspection. On 21-01-16. Thank you all so much for working with us as a school to achieve such a great letter. Here are a few highlights.

Pupils are very proud of what they believe the school stands for. They have a sophisticated understanding of the idea of the school as a community.

Pupils are passionate about the strengths which they see in the school's community.

This is a positive reflection of the confidence pupils have in the work of adults to keep them safe.

Parents tell you that they have confidence in the ability of leaders and governors to keep pupils safe and improve the school further.

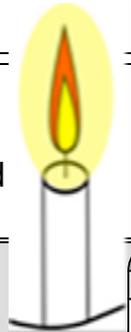
You have made sure leaders at all levels have played a significant role in successfully addressing the areas which were identified for development at the last inspection.

Governors have made wise strategic decisions aimed at developing their capacity to challenge you in your pursuit of excellence. Governors hold you fully to account by asking effective questions and interpreting school information skilfully.

You are very successful in maintaining a unity of purpose in upholding the values which are at the heart of the school's individuality. As a result, some of the areas for improvement identified previously are now strengths of the school.



Jesus answered, "The scripture says 'humans cannot live on bread alone, but need every word God speaks'." Matthew 4:4



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29th February – Hackney Wick Football Assembly

Tuesday 1st March – Yr 2 to LSO at the Barbican Centre & Parents Evening

Wednesday 2nd March – Parents Evening & KS 1 & 2 Gymnastic Competition

Thursday 3rd March - 6 pupils to the Year of Mercy Mass at Westminster Cathedral & Yr 5 to the British Museum

Friday 4th March – Mother's Day Assembly

Monday 7th – Friday 11th March STEM Week, a Letter with further details about events during the week will be sent out.

Tuesday 8th March – Personal Best & Yr. 4 to Hackney Museum

Wednesday 9th March – World Book Day celebrations - African Story Telling Workshops

Thursday 10th March – Reception weight and height screening, Yr 5 to Fablab & boys 5 aside football at Queensbridge Sports Centre

Friday 11th March – Yr 6 to Sam Labs, STEM Assembly & cycling for Yrs 4 & 5 at Hackney Downs

Monday 14th March – Launch of Mathletics in assembly, Confessions for Yrs 3 to 6

Tuesday 15th March – Arsenal Academy Assembly and workshops for Yrs. 1 & 2 & Confessions for Yrs 3 to 6

Wednesday 16th March – Confessions for Yrs 3 to 6

Wednesday 16th March – Junior Road Safety Officer, Keep Clear Conference

Thursday 17th March - St Patrick's Day

Friday 18th March – Yr. 1 Assembly

Wednesday 23rd March – Music Celebration

Thursday 24th March – Maundy Thursday and last day of term, school finishes at 1.30pm

All the school community are welcome to join us at all Masses and assemblies at 2.45pm we love to share these special occasions with you.

The Presence of God

Reception have been learning about the presence of God. We created telescopes to help us look for God in the environment. God is in the tree. God is in the plants.

"I can see God in the rainbows and flowers!" said Marta.

"I can see God in the leaves falling down," said Queendalyn.

"He is everywhere we go!" said Kamsi.

"He is in our hearts," said Elvira.

We have been painting pictures to illustrate how we see God.

Where can you see God?

We learnt that God is with us when we are happy and sad. God is always with us.

"God is with me at school," said Michaela. "God is with me on the bus," said Michael. **When is God with you?**

We have been talking about how God makes us feel.

"God makes me feel happy!" said Priscilla. "God makes me feel safe," said Nicolas.

How does God make you feel?

Our Phenomenal Trip to Clissold Park

By Year 3

On Tuesday 26th January, we went on a trip to Clissold Park. Have you ever been there?

Well, this is what happened! First we went to see the birds and we tried to feed the fluffy chickens. Sadly, they had just eaten their breakfast so they weren't hungry. On our way out of the animal section, we were incredibly lucky to see the biggest goats we've seen in our lives. Outside they were a bit shy. (Inside, they were so happy to see us, so along they came). A few minutes later, we saw some deer and birds too. Soon after that we played a game with cotton wool worms. Eventually, we went back to school because Luke was starving. Actually, we were all starving. We had a great time though.

