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St Agnes' Weekly News

The family of St Agnes loves, learns and grows together as followers of Jesus.

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NOVEMBER

5th— Family Mass 10:30am
at St Agnes' Church

6th— Parent Tour 2pm

8th—Class 6S Assembly
9:05am

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9th— Year 2 trip to Golders
Hill Park

10th—Mr Marvel Disco
Reception to Year 3

13th—Book Fair

13th-17th Anti-Bullying
Week

14th— Year 6 SATs
Information Evening 5pm

15th— Class 4AM Assembly
9:05am

20th—Panto Day—
Pinocchio

22nd—Anti-Bullying
Ambassador Training

22nd—Class 5P Assembly
9:05am

22nd—Mufti Day for Bottle
stall for Christmas Fayre

Dear Parents,

This week gave us the opportunity to celebrate the Feast of All Saints, we are all encouraged us to think of the mantra "In November we remember". We remember those we have known— members of our family and friends who have gone before us to Heaven, marked with the sign of faith. We remember those saints that have significance for us in our daily lives and to those that we have a special connection with. Possibly even more importantly we use this as a time to recognise the 'unknown' saints who are remembered for their acts of kindness, caring nature, generosity, respect and good works. These are the people who are alive and active in our lives, giving of their time selflessly to enrich our lives.

We look forward to seeing you at the family mass at St Agnes on Sunday at 10.30am. Several children have been allocated a job at mass. As we would like the children to be visible to the members of the parish congregation, I would ask children to wear their school uniform, so we really feel that we are part of the community.

Thanks in advance for those parents that have agreed to attend and in particular to those who have offered to stay behind and serve refreshments in the Parish Hall - all are welcome to come to this after mass. We are so fortunate to have a thriving, successful school and a beautiful parish church on our doorstep - let us show ourselves as a proud community in church this weekend.

Mrs Gale



Please see the information below where you can celebrate the weekly gospel at home with your family.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/holiday-special-booklet?pid=MTA101634&v=107.9>

Judaism Workshop

The children in Years 2-6 took part in a Judaism workshop on Thursday which was a fantastic opportunity for them to see the similarities and differences between our faiths as well as explore more about Judaism.

The children greatly enjoyed this experience especially being able to try on traditional clothing and food! A whole school assembly was also delivered and was very interactive for the children.

All week, the children have been learning about a specific topic in Judaism and exploring a particular aspect of the faith. Kyla 6S mentioned, 'I was able to learn how to write my name in Hebrew.' 'It was interesting to learn about the Jewish faith,' said Mason 6S.

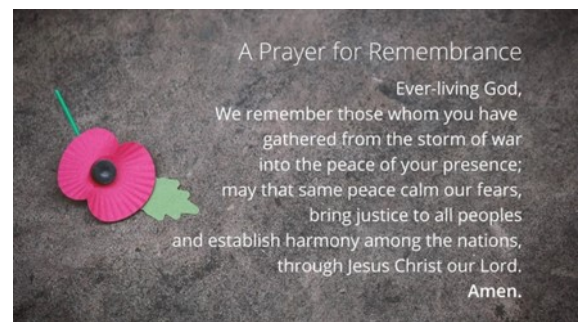
Miss Moran



Remembrance Day

November is the month for remembering those that died. Next Sunday, will be Remembrance Sunday and a chance for us to gather in our churches to pray for those that died fighting in wars for their country and to remember those facing conflict currently.

The social action leaders thought it would be a good idea to have a remembrance book for those close to us that we want remembered. This will be available for you to write in your intentions, if you would like, in the reception area. We will place those people in to our prayers.



FOSA News

Many thanks to everyone who supported the cake sale on Friday 20th October. We raised £182.50.

It was lovely to see all the children dressed "Bright Like a Firework" and thanks to your donations a sum of £359. was raised.



FOSA held their first meeting of the year on Wednesday 1st November and we would like to thank the parents who took the time to attend.

We now have new Chairpersons Indy and Lisa who will share the role and Arlene Dela Cruz who is now Secretary. Thanks to Corina, Helen, Laura & Dawn who will make up the rest of the committee but we still need the support of all parents and staff to make this a success.

We would like to give a big thanks to Ela Klupa, Ewa Dec and Maria Korenkova who have given up a lot of their time over the past few years by organising events and supporting the school.

A Sporty Week

Before half term, we had a very sporty week at St Agnes' and a variety of children were very lucky to attend numerous events.

On Tuesday 17th October, pupils from Years 4 – 6 attended a Cross Country Event. They had to run a mile and the heroic Sofia in Year 6 even continued after a fall! Well done to Joao for coming in 7th place out of the Year 6 Boys Team.

On Thursday 19th October, pupils from Year 1-4 attended a Gymnastics Festival. They had a great time exploring a variety of movements and learning sequences. In addition to this, Year 6's represented our school in a football match against King Alfred School.

