



## Newsletter No.5

Fri 10th November

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope you all had a nice half term and were able to recharge your batteries! We have had a calm and purposeful start to the second half of the autumn term, with Mass last Wednesday to celebrate All Saints' Day. Monsignor Overton celebrated the mass in Fr. Gerrard's absence and he was very impressed with the responses and participation of the children; especially the pupils of 6N who lead the mass. It was lovely to see so many parents/carers at the mass too, adding to the wonderful sense of community we have.

Thank you to those Y6 caregivers/parents who volunteered to help with the cake stall in October. Your support is crucial to the success of the school. We look forward to the next cake stall in Dec hosted by Y5 caregivers/parents.

As we move into the season of Advent, there will be a some opportunities to support those less fortunate than ourselves. The children at our school, through service, show their generosity every year—this is greatly supported by you at home and for that we are thankful.

Kind regards,

*Clare Campbell*



### Parents' Association –AGM

Another important date for your diaries is the PA Annual General Meeting on **Friday 17th November at 08.45am** in the large hall. As well as reviewing the PA activities over the year, this is the meeting at which the PA committee will be elected and key volunteer roles confirmed so please come along and show your support. Formal notice of the AGM and more information will be sent out shortly. All parents / carers / pre-schoolers are welcome.

We are fortunate to have a very active parental body that are very generous with their time and skills, resulting in valuable sums of money being raised for the school.

If you can help support this wonderful association, please attend the AGM meeting ; you are very welcome.

### Christmas Fair – Friday 1st December 3-5pm

We are holding our first ever Christmas fair, please come along and join in the festive fun.

PLEASE SEE FLYER AT THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER ON HOW TO ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE DELIVERED DIRECT TO SCHOOL



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### LSRC Legendary Award

Congratulations to Caden, Elizabeth and Lina who are the only recipients of the LSRC award so far this year. Staff can nominate any pupil to receive this prestigious award for personifying the 4 Christian Values of the school: Love Service Respect and Courage.



### Anti-Bullying Week 2023

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 is happening from Monday 13th – Friday 17th November and has the theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at a leading children's charity—The National Children's Bureau.

Across the week, the children will be learning about the positive things that we can do to prevent bullying, differentiating between 'banter' and bullying as well as who to speak to if they need to. We are asking that all children come to school on **Wednesday 15th November** wearing odd socks-these can be as outlandish as they wish them to be.

Children will take part in a whole school assembly for years 1-6 on Monday morning and complete a lesson in class as well as complete activities related to anti-bullying.

If you would like to learn more about the anti-bullying programme, you can do so by clicking on this link

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week>







This term, we worked hard for the Islington cross country championships which took place on the 1st of November. A big well done to all the competitors for getting through the trials and doing the daily mile often as practice. Everybody did their very best and should be extremely proud of themselves.

Year 4 came 4th, so they sadly didn't get medals, but did very well even so. Special congrats to Blanche for the girls as she came 2nd! Also, wow to Sebastian as had had the gold in his pocket but took the wrong course and retraced his steps, getting in the first 20!

Year 5 came 3rd, so they got bronze medals, and did very well. Special congrats to Alex, Oliver and Ify as they came 4th, 5th and 7th! For the girls, special congrats to Molly as she was the first SJA girl and came 14th!

Year 6 came 1st so reclaimed the trophy and got gold medals! Special congrats to Aidan, Myles, Bruno, Billy and Eloise who came 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 4th! Additionally, well done to these five children as they are selected for the London Youth Games Cross Country Islington team next Saturday at Parliament Hill.

Thank you to all the teachers and parent helpers who came on the day.





### Flu Catch-up

This will take place on Friday 8th December for those children that were absent yesterday or did not have consent but now they do to receive the vaccination. Parents/carers of these pupils should have already received a form via the office.

### Mini Vinnies:

A group of 16 children from Year 3 to year 6 were thrilled to receive their badges presented by Ms. Mackinney, a St Vincent de Paul Society representative, in the Mini Vinnies' Commissioning Ceremony held on Monday. The Mini Vinnies made their promise to make a difference by caring for others in their school and community. They reminded us of the Parable of The Good Samaritan that loving God and serving others are worthy ways of living our lives.

