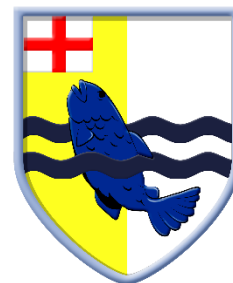


Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School



Headteacher's Message

A Warm Welcome to Our Prospective Reception Families

Today, we had the pleasure of welcoming a large number of parents who visited St Anthony's as part of the admissions process for next year's Reception intake. These visits are always an important moment for us as a school, and I have to admit, I'm often a little nervous before the tours—I always want everything to go perfectly and for the parents to leave with a true sense of what makes St Anthony's special!

I needn't have worried. The parents were overwhelmingly positive, and what stood out to them the most was the incredible sense of community and excellence displayed by our pupils. Our choir sang beautifully, filling the hall with joy and pride, and our Year 6 ambassadors were exceptional. Their impeccable manners, confidence, and the genuine enthusiasm they showed for their school made a lasting impression on our visitors.

I couldn't be prouder of how our pupils represented St Anthony's. Days like today remind me how lucky we are to work with such wonderful children and a community that supports them to shine. A huge thank you to everyone who made the day a success—you did the school proud!

Mr Sims

Upgrading IT Suite

When children next log on to the computers in the IT Suite, they are in for a delightful surprise—they'll notice a significant improvement in speed and performance!

This week, our IT Suite has undergone a much-needed upgrade. New hard drives have been installed across all the computers, ensuring faster load times and smoother operation. This enhancement will enable the children to work more efficiently, allowing them to spend more time focusing on their learning and less time waiting for technology to catch up.

We're committed to providing the best possible tools and resources to support our pupils' education, and this upgrade is just one example of our ongoing efforts to enhance their learning experience. We can't wait to see the creative and inspiring ways the children will use this improved technology in their lessons!

Upcoming dates:

Monday 2nd December: Y1 Penge Library Trip

Monday 2nd December: Advent Retreat at Bishop Challoner

Wednesday 4th December: Y2 Penge Library Trip

Wednesday 4th December: Choir singing at Dementia Café

Friday 6th December: Football Tournament At Crystal Palace Tournament.

Wednesday 11th December: Carol Concert in the Church 2pm.

Thursday 12th December: KS1 Nativity Performance for Parents

Friday 13th December: Digital Leaders Tecathon at Bromley High

Safeguarding Update: Staying Safe Together

At St Anthony's, your safety is our priority. Here are some quick reminders to help you stay safe:

- **Walking to and from school:** Stick to well-lit routes, travel with a friend, and let someone know your plans.
- **Online safety:** Keep personal information private and tell a trusted adult if anything online worries you.
- **Road safety:** Use crossings and stay alert—avoid distractions like phones near traffic.
- **Speak up:** If you feel unsafe or worried, talk to a teacher or trusted adult.

Let's keep looking out for one another!

Governors

Thank you to Janet Nelms, the new vice-chair of St Anthony's, who visited school this week. Janet is an experienced ex-headteacher and has served on many governing bodies. She looked at our school curriculum and had a tour around the school. She was impressed with how well behaved our children and the positive relationships between staff and students. Next week, we will be advertising for parent governors, so please watch this space.