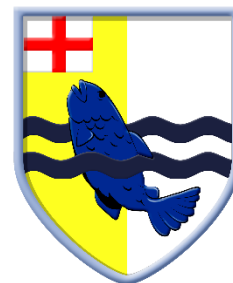


# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School



## Headteacher's Message

### Farewell Mrs Linton Gordon

After more than ten years of dedicated service to St Anthony's, we bid farewell to Mrs Linton-Gordon. Throughout her time here, she has played a vital role in the life of our school, specialising in Early Years Foundation Stage and serving as Assistant Headteacher.

Her expertise in Early Years education has helped shape the learning experiences of so many children, and her commitment to their progress and well-being has been evident in all she does.

We thank Mrs Linton-Gordon for her hard work and dedication over the years and wish her every success and happiness as she moves on to new challenges. She will be greatly missed.

We held a special assembly today to say farewell and all the children performed a special piece for her.



## Safeguarding Over the Christmas Holidays

As we head into the Christmas break, we encourage parents to remain mindful of safeguarding. If you have concerns about the safety or well-being of any child, please reach out for help. Bromley Social Care can be contacted on 0208 461 7373, and the NSPCC helpline is available on 0808 800 5000.

This festive season, let's ensure every child feels safe and supported. Keeping an eye on online activity, social interactions, and general well-being can make a big difference. Wishing you and your families a happy and peaceful Christmas.

## Children's Fundraising

I am delighted to share the fantastic news that our School Council's fundraising efforts for the Maths Challenge have raised an impressive £243.19. This amount has been evenly split between three wonderful charities, with £81.06 going to each: Yallahs Primary School, the Catholic Children's Society, and BBC Children in Need.

The School Council demonstrated excellent teamwork and organisation, not only in running the fundraising but also in presenting their achievements to the rest of the school during an assembly on Wednesday. Their hard work and initiative are a credit to St Anthony's, and we are very proud of their efforts to make a positive difference.

Well done to everyone involved!

## Reading over Christmas

The holidays are a wonderful time to share the joy of reading with your child. Spending just 10 minutes a day reading together can make a big difference in developing their imagination, vocabulary, and love for books.

Whether it's a festive story by the Christmas tree or their favourite bedtime book, reading together creates special moments and strengthens their learning. Encourage your child to talk about the stories you share and explore new books they might enjoy.

Let's keep reading a part of our daily routine over the holidays and inspire a lifelong love of learning. Happy reading!

## Poppy Appeal

We are proud to announce that St Anthony's raised £59.64 for the British Poppy Appeal this year. This contribution, combined with other donations in the local area, helped to raise an incredible total of £17,064.73.

Thank you to everyone who donated and supported this important cause. Your generosity helps provide vital support to members of the Armed Forces community, past and present.