



Diary Dates

Mon 22nd Jan
Be Active
multisports
Yrs 1-3
3-3.50pm

Lego club—Mrs
Wassef Yrs 1-3
3-3.50pm

Netball squad
training
Yrs 5 and 6
3-3.50pm

Beginners chess
club 3-4pm

11+ club Year 4
with Dorrie—
Leap Ahead
Tuition
3-4.15pm

Tues 23rd Jan
Intermediate
chess club
3-4pm

Music club
(Yrs 5 and 6)
3-3.50pm

Multisports with
PSD (KS2)
3-3.50pm

Irish Dancing
school
6pm-8pm

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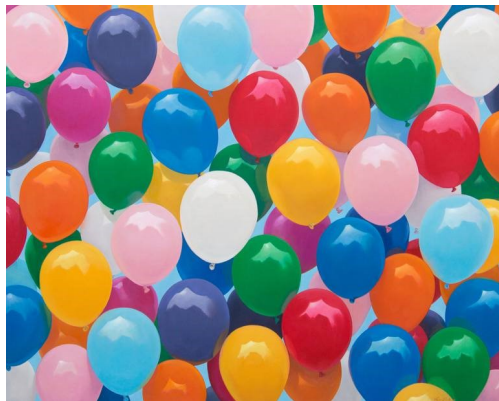
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Dear Parents and Carers,

In last Sundays Gospel we heard the story of Jesus meeting Andrew, another disciple and Peter. He says to the Disciples 'What do you want?'

In assembly we spoke about what we all **really** want and most people would agree that this is to live in happiness.

I showed the children the painting below by Jinho Kee and told them a story about a wellbeing coach who gives his audience of 300 a balloon to write their names on. He then puts the balloons into a room



and shuts the door. The audience is then asked to enter the room to find their balloon and is given a time limit of 5 minutes. Chaos ensues as everybody searches for their own balloon. Eventually the audience is called out with very few having found their balloon. The coach then asks the audience to go back into the room and this time

they are asked to give the first balloon they find to the correct person. Within 2 minutes everybody had their balloon.

The balloons are like happiness. We will never find it if everyone is looking for their own. But if we care about other people's happiness... we'll find ours too.

"If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.
(Chinese Proverb)

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty

OFSTED report

Today I emailed you all our Inspection report. We are very pleased with the judgment and the report which I believe captures what we have and are creating at St Catherines.

You should all be very proud of the school that you and your children are helping to create. We, the staff, will continue to strive for outstanding in all areas.

Mr Doherty



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Netball news

St Bernadettes 3 v St Catherines 7

Another victory this week with a 7-3 win against St Bernadettes. It was a tough game against some very strong players. We were 2-0 down after the first quarter which gave us the drive to push on and equalise and by the end of the 3rd quarter we were 6-3 up! Very well done to all the players - an amazing achievement! Player of the match was Victoria for her unbelievable movement and goal scoring. Next and final match of the league is at home against St Marys - date to be confirmed. COME ON GIRLS!!!! Mrs Doherty

Team: Sadie, Chiara, Roseanna, Sophia, **Victoria (PoM)**, Amira Kate, Emmie, Noelle





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Wed 24th Jan
Reception and Yr 6
Height and weight checks

BE-ACTIVE
football
(Years 4-6)
3-3.50pm

School Football
Cup match vs St
Matthews on The
Green
Kick off approx.
3.30pm

Gymnastics club
with Mrs Doherty
Years 1-3
3-3.50pm

Computing club
with Mr Lynam
Years 4-6
3-3.50pm

11+ Club with
Dorrie/ Leap
ahead tuition
(Yr 5)
3-4.15pm

Thurs 25th Jan
BE ACTIVE
football club
Yrs 1-3
3-3.50pm

Irish Dancing
school 6pm-8pm

Fri 26th Jan
Miss Wiggins'
drawing club
(Yrs 4-6)
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Height and weight checks for children in Year 6 and Reception

This week parents/ carers of children in Reception and Year 6 will have received a letter via ParentPay regarding height and weight checks to be carried out on 24th January in school.

