



Events this month

RAF Hendon

On Wednesday 16th November, Year 6 visited RAF Hendon to learn about life during World War 2. The children had a great time learning about the aircraft and planes used in battle.



Playtimes

Following the success of our indoor lunch club, we will be running an outdoor lunch club from next half term. There will be 15 spaces available each day for children to engage in outdoor games. Indoor lunch club will continue and be run by a member of the senior leadership team.

Thanks to the school council, Miss Davis, Mr Pryde and Miss Mc Nabola we have decided upon and ordered some new play equipment for each playground. Please make every effort to promote structured games at home, encourage turn taking and losing with pride. Please support us in our work to discourage play fighting/physical games at home, as we do in school. We look forward to using our new equipment next half term!

Viking workshop



On Friday 18th October, Year 5 had an exciting workshop led by the museum service. The children were able to see first-hand artefacts and even dress up in Viking attire!

School Disco

Well done to the PTA for another fabulous disco. We raised £1,300-a terrific sum! The money will be spent on replenishing the books in the infant library.

Headteacher Mission Statement Awards

Yr R: Sofia and Mac

Yr 1: Cillian and Alessio

Yr 2: Meghan and Tobia

Yr 3: Dominic and Khushi

Yr 4: Jacob and Alessia

Yr 5: Alice and Isla

Yr 6: Adam and Joseph

Well done to our winners who made an extra special

Farewell to Miss Knight

Following her extended break, Miss Knight has chosen to take up a full time position in a non-school based role. We are delighted for her and wish her all the best with the opportunities ahead. Miss Knight will be in school on 6th November to say 'farewell' to the children and staff. Thank you Miss Knight, you will be missed! Mr Pryde and Mrs Johal will be the PE leads in school moving forward.



NSPCC workshops

On Tuesday 5th November we will be hosting NSPCC workshops in school. The workshops aim to cover all elements of child safety from online dangers, to stranger danger, to managing upsets on the playground. The age appropriate content is excellent and the key messages really resonate with the children. Please use these workshops as a platform to speak to your child at home about what they have learnt about external influences and how they can better manage their own behaviour/emotions in relation to others. It is extremely important to emphasise that if the children have any worries or concerns they must tell a trusted adult. As you know, in school, we have named adult lists for this reason.

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Governance

Further to my notice in the last newsletter regarding a change within governance, I am delighted to inform you our new Chair, Tony Gorton, was elected earlier this week. Mr Tony Gorton joins us from the Diocese of Westminster Education Team and as a former Head teacher himself he will be a real asset to the strategic work of the Governing Body. Mr Gorton already knows the school well from his work as RE advisor over the past year.

At this time, we say farewell to Helen Bailey and Danny Noon as foundation governors and Michelle Murray as parent governor. On behalf of the school community, I have thanked them for their significant efforts to support the school in recent years and wish them all the best for the future. At the same time, we welcome Joanna Martorana (Yr 5 and 6 parent) and Roger Kennedy (Yr 5 parent) on to the governing body. We are extremely fortunate to have both on board and look forward to working with them on each of the committees. Catherine Davis has been elected as Vice-Chair.

Mr Gorton will be keen in coming weeks to spend time in school and meet with pupils, staff and parents and his first visit in his new capacity will be on Monday 11th November. Please do pop over and say hello at morning drop off/end of the day when he will be on the playground. A parent election will open shortly after half term.

Finally, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank all those who have previously, and continue to, serve Catholic Education as governors. It is a demanding voluntary role but one that makes a real difference to those in school every day. So often their work is unseen yet the impact is felt by many. Thank you.

Class assemblies and classroom visits

A reminder that class assemblies will be on Friday mornings from 9.10am. Following your child's assembly, parents are invited into classrooms to celebrate learning from the term so far. Visits will end at 10am. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the relevant week.