St. Francis' School Newsletter

19th October 2023

Value of the month – Responsibility

Dear Parents and Carers

Reception Disco

Thank you to all who attended this event and to all the parents that helped with organising and volunteering. The children and parents had a great time.

School Values and Catholic Social Teaching

In October we have been focussing on the value of responsibility, our children have been wonderful at demonstrating this and all the certificates we have been handing out on Fridays shows this. When we return after half term and enter November our new value will be Respect. Our Catholic Social Teaching focus for November will be "The Common Good".

DT Day In Year Five

Year 5 had a wonderful day learning all about the different forces acting on bridges and other framed structures. We were very lucky to have a DT secondary school teacher in (Mr Kay), who taught us how triangular structures help to evenly distribute weight and therefore make stronger structures. Our challenge was to build the highest possible tower

in 1 hour, using only cocktail sticks and foam lengths. The tower had to be capable of supporting an empty box on top. The competition was very close! Well done to the winning 3 teams and a huge thank you to Mr Kay, who gave up his free time to help run a very enjoyable and educational day.

All Saints Day- House Colours

To celebrate All Saints day on Wednesday 1st November the children should wear own clothes in their house colours. They can wear their sports day t-shirts if they wish.

Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Our next open morning is Tuesday 7th November @ 9.30am The Headteacher will address parents at the start of the event and this will be followed by a tour around the school.

Any prospective parents who wish to attend should contact the school office to book a place.

Whizz Kids October Holiday Club

Please do sign up as soon as possible – see the booking details in the flyer below.

Inset Day Friday 20th October

Please remember tomorrow is an inset day. School is closed.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners this week and to Anne Line for winning the House Points Cup.

Have a wonderful half term break.

Best wishes, Mrs Wheeler and Staff



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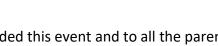












Art Competition

Hello, my name is Ella and I'm your Head Girl.

I would like to hold an art competition for the whole school to be a part of. The theme will be **'Autumnal' colours** such as red, yellow, brown, green, gold and orange. It can be any type of medium you wish to use for example - paint, tissue paper, chalk, collage or pencil sketch. If you can, please get creative over half term and the deadline to hand these in will be **Friday 3rd November**. Please bring any entries to Linden Class (year 6) with your name and class on the back. I would like to display some of these in the school so we can celebrate our art. The winner will be announced in celebration assembly on the 10th November with a little prize.

I look forward to seeing all of your entries. Enjoy your half term. Ella

Secondary School Admissions

Please remember that the closing date for secondary school admissions is **31**st **October2023.**Please try to use all your choices when completing the application. Applications received after 31st October will be treated as late applications.

Calendar Dates	
20 th October	Inset Day
23 th - 27 th October	Half Term
30 th October	School Reopens
1 st November	All Saints Day
2 nd November	Outdoor Day
7 th November	Open Morning for Prospective Parents. 9.15am
6 th November	Parliament Week
13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
15 th November	Year 6 Height & Weight
20 th November	Road Safety Week
1 st December	Beginning of Advent
12 th December	KS1 Christmas Lunch with Christmas Jumper and Father Christmas Visit!
13 th December	KS2 Christmas Lunch with Christmas Jumper
15 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm



Radio 3's Carol Competition is live and open to entries. Now with a brand-new junior category for 11 to 15 year olds! enter the Radio 3 Carol Competition by the deadline of 1 November 2023. ENTER NOW



The competition is open to UK-based amateur music-makers of any level of experience. Entrants need to come up with an original tune for some brand-new wintery lyrics written by **Poet Laureate Simon Armitage**. It's easy and fun to enter – just sing your melody into a mobile or laptop and upload it via our <u>website</u> (under-16s will need parent/guardian consent). It's a fantastic opportunity to **get creative!** Shortlisted entrants get the opportunity to collaborate with professional composer lain Farrington on full choral arrangements of their tunes, which will be recorded professionally by the BBC Singers in November! **All the information you need to get started, plus full terms and the privacy**

notice, is on the competition website: bbc.co.uk/carolcompetition