

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 12.01.24– Term 3 -Week 1

Reflection - Matthew 2:1-12

Last Sunday was the Feast of Epiphany, during the Gospel we hear about some people who travelled a long way to see the baby Jesus and who brought him gifts. We have been thinking about the gifts we can offer Jesus.

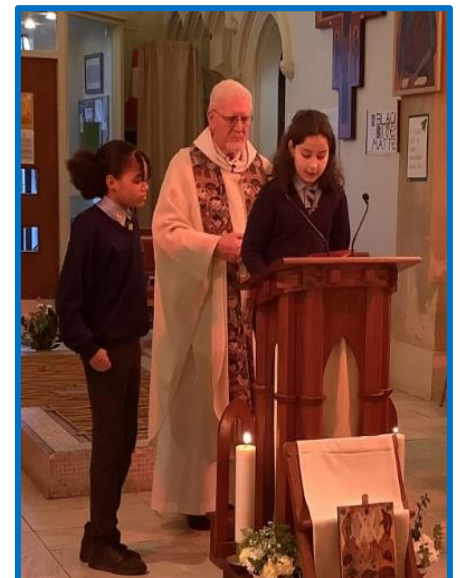
The wise men might have expected the young king would be found in a palace in the most important city, but instead they find the child Jesus in a simple house in a small town. Jesus has promised he is with us always. We can find Jesus when we gather together for Mass and when we pray and read the Bible. We can find Jesus in each other and in those in need. Let's all try to look out for Jesus! We give gifts to people who are special to us. Just like the wise men we can also give gifts to Jesus to show him that he is important in our lives. Some of us are good at singing or dancing, some of us can draw pictures or tell stories well. Some of us are kind, or funny, or able to listen. Some of us are good at sharing or helping others. These are all gifts.

God of love, guide us to do what is right and to use our gifts to change the lives of others for the better. Amen.



Feast of Epiphany Mass

During our first week back to school we all attended Church for our Feast of Epiphany Mass. It was such a lovely service and we were so impressed with some of our new 'Trainee Chaplains' who took a lead part for the first time. It was such a thoughtful Mass, where we all thought about the gifts that we are able to offer to Jesus.



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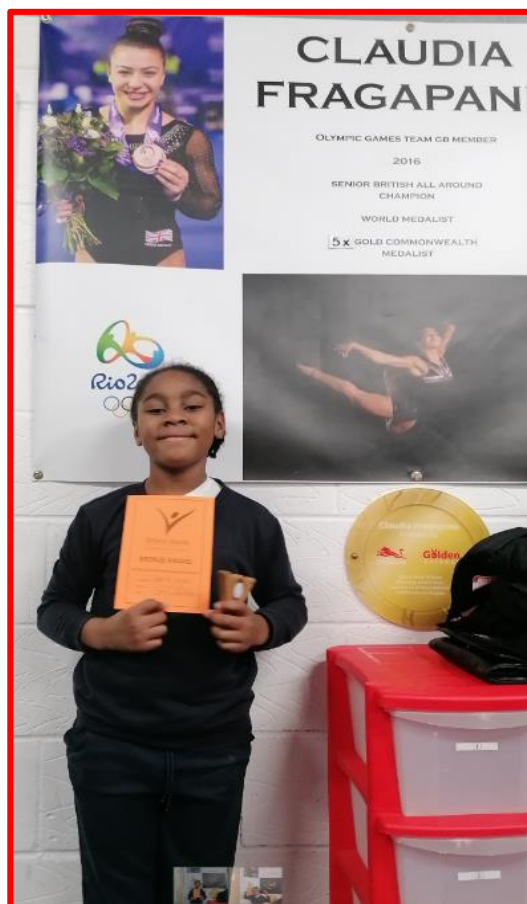
Well-Being Squad!

These children applied to be part of the well-being squad to focus on well-being and anti-bullying. The team had to write an application about why they wanted to join the team and what impact they could have across the school. We met this week and discussed the priorities for the team and what we are going to work on. Look out for our exciting work!

