

St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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We have some interesting things in school to look at but nothing as old and grand as this vase from the British Museum.

Learning outside of the classroom

As you will know, all classes go on a range of trips each year, the children go out to visit a place of interest at least once each half term. The reason we do it, and the reason you should do it too, is so that children can learn 'at first hand'. That is, after all, 'primary education'!

So this week Year 4 visited the British Museum to inspire their studies about the Romans, see the nice vase above!

If you were lucky enough to come to Wednesday's Year 2 assembly you would have seen how visiting Southwark Cathedrals' 'Victorian classroom' inspired the children's work. Some forthcoming events that are planned include Greenwich

theatre trips for the younger children, an evening event at the Unicorn theatre; a Yr4 & 5 choir concert in the Royal Festival Hall and the animals of Vauxhall City Farm (and hopefully some staff too) visiting us!

And that's before Christmas gets started!

Manna Centre & CSAN - Update

The Manna Centre have now collected our food donation and as a school we raised over £100 to send to CSAN to help the refugees in France. Well done to everyone again.



Year 2 'washing clothes' in the Victorian Classroom inspired their class assembly.

Dates for your diary

19th Nov. evening - Unicorn Theatre Y3 families

10th Dec. evening 'Xmas Splash' Y4&5 choir

15th Dec. afternoon 'Christmas Nativity' in school KS1 & Reception / Nursery

16th Dec, evening, KS2 Carols & Christmas tableau.

Remembrance

On Wednesday at 11:00 the school community stopped in dignified silence for two minutes. This was to remember all those who have given their lives in service to the country in order to preserve the values of freedom and liberty.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's 'Poppy appeal' and also to the children in Year 6 and Mrs Brown who organised the selling of the items.

Book of Remembrance. The Holy Souls.

If you would like to have a name added to this special book please fill in a card in the school entrance, or ask your child to.

N.B. Please return updated contact information to the office a.s.a.p.

Pupils of Achievement

The academic achievement theme this week is 'Writing' and the focus for behaviour is 'Being courteous when others are speaking'.

The children are as follows:

Year 6, Cameron & Joseph; Year 5, Juan Pablo & Damola; Year 4, Anna & Troy; Year 3, Esther & Sally-Ann; Year 2, Gbotemi & Rachel; and Year 1, Johannes & Viola.

And for great behaviour: Jennifer, Mercy, Kieron O, Benedictta, Charlotte, Onyeka .

Well Done Everyone!

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