

Newsletter



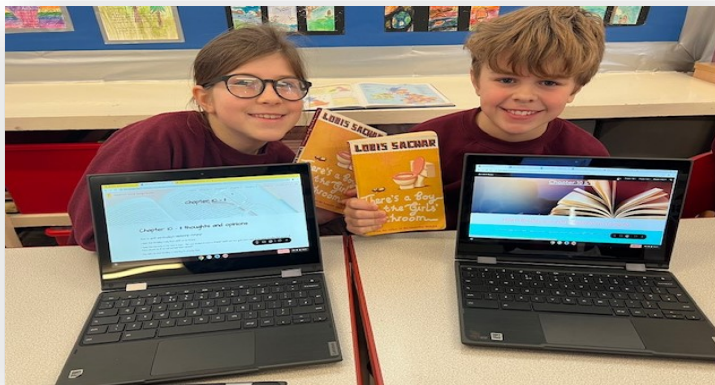
St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School

4/2/2022

Dear Parents

This term, we have been working with an IT consultant, from the Wandsworth City Learning Centre, to help us to continue to develop our computing curriculum, as well as provide workshops for parents. Our focus has been to integrate computing in such a way that it can be used to enhance learning across the curriculum.

Over the last few weeks there has been active filming going on in many classes as the children learn how to use iMovie, the green-screen and auto-cue software. Year 5 made a film to consolidate their history learning about the Titanic, and Year 6 have made news reports about the Balham blitz. Year 5 have also been writing blogs to develop their comprehension of their class text, and Year 6 have created websites about World War 2. Year 4 have been learning how to read and use data, and Year 3 will be making a documentary about Howard Carter and Tutankhamun. Year 2 made excellent animations of their class text, Traction Man, using iMotion, and it was very impressive to see them work independently. Year 1 have been learning how to log on, use a key board and move text and pictures around to create a birthday card in RE. Reception have also been learning about technology in their environment and have been using iPads for photography, and BeeBots. It has been wonderful to see all the learning going on around the school, with such good engagement and a sense of achievement from the children (and staff!).



Theme Week

This year, we have decided to move Theme Week to the second half of the summer term: 11th – 15th July. The main reason for this is that we want to incorporate it with a Key Stage 2 performance, as we have had to cancel our traditional pantomime twice now. We value the importance of children performing, and all the learning that comes from it, and a performance is also a rite of passage for the children. So, we aim to put on a Key Stage 2 show on Friday 15th July, which will also incorporate the Year 6 end of year performance (timings to be confirmed). It's hard to know whether there will still be any COVID risks at that point, but we will have the option to perform outdoors in the summer. Moving to the summer term also allows for uninterrupted learning in the second half of this term, as we continue to work hard to help the children to make good progress and fill in any gaps left by the lockdowns.

Staffing

Mrs Kelly will be leaving us on Friday 11th February, to start her maternity leave, and we wish her the very best of luck. We look forward to welcoming Miss Thomson back from maternity leave towards the end of this term, and we will also welcome back Mrs Patterson who will return, part-time, in the summer term.

Parent meetings

Please look out for the email sent today with dates for meetings and a chance to view your child's books.

World Book Day: 3rd March 2022

We will be asking the children to dress up as a book character. More details to follow

The children have all been learning about Hinduism today.



Dates

February

11th Break up for half term
Cake sale 3.30
21st INSET day
22nd children return to school

March

4th Cake Sale 3:30



Best wishes

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Headteacher