## Meet the Mini Vinnies!



Freya



Miracle



Lexi



Serafeim



Blanche



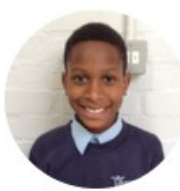
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Cecilia



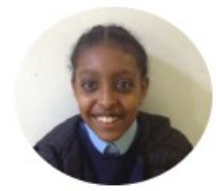
Bradwin



Joseph



Daniel



Abigail



Scarlett



Anna Chloe



Azra



Juliana



Ava

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St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

### Christmas Appeal 20th Nov – 8th Dec:

Each year we aim to make the children aware of people in the world less fortunate than themselves. This year we are donating to The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). The SVP at St Joan of Arc Church does an enormous amount of work to support families and individuals within the local community.

The Mini Vinnies are asking the children to donate in any capacity they can to these causes.

Each house has been allocated specific items for donation. Items must be new and if they are food items, they must be in-date please. (products below are suggestions)

End date: **Monday 8th December.**

Donations can be left at the office, dropped off to the display area (outside school office) or brought into class to be collected. Many thanks for your anticipated support with this charity appeal.

Benedict	Domremy	Fleur de Lys	Rouen
Christmas cakes and puddings/ Christmas decorations	Sweet or savoury biscuits/ Christmas decorations	Mince pies/ Christmas decorations	Toiletries/ Christmas decorations
			





### Librarians' visit to Ink84

The week before half term, the class librarians went to our local book shop, Ink84. Our task was to choose some new books for their class book corners. When we got there, the shop was jam packed with amazing books of every sort. And at the back of the shop was a section dedicated to children's books. The owners of the shop had put out a few that they thought that we might like, but we were free to explore which ever books caught our eye.

Our job was to choose 4 books that we thought the children in our class would love reading. We also wanted to choose a range of different books that people might not have seen before so we made sure that we choose at least one poetry book, one non-fiction book and one fiction book. We also wanted to choose books that represented a diverse range of characters, authors and illustrator.

Below is a picture of the variety of books we chose for our book corners. We are looking forward to sharing these great reads with our classes.





### Dates for your diary:

Monday 13th to Fri 17th November—Anti-Bullying Week

Wednesday 15th November—Odd Socks Day—Anti Bullying

Friday 17th November—PA AGM—8.45am - New Members very welcome

Thursday 23rd November—Parent/Caregiver Forum—8.45am (Year group reps.)

Friday 1st December—Christmas Fair - 3-5pm Large Hall

Friday 8th December— Flu Vaccination Catch-up

3pm Cake sale (Y5)

Thursday 14th December—EYFS/KS1 Christmas concert—9am and 2pm showings

Wednesday 20th December—KS2 Christmas Concert 2pm

Thursday 21st December – Christmas Mass – Led by Class 5L—9am

### Coats

As the temperature starts to drop, please ensure your child has a suitable coat labelled with their name.

Also a reminder of the uniform policy stating that branded trainers are not school uniform and that only sweatshirts and fleeces with the school logo are school uniform.



## Christmas CONCERTS

Thursday 14th December

EYFS & KS1 (Nur Rec Y1 Y2)—9am and 2pm showings—  
Large hall

Wednesday 20th December

KS2 (Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6) Christmas Concert 2pm—Church

## Remembrance Day

Lest We Forget

*Ever-living God,  
We remember those whom you have  
gathered from the storm of war  
into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

# Christmas tree Sale!

Local pickup available from St Joan of Arc, N5.

Fresh Nordman Fir farm trees at competitive prices, buy your tree by 20th November!

Follow the link below or QR and enter the correct donation amount for your tree size. Leave your full name in the message box. Please provide your email address for pickup updates.



5FT - £45

6FT - £55

7FT - £65

8FT - £75



[HTTPS://SJA.RALLYUP.COM/CHRISTMASFAIR2023](https://sja.rallyup.com/christmasfair2023)