

8St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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Christ the King, icon from Hagia Sofia, Istanbul.

End of time - this Sunday!

Ordinary time, that is, and the end of the Church's year. With it, the celebration of the feast of Christ the King.

This celebration was instituted by the Pope some time after the Great War. Reflecting on the fact that many great Kingdoms had spent a number of years trying to blow themselves to kingdom come, the church thought it was time to remind the world that there is only one true King, that being Christ.

His super weapon of mass affection being unconditional love. Fr Jack reminded the school of this yesterday when he came to say Mass for us.

Arethusa - welcome back

It was great to see all the children from Year 4 return safely from the Arethusa Venture Centre on Wednesday. The children had three great days in Kent: climbing very high walls and structures; walking through the muddy woods;

swimming in the pool and visiting the local village amongst other things.

Year 2 at the South London Gallery



The exhibition was about 'Time'.

This is what the staff at the gallery told us about our children:

"We were really impressed with how observant and inquisitive the pupils were when looking at the exhibition, and the depth and breadth of fantastic questions they asked. [We] both had to keep reminding ourselves that these were Year 2 pupils, as some of the concepts they were thinking about were really complex, and their vocabulary when talking about the artwork was excellent. You should be very proud!"

Peckham Citizens Update

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the 'Friends of Kelly Avenue Park' will meet on Saturday 3rd December 2-3:30pm.

It would be great to see some more of our parents involved with the 'Friends' group.

Our bid of over £20,000 to improve the park is moving forward.....

Artists have now tendered their proposals. Our school council will be engaged in selecting the best design ideas and will work with the winning designer/artist after Christmas.

Parish Raffle tickets

Will be on sale after school next week. £1 a strip, 1st Prize is £1000.

The draw will take place at the Parish Christmas fair, 3rd December.

Thank you Mrs White

Who has worked at our school for twenty years. Her continuing hard work and commitment to the children was celebrated in assembly this morning.

Pupils of Achievement

The achievement theme this week is 'Writing'. This is, of course, a crucial area for us all and includes the skills associated with composition, grammar, spelling and of course handwriting too. The children are as follows.:

Year 6, Alexvia & Alenzie; Year 5, Anna & Frank; Year 4, Ugochi & Daniel; Year 3, Vanessa & Victoria; Year 2, James & Janet; and Year 1 Julia & Michelle.

The behaviour theme is 'Being courteous when others are speaking': Ti'Shai, Esther, Ana, Troy D., Eaden, & Sean.

Well Done Everyone!