

St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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Shades and tints in a woodland scene – Vanessa Y6

Holocaust Memorial Day Gospel Values & Protected Characteristics

On Monday this week the world remembered the terrible genocide of the Jews in concentration camps during World War 2. More than 6 million people were killed. Since then another 2 million in the Cambodian genocide; 800,000 in Rwanda and again in Europe 100,000 Muslims murdered in Bosnia through 'ethnic cleansing'. History shows how easily people have learned how to hate one another with terrible consequences. The Gospel tells us the opposite. We are taught to 'love one another'. We are taught that everyone is made in the image and likeness of God.

That is a mystery. It is Holy. In Britain, our British values hold Tolerance in esteem. In Britain the 'Equality Act', states that we have 'Protected Characteristics' to ensure that we protect rather than blame minorities and vulnerable groups within our society. These are listed in the law as: age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity. We are fortunate to be able to practise our faith in our Catholic school precisely because 'religion and belief' is a protected characteristic - in Law

Peckham High St changes - Have your say

School was closed yesterday because of a fatal road accident, the second tragic accident of this kind in a matter of weeks.

TfL are planning to make changes to improve the road infrastructure.

Please look at these worthwhile plans and respond to them via the link below.

<https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/roads/peckham-town-centre/?cid=peckham-town-centre>

Parish Church links: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction Today 5:30

On the 4th Friday of each month (today) there is the opportunity to spend some quiet time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament which will be placed on the altar for one hour. The hour will conclude with Benediction in church at 5:30pm Please come along for some part of the hour or all of it. Bring your children.

Pupils of Achievement

The Academic Theme this week is Using questioning in the Foundation Subjects'.

The children were as follows:

Y1 Gideon & Levi: Y2 Kimberley & Kiarra: Y3 Thomas & Caleb: Y4 Michael & Aithana: Y5 Leona & Haniel: Y6 Janelle & Divine.

The Personal Attribute this week is 'Belief in self' and this relates to the Gospel value of our uniqueness and being made in the image and likeness of God': Dieudonne, Rebecca, Briella, Nelda, Joelle and Gbotemi.

Publisher of the Week Award went to: Joshua.

**Well Done
Everyone**