Outside School Achievements – Ramirez (Y4)

Ramirez has showcased his passion and commitment to gymnastics through consistent weekly practice with his local club. Recently, he achieved a significant milestone by earning his Bronze Award. This accomplishment required him to conquer various challenges, from pull-ups to mastering a trampoline sequence, cartwheels, and performing the splits in both directions!

Ramirez particularly enjoys showcasing his skills on gymnastics apparatus, highlighting his enthusiasm for executing challenging tricks. His dream of competing in the Olympics reflects his ambitious spirit and determination to reach the pinnacle of gymnastics. His Bronze Award is a testament to his hard work, and our school community looks forward to witnessing Ramirez's continued success in his gymnastics journey!



St Nicks FC

The football first team ran away with a 9-2 victory at home to Redfield. There was some absolutely fantastic goals scored, and some top level attacking play displayed throughout. It was particularly satisfying to see so many different names on the goals and assists sheet. The result has kept us top of the league, with a 100% record from our first three games.

Scorers - Sami (3), Adrian F, Jahmeil, Ibrahim (2), Jaden, Alaya



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Class Assemblies – Round Two.

We are so excited to welcome you to more of our class assemblies!

Year 6 – Friday 19th January

Year 5 – Friday 26th January

Year 4 – Friday 2nd February

Year 3 – Friday 9th February

Year 1 and 2 – Friday 1st March

Reception – Friday 8th March

St Nicholas has Talent!!!

Thank you for your understanding when the Talent show had to be rearranged last term.

The new date is Friday 9th February 2024 at 1.30pm. The children are very excited to showcase their talents.

Please do come along and see how amazing our children are!

Attendance

Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** and any figure below is a concern.

Any classes who achieve a 100% attendance for the week will be able to have a non-school uniform day the following week.

Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Diamond Class	91.7%	87.7%	5
Emerald Class	93.2%	95.0%	17
Ruby Class	93.7%	94.1%	5
Amethyst Class	92.9%	96.1%	14
Sapphire Class	91.8%	93.3%	11
Topaz Class	93.5%	93.2%	11
Total	92.9%	93.7%	63

Thank you to those who attend regularly. Please remember to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you and then may also make a home visit if we are unable to contact you. Thank you to those who arrive on time. Remember, children can go straight to class from 8:40am or attend breakfast club from 8am if necessary. There is also access to the walking bus if required. If your child is constantly late to school this can affect their self-esteem and they could be missing out on valuable reading, phonics or Maths activities and interventions

Dates for your Diary - Term 3

Wednesday 17th January	9am SEND coffee morning
Thursday 18th January	Y2 Workshop The Bumbles of Honeywood Programme
Friday 19th January	9.00am – Y6 Class Assembly
Monday 22nd January	3.30pm – Y6 SATs information session
Wednesday 24th January	1.30pm – Family Forest Session
Friday 26th January	9.00am – Y5 Class Assembly
Monday 29th January	3.30pm – Y6 Camp information session
Friday 2nd February	9.00am – Y4 Class Assembly



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Wednesday 7th February	3.30pm - Y5/6 Home League Football Fixture v Cathedral
Friday 9th February	Last Day of Term 9.00am – Y3 Class Assembly 1.30pm – KS2 Talent Show – all welcome to watch

Thank you for your continued support
 Mrs R James

**Bushcraft in Nature:
After School Club**
 AT THE TRINITY CENTRE

**3:30PM - 5:00PM EVERY MONDAY
 BETWEEN 15/01/24 - 25/03/24**

Free sessions with activities available for
 8 - 11 year olds

Campfire cooking, arts and crafts,
 Nature Play, making friends

Snacks provided, often sourced
 from the garden

All wet weather kit provided and indoor
 space available if needed

'Walking bus' available from Hannah More to
 Trinity Centre at 3.15pm for each session
 (via St Nicholas of Tolentine at 3.25pm)

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