You need to **opt out** if you do not wish your child to have their height and weight measured.

Chess player of the week

Well done to Erin in Year 3, who was awarded chess player of the week by Mr Hughes and Mrs Kowalska in Monday's chess club. She always listens to coaching advice and is improving rapidly.



Parents Evening

Please note that Parents Evening will be on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February. Further information to follow.



Football star!

Well done Ryder in Year 3 who was awarded player of the match for his team West Drayton Explorers. What an amazing achievement and what a fabulous trophy!!!



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Irish dancer of the week



Well done to Linda Anna for being star of the week in Irish Dancing class. She is improving so much! Irish Dancing is in the school hall every Tuesday and Thursday between 6pm and 8pm.

EYFS TROUSER APPEAL!!!

If you have any spare tracksuit bottoms or school trousers for Nursery or Reception aged children these would be very much appreciated by the EYFS team. Please drop off at the office or to the EYFS team directly. Thanking you in advance.



British Heart Foundation fundraiser

On Friday 9th February we will be having a non uniform/ wear red day to raise money for the amazing work of the British Heart Foundation. We will be asking for a voluntary contribution of £1 per child. If you wish to give more please feel free to do so. Many thanks in advance for your support of such a worthy cause.





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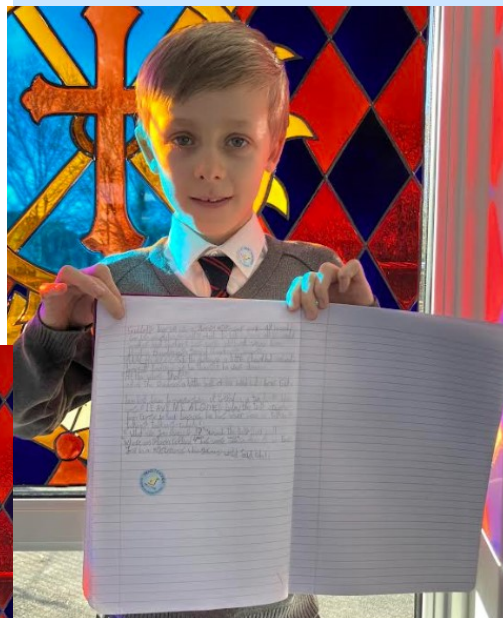
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Super Year 4 writing

Well done to Jace and John in Year 4 who were both sent to me to show me their incredible narrative writing based on a story called 'Leon and the place beyond'.

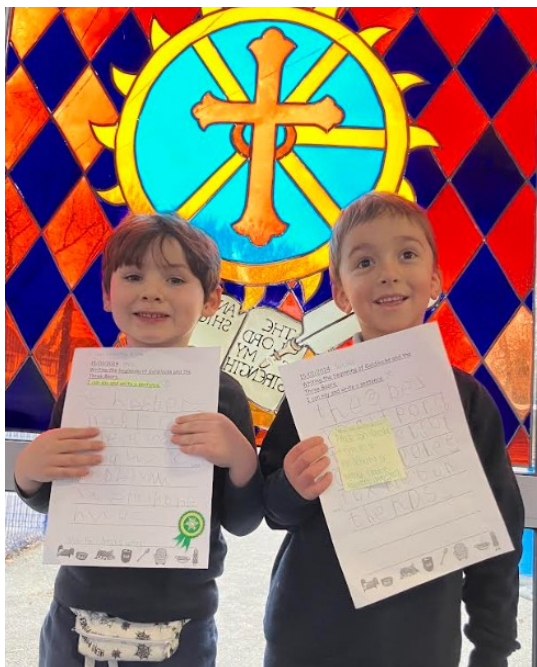


Data masters!

It was lovely to see Logan and Monisha from Year 3 with the results of a science investigation which they had made into graphs. They were investigating whether or not people with longer legs can jump further. They found that this was not true. Amazing work. It is great to see the children using maths in other subject areas.

Reception writing stars

Well done to Yaroslav and Finn for their fantastic writing. The class have been listening to and retelling the story of Goldilocks and the 3 bears.