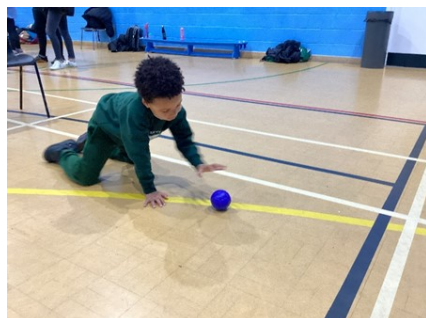


All pupils showed amazing sportsmanship and did us proud!

Miss McSweeney
Sports Leader

Boccia Festival 2023

On Wednesday 1st November, children from Years 1 – 6 experienced the game of Boccia at Burnt Oak Leisure Centre. This was a festival-based event; therefore, pupils were introduced to the game of Boccia without needing any prior knowledge of the game. After some practise, they were given the opportunity to play mini matches against other schools. An exciting morning was had by all, and as always the children of St Agnes made us proud! Thank you to all the adults that attended this event.



Donations Needed

This Christmas, the **Social Action Leaders** are calling for your support for our local Foodbank!

Colindale Foodbank: *We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.*



Urgently needed items:

Tinned fruit
Tinned vegetables
Tinned fish
Tinned meat
Pasta sauce
Rice pudding
Sugar
Coffee
Juice
Biscuits/Crisps/Snacks
Cooking oil
Nappies
Wipes
Toiletries (Male / Female)
Shower gel / deodorant / shampoo
Toilet roll
Long life milk
Washing Powder
Washing up liquid



There will be collection boxes in the School office from **Monday 6th November 2023** until **Monday 4th December 2023**.

The foodbank will be collecting the donations, weighing them up & distributing to the community for Christmas.

Thank you for your support

Miss Blooman

DONATE A BOOK



I often get asked how parents can donate books to the school. So I have created an Amazon book wish list. This is a way for you to donate a book that we need for our wonderful school reading library.

You will find the list at

<https://amzn.eu/biEs0qi>

At delivery if you pick the option to send the book to the "List Donation's gift registry address" the book will be delivered directly to the school. Alternativley you can get it delivered to your home address and bring it into school.

Many Thanks as always for your ongoing and wonderful support
Mrs Gale



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

X

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. That sparked a host of changes to the platform – not all which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have continued with each passing month, many of them raising online safety concerns among the 530 million users of Twitter (now rebranded as simply X). With further adjustments reportedly in the pipeline, X has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and caution in recent times.

A BLOCK ON BLOCKING

X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. Previously, this stopped other users from viewing your profile or sending you direct messages, while also hiding their posts from your feed. Only this latter function will now remain. The decision has been criticised by some members, who feel that blocking (in its current form) protects them from X users who 'promote denial and hatred'.

LIMITED REPORTING FEATURES

X offers a premium membership, with some functionality (such as controlling who can view and reply to your posts) increasingly being made exclusive to those who pay the subscription fee. Several commentators have speculated that X could one day become an exclusively paid-for service, with access to accounts being revoked for anyone unwilling or unable to take out a subscription.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many of X's less age-appropriate posts can feature anything from extreme political views to pornography. While accounts marked as 18+ are restricted from non-members, it's still fairly easy to stumble across this material accidentally. X's new 'For You' page also shows content from accounts that a user doesn't already follow – meaning that almost anything could end up on a child's feed.

VERIFICATION FOR SALE

Historically, Twitter's moderators granted account verification: certifying someone as authentic by placing a blue tick next to their username. One of X's earliest changes was to place verification behind a paywall; this caused the number of celebrity impersonators to rise and left no way to distinguish, say, a legitimate influencer from a copycat fake account seeking to exploit other users.

BLUE TICK SALE

Advice for Parents & Carers

PROTECT PRIVACY

Unsavory characters may try to gain access to a young person's X account – either to view their posts and gather information on them, or to completely take control of it. To minimise risk, ensure the account has a strong password and enable the 'Protect Your Posts' feature (via the account settings), so that strangers can't view your child's posts without first being approved as a follower.

DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT

To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberately inflammatory comments on sensitive topics such as race, sexual orientation and gender issues. Many young people could find this upsetting. Emphasise that, if your child encounters someone spreading hate on X, it's best not to give that person what they want: an argument. Ignore them, mute their account and move on.

STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS

Make sure your child understands that X's blue ticks no longer guarantee the identity of anyone on the platform. While it might be exciting if a celebrity liked your child's post, it could just as easily be an imposter with malicious intentions. If your child's not 100% sure that an X user actually is who they claim to be, advise them to err on the side of caution and avoid interacting with that account.

ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS

Using the 'Following' tab on X helps to ensure that the only content your child sees has come from accounts they've chosen to follow; this should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful, violent or explicit content. Show your child how to report another user's account if, say, they're behaving inappropriately by spreading misinformation or offensive opinions.

BE READY TO TAKE ACTION

If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a hack, you could consider deactivating their account entirely. Recently, X's safety features have been criticised for allegedly failing to protect users' wellbeing – so if your child is being subjected to abusive messages or similar mistreatment on the platform, it might be prudent to remove them from X altogether.

Meