

Newsletter

St. Anselm's Catholic Primary School



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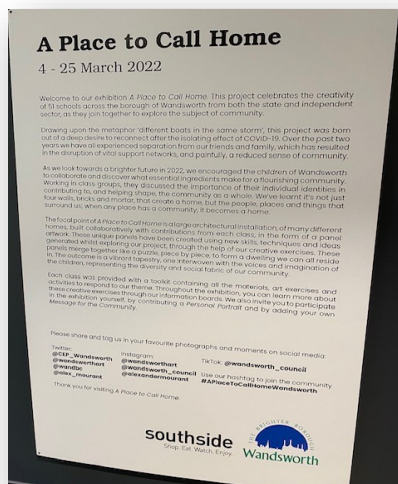
Dear Parents

This week we invited a consultant, and two local, Catholic headteachers, into our school to undertake a two day review. This form of peer review is a very intense process, but it also very valuable as it enables us to get feedback from trusted colleagues who can look at how well our school is performing, through a different set of eyes. They can also bring their wisdom and experience, and share good practice, in order for us to continue to develop.

We were very pleased with the outcomes of the review. One comment that we particularly liked was that that they felt there was 'a strong and consistent value led culture in the school, across all groups'. They also judged standards to be very high, with a good level of challenge in all classes, and felt that the children had a clear understanding of what it means to be a good learner. Groups of children were also spoken to and they were a credit to the school and to you as parents. They spoke with passion and clarity, and were great ambassadors. Amongst other things, they said they felt happy and safe at school, and that they knew what to do, or who to talk to, if they were worried.

We also welcome feedback from parents, and this is a reminder that we are currently running a parent questionnaire. The link for this is <https://forms.gle/Tr1asqh7DYr7bFDy5>. As always, if you have particular concerns about your child, please do come and speak to us so we can address them.

It was lovely to attend the 'A Place to Call Home' exhibition in Southside last weekend, and to see the panel created by our Year 5 children. The exhibition consists of a number of buildings made up of panels, that have been decorated by independent and state schools across the borough, focussing on community. It has been a lovely project, and my thanks go to Miss Cowan, who attended the training in her own time, and has led the project so successfully with her class.



Last week, we sent a girls and boys football team up to Holy Ghost for a fixture. The children played really well and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Next week, Year 3 will be attending a fixture at Hillbrook School, and, as we emerge from COVID restrictions, we are looking to be involved in more external opportunities. This will include both sporting events, and musical performances, alongside trips and visits. We are in the process of researching trips, and are pleased that we are able to go ahead with our overnight trips in Year 4 and Year 6 next term.

We are also pleased that we have been able to re-schedule some of the missed PTA events from earlier in the year, into the summer term, with both a parent social, and a family event. Planning for the May Fair is also underway. We are also looking forward to a summer Theme Week, and a performance for Key Stage 2.

Every Lent, each class decorates a cross based on a common scripture or prayer. In line with the work that we have been doing on diversity this year, we are using the following prayer which is based on the Pope's Encyclical, Fratelli Tutti

A prayer to the creator

Lord, Father of our human family,
you created all human beings equal in dignity:
Pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,
dialogue, justice and peace.
Move us to create healthier societies
and a more dignified world,
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.
May our hearts be open
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.
May we recognise the goodness and beauty
that you have sown in each of us,
and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects,
and shared dreams.
Amen.



Year 1

Our Green prefects will be running a Mothers Day Flower Stand, alongside the second-hand uniform sale, after school on 25th March. They will be selling various items that they have been growing, including primroses and lavender bags. Any funds raised will be used for our



Best wishes

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'Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.' 2 Corinthians 13:11

Dates

March

25th Second hand uniform sale 3.15

April

1st End of term Mass 10:00am

Term finishes at 2.00pm

19th Beginning of term

22nd PTA meeting 9.10am

Parent social: Friday 13th May 7-11pm

Family disco: Sat. 11th June 5-7pm

Sports Day: 19th July