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Gymnastics club

I am so impressed at our children who attend gymnastics club every Wednesday after school. We have so much talent and it is wonderful to see them bloom as gymnasts. It is also wonderful to see our Year 6 children supporting Mrs Doherty in helping our children live life in all its fullness. A big thank you to the Year 6 girls Roseanna and Chiara) - you are wonderful role models..





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Badminton Festival

Well done too the Year 3 children who represented us so wonderfully at this week's badminton festival hosted by Cranford Community College. It is lovely to be able to offer our children the opportunity to play a variety of sports so a big thank you to and to Mrs Doherty and Marilyn's Auntie Zara for accompanying the children and making attendance at this event possible.



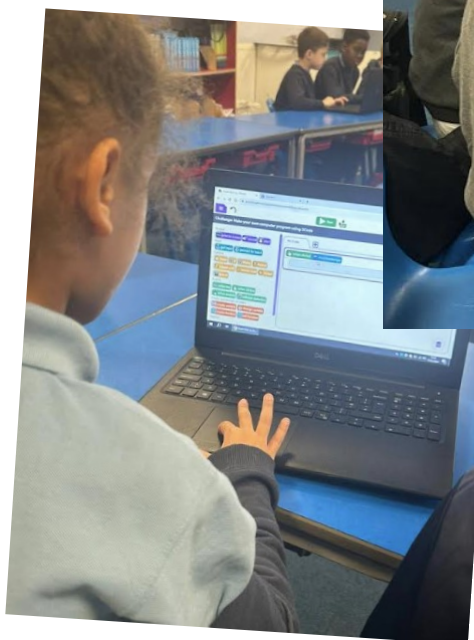
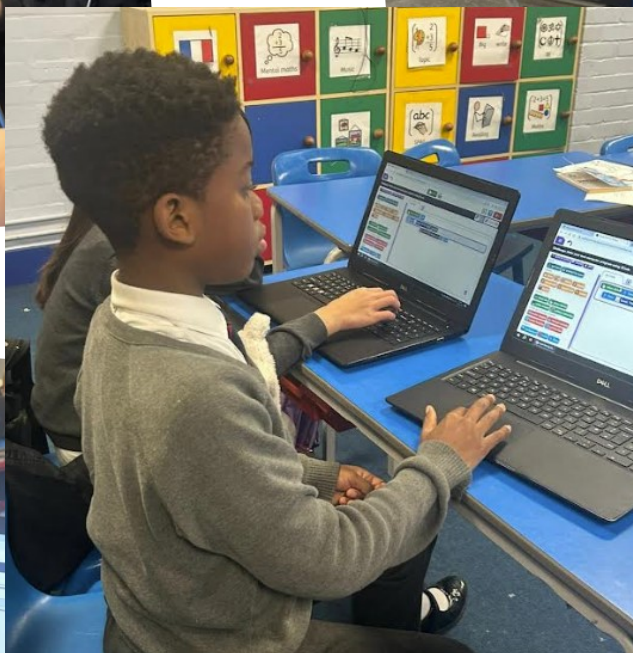
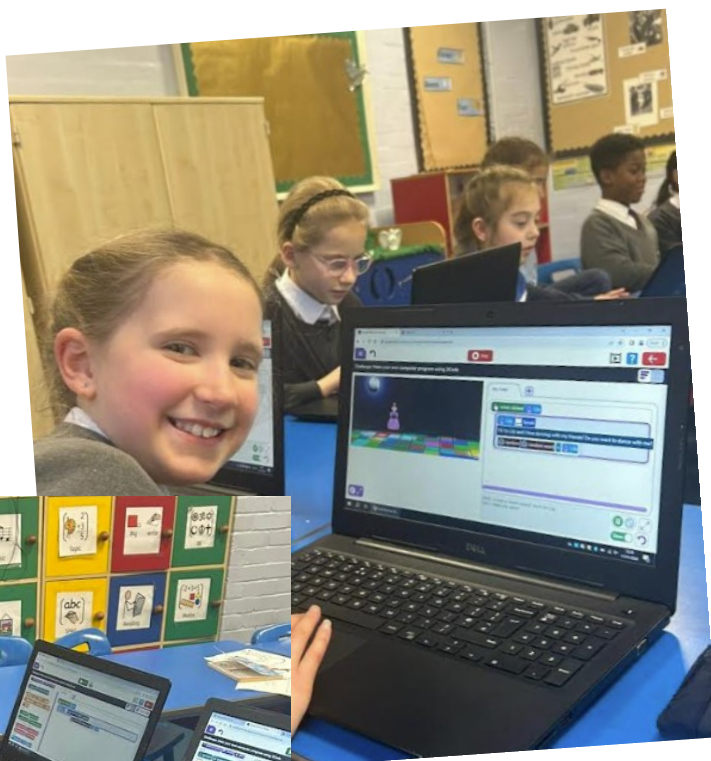
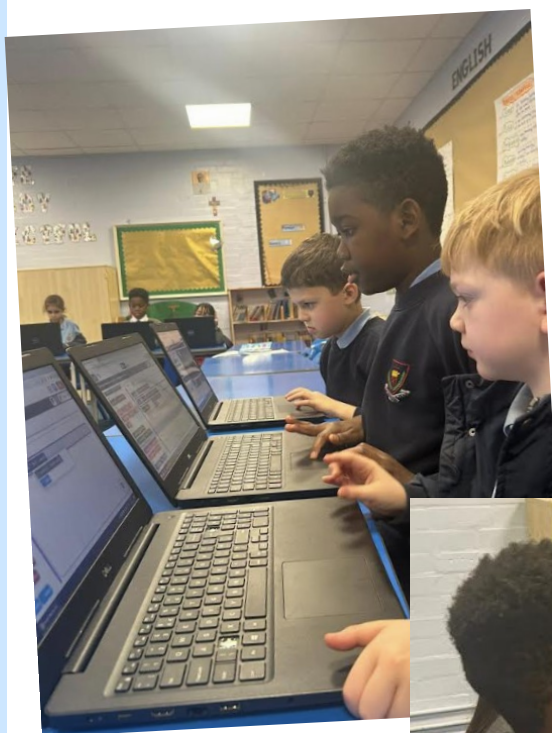


