



*We show our love for God, in the way we treat each other.
Together we follow Jesus, by learning, and sharing our gifts.*

SS Peter & Paul's Catholic Primary School



NEWSLETTER Issue 21

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UNICEF article of the month: Article 17

Every child has the right to reliable information from the mass media.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another week draws to a close, we reflect on all that is good at SSPP. Our Local Authority school improvement advisor visited on Thursday; she carried out a learning walk and talked to many children about the topics they are learning. I was very proud to hear the children share their learning with our visitor and to see the fantastic artwork on display around the school. I would like to thank the teachers and support staff for making these topics so engaging for the children.

Our Nursery children have been learning how to ride balance bikes and have shown fantastic listening skills in the process. The children across the school have all benefitted from the various cycling initiatives on offer at SSPP since January. The team from Redbridge have commented on how much they enjoy coming to our school and we are very grateful for their support. A representative from the Smarter Travel Team was really impressed with our Junior Travel Ambassadors this week; she said they were so enthusiastic and eager to talk about what we are doing in school to promote active and safe travel. Well done the JTA's!

We would now like to see all this training put to the test and see more children cycling to school; the BIG Pedal starts on Monday 25th March for two weeks, let's all get riding and be the best school in Redbridge! (Details below).

Y3 had a fantastic trip to Colchester Castle and Museum on Thursday; they came back to school full of knowledge about the Romans.

Next week we celebrate Mass on Friday 29th March at SSPP Church; please note, we do not break up until Friday 5th April at 1.30pm.

Thank you for all the cooking utensils for Reception, we now have plenty!

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs S Johnson

Headteacher

THE BIG PEDAL

We are taking part in the Big Pedal for the next two weeks (25th March - 5th April). This is a nationwide initiative to encourage more pupils to walk, cycle or scoot to school. We have taken part for the past few years and last year we came 2nd overall in Redbridge! There are over 2000 schools around the UK taking part this year. Each day the JTAs will record how many 'active' journeys there have been and the information is uploaded to the Big Pedal website. The highest scoring schools will win prizes. Within our school, we will also be putting names into a raffle and the children will be in with a chance to win lots of travel-related prizes.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Luke 9:28-36

Last Sunday, the second Sunday of Lent, saw Jesus praying with Peter, James and John on a mountain. While he is there a great change comes over him. He hears God speaking directly to him saying "This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him."

Everything changes from this point, for Jesus and the Disciples. Lent is a time when we try to make a change to our lives too. We try to live the way God wants us to.

If we listen to Jesus and spend time with God in our lives then we too can be changed for the better. God asks us to be kind and generous to others and to treat them as we would like to be treated.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Bishop Alan has asked us all to join the diocese in prayer, by saying the Prayer of Saint Francis this Friday and Sunday (22nd/24th March), for all those who lost their lives in Christchurch New Zealand, for their families and for the Muslim community.

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace:
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master,
grant that we may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*



Amen

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 25 th March	Y5 Workshop 'The Greeks'. In School.
Tuesday 26 th March	Redbridge Sports Fanfest. Redbridge Sports Centre.
Wednesday 27 th March	Y3 & Y4 Able Writers Day – Fairlop Primary School
Friday 5 th April at 1.30pm	End of term. Children return Tuesday 23 rd April.

ASSEMBLY AND MASS TIMETABLE

Thursday 28 th March at 9.05am	5B Class Assembly
Friday 29 th March at 11.00am	End of Term Mass – SS Peter & Paul's Church

Refreshments will be available before class assemblies from 8.55am. Volunteers always needed to help escort the children to church, please give your name to the office if available.

ATTENDANCE

The whole school attendance last week was: 96.66%.

The class winner for the best attendance last week was: RS with 99%.

The classes with the best punctuality were: 3D, 3I, 5R with one late mark.

The class which needs to improve most: 4S for attendance of 94% and worst punctuality 5B with eight late marks.

If your child is sick please phone the office by 9.30am or the absence will be unauthorised, also remember to send in a letter to the class teacher to explain the nature of the absence. Please avoid taking your child to medical appointments in school time, unless it is an emergency, in which case you must provide a copy of the appointment letter or card.



Y3 Colchester Castle

