

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter
29 September 2023

Dear parents and families

As we step into the vibrant month of October, we embark on a journey filled with significance and reflection. This month is particularly important as we pay homage to two crucial themes close to our hearts - The Month of the Rosary and Black History Month.

October marks the Month of the Rosary, a time when we come together in prayer and devotion to reflect upon the mysteries of our faith. This cherished tradition unites us in seeking spiritual solace, strength and guidance through the powerful act of prayer. Let us remember to carve out moments in our busy lives for quiet contemplation, seeking comfort and inspiration from the Rosary.

Black History Month: An Ongoing Commitment

While we acknowledge and celebrate Black History Month, it is important to highlight that our commitment to embedding Black history into our curriculum extends throughout the year. We believe that history, in all its diversity, should be an integral part of our educational journey. Our school embraces the rich tapestry of Black history and culture as an essential component of our learning experience.

This year holds particular meaning as we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Windrush generation. To honour this important milestone, we have organised workshops that will delve into the history, stories and experiences of the Windrush generation. These workshops will provide our students with a deeper understanding of the contributions and challenges faced by this significant generation.

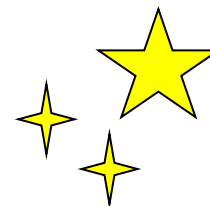
Through these interactive sessions, we hope to foster a sense of empathy, appreciation, and solidarity among our students, cultivating a generation that understands the importance of inclusivity and equality.

As we embrace the month of October, let us take a moment to reflect on the power of prayer and the impact of Black history in shaping our world. May we continue to grow as a community that values diversity, seeks understanding and celebrates the unique contributions of every individual.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez

Stars of the Week



Reception – Alanis for sitting beautifully during carpet time.
 Year 1 – Bethel-Eden for wonderful work in science and for being helpful.
 Year 2 – Luisa for working hard and for being kind to others.
 Year 3 – Ola for showing an excellent attitude to learning.
 Year 4 – Daniel for big improvement in the presentation of work.
 Year 5 – Mercedes for showing a positive attitude towards work.
 Year 6 – Nathaniel for making an extra effort to improve his handwriting.

School Value Awards

Reception – Amayah for being resilient with her learning and trying every task.
 Year 1 – Jackson for showing curiosity and for encouraging his friends.
 Year 2 – Lyla for showing curiosity in topic work and engaging well with learning.
 Year 3 – Leo for showing resilience taking on new challenges.
 Year 4 – Martin for being curious about the world around him.
 Year 5 – Logan for showing kindness and friendship to his peers.
 Year 6 – Henry for being able to forgive so quickly.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4 October	Year 5 Liturgy Assembly 09:00, Y5 parents welcome
Wednesday 4 October	Year 4 Library visit (<i>leaving at 13:40</i>)
Friday 6 October	Cake Sale after school
Wednesday 11 October	Years 3 & 5 to Mass (<i>leaving at 09:00</i>)
Friday 13 October	Care for God's creation day, Non uniform day £1 donation
Monday 16 – Friday 27 October	School closed for half term break
Monday 30 October	First day of second half of term
Tuesday 31 October	School Photographs
Thursday 9 th November	Face to face Parent-Teacher meetings
Tuesday 28 November	Nasal flu vaccination
Wednesday 20 December	Last day of Autumn term

This Week's Attendance

25-29 September 2023	
Reception	95.1%
Year 1	92.1%
Year 2	99.0%
Year 3	94.8%
Year 4	99.1%
Year 5	99.0%
Year 6	95.1%
Whole school	96.3%



Mini Vinnies

We would like to introduce you to our new Mini Vinnies from Year 3 who will be joining our current Mini Vinnies to work together to 'turn concern into action.' The children are Jesse, Ola, Eliza, Alex J, Nero and Sophia.

The Mini Vinnies are planning a collection for the Harvest Festival. They would like to ask if you could bring in long-lasting food and toiletries, which we will be collecting for the Bromley Food Bank. Please give your contributions to your child to bring into class, between Monday 2nd and Friday 13th October. Thank you for your support with this.

School Photographs

Individual professional school photographs will be taken of every pupil on Tuesday 31st October. In addition, photographs of sibling groups will also be taken. These groups will only include current pupils, not pre-school siblings or ex-pupils.

Care for God's Creation Day, Friday 13th October

Wear **green** today or clothing with an **environmental message**. On this day, we will discuss eco-friendly habits and conservation with our children.



Safeguarding our children

To facilitate a smooth and safe dismissal process, we kindly request that during pick-up time, parents refrain from entering the classrooms. Instead, we ask that you patiently wait outside for your child to be dismissed by their teacher. Please stand back and allow adequate space for the teachers to oversee the process and ensure that each child departs safely.

If you need to speak with a teacher or have any concerns, please wait until all children have been dismissed. This will allow us to focus on the orderly and secure departure of each child before addressing any individual concerns.

Your cooperation in adhering to these procedures is greatly appreciated, as it helps us maintain a safe and efficient environment for everyone. Our top priority is the well-being of your children, and these measures are in place to ensure their safety during dismissal.