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Computing club

In Computing club with Mr Lynam the children have been completing a coding task which will allow on screen characters to talk and dance! Well done to Deivi went above and beyond to complete his work at home.



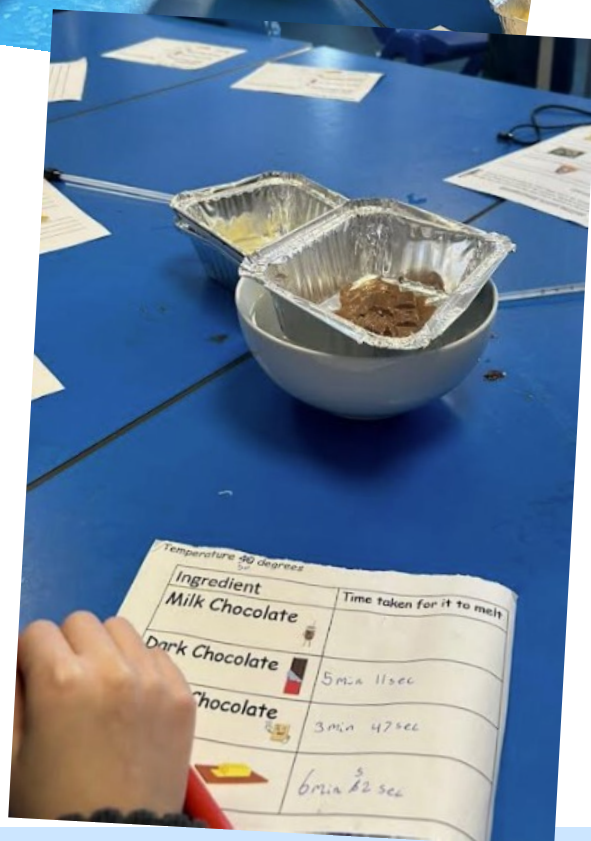


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Sweet science!