A Royal Week in Nursery!

The children have really enjoyed learning about Kings and Queens this week.

At the beginning of the week we read a story about Peppa Pig visiting the Queen. The children were inspired to make fantastic crowns and design dresses for the Queen. The children enjoyed a variety of Regal activities; a cooking class at the banquet table, counting the Crown Jewels, making knight shields and castle construction.

African World Book Day

This year, as part of World Book Day on Wednesday 9th March, St Scholastica's will be taking part in an African Activity Workshop. We will be exploring Africa's role and place within multicultural Britain which will touch on the Commonwealth and Colonial history. In addition, we will be looking at carnivals, food and music!

Each class will take part in an African drumming workshop which will incorporate stories, movement and song to suit all year groups. Please help your children to dress as a character from their favourite book to join in on the day's activities. Try to use materials and clothes that you have at home.

Anglo Saxons at the British Museum

By Gavin, Year 4

In Year 4 we are learning about the Anglo Saxons, so on Friday 19th February we set off to the British Museum. When we arrived at the museum, we spiralled up the stairs, going through each room to discover more about the Anglo Saxon burial in East Anglia. We looked at all the replicas of the artefacts that were found on the burial ship at Sutton Hoo.

After we had finished the worksheets that we had been given, we split up into separate groups and went off to explore the museum. We went around most of the museum, staring at ancient artefacts from Egypt and Rome. Everyone was tired, tired because the museum was as giant as the Pacific Ocean and we had to walk all over it.

My favourite display was the model of a Roman village that showed us Hadrian's Wall.

We were relieved when we sat down to eat lunch because the pain in our feet vanished!

After lunch we headed back to school in time for the end of the school day. We all had a great day and were looking forward to the half term break!

Winners in the Bountiful Barrow Competition

I am delighted to say that the Yr. 5 entry was the runner up in the Primary school category – congratulations! The judges were greatly impressed by the students' entry and could see the effort and imagination that was put into your design. They also said the children had a lot to be proud of.

Their prize is a £50.00 National Garden Gift Voucher. I wonder what they will decide to spend it on.

A February Frozen Frenzy!

On Wednesday morning Reception Class discovered lots of signs of winter in our outdoor play area. We could see our breath in the air; we could feel the cold on our faces; the plants were covered with a white glistening frost; and all the water in the water tray, mud kitchen and washing tub was frozen. It was like Elsa had visited us! We explored the ice with magnifying glasses and observed tiny icicles on the edges of some of our toys.

Well, what did we think? *"Super cold ice! But how did the ice ever get there? Oh, because it was really cold and it turned to ice!"* explained Justin. *"The cold weather makes the water icy!"* suggested Dasha. *"It turned to ice because it was cold!"* confirmed Maraya. *"If we put water on the ice it might melt!"* explained Gloria. *"The water's dropping from my ice because the sun is shining right there and it's going to melt!"* shouted Daniel. *"White ice!"* declared Guline. *"It's white like snow, cold and bubbly because it was the soapy water in the water tray and that's why!"* declared Queendalvn.

Lent

By Anabel, Year 4

As we all know, Lent is a time for sacrifice. It is a time when we all decide to either give up something we enjoy or to make an extra effort to help others and do good.

Anabel in Year 4 has decided to do this: During Lent I am going to give up eating chocolate, cake, ice cream and sweets. I will also help my mum, brother and sister to love and show love to each other. I will do these things because that is what God taught us to do when he fasted in the desert for 40 days and 40 nights.

BIKE & SCOOTER SAFETY

Please can you ensure that your child does not ride their bike or scooter inside the school playground. As soon as they enter the school gate they should get off their bike or scooter and walk it to the shelter where they leave it for the day. There are many small children running around the playground before and after school and we would hate for any child or adult to get injured.