Year 4 had a wonderful time in science this week. Willy Wonka's chocolate river had run dry so the children had to research the different melting points of chocolate. The children had 4 different temperatures of water and discovered that the higher the temperature the quicker chocolate melts. Lower temperatures led to the chocolate not melting at all.



Temperature 40 degrees	
Ingredient	Time taken for it to melt
Milk Chocolate	
Dark Chocolate	5 min 11 sec
White Chocolate	3 min 47 sec
	6 min 12 sec



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Please see the attached flyer for the Young Artists' Summer Show. This is a free competition/ exhibition open to children aged 4 and above. The school has signed up so you can submit work whenever you wish. As a school we will be entering pieces of work over the coming term but you can also submit artwork completed at home. Work must be submitted by 27th March. I look forward to seeing the children's entries.

The website address is: <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>



Young Artists' Summer Show 2024

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–19 years and studying in the UK.

Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artworks will be displayed online and on-site at the Royal Academy of Arts. Prizes will be awarded to inspiring artworks across each key stage.

How to enter

From 8 January 2024, teachers will be able to register their school. Next, students, their parents/guardians or their teachers can submit artworks via the RA website until 27 March 2024.

Important dates

8 January – 27 March 2024
Registration and submission open

May 2024
Judging

16 July 2024
Online exhibition opens

16 July – 11 August 2024
Display at the RA open

RA Royal Academy of Arts

Sign up and find out more
royalacademy.org.uk/youngartists
#RAYoungArtists

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We had another successful meeting last night with lots of new ideas and exciting dates were made for this year.

PANCAKE FLIP

Pancake Flip/EYFS Shuttle run
Tuesday 6th February at school.

This is a great fun event with sponsorship to raise money and to add competition for the children, the class with the most flips also wins extra play. Sponsorship forms will be sent out early next week.

Look out for your invitation to the Saint Valentines disco....
Coming soon!

We will also be doing wear Red on the same day in support of the British Heart Foundation. Donate £1 to wear Red to support a fantastic charity & also be disco ready

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Pancake flip - Tuesday 6th Feb

Wear RED day and the Saint Valentines Disco -
Friday 9th Feb 3-5pm

FSCS Meeting - Thursday 29th February


Easter Egg Hunt- Monday 25th March

Bingo Night- Saturday 18th May

Summer fayre - Sunday 7th July



Our prayer for January is the Guardian Angel prayer. We ask, at the start of the year, for the angels to look after all of us. Please make this a prayer that you say regularly with your child at home so that they learn it off by heart, if possible.



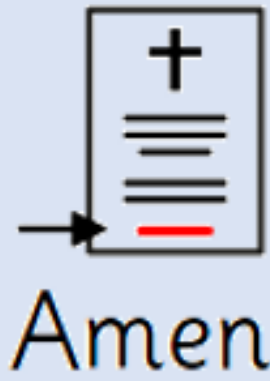

Guardian angel prayer

Angel of God my guardian dear

To whom God's love commits me here

Ever this day be at my side

To light and guard to rule and guide



Amen

Spring term important diary dates

Monday 22nd January: Year 2,3,4 Football tournament at ACS school
Hillingdon 2.45-4pm

Wednesday 24th January: Height and weight checks for Reception
and Year 6

Monday 29th January: Year 4 trip to the Battle of Britain Bunker in
Uxbridge

Wednesday 31st January: Year 1 school trip to Milestones Museum

Monday 5th February: Mental Health week at school

Tuesday 6th February: Sponsored pancake flip day

Tuesday 6th February: Parents Evening 3:30-5:30pm

Thursday 8th February: Parents Evening 4-7pm

Friday 9th February: Non-uniform/wear red day in support of the
British Heart Foundation.

Friday 9th February: Valentines Disco in Parish Hall 3-5pm

Monday 12th February—Friday 16th February: Half term holiday

Thursday 29th February—FSCS meeting at 7pm in school

Monday 25th March—FSCS Easter Egg hunt in school

Thursday 28th March—Year 6 Passion Play at 9am in school.
Year 6 parents/carers and families welcome

Thursday 28th March—Accessorize day

Thursday 28th March—Last day of term (finish at 2pm)

Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April - Easter holiday

Monday 15th April—Start of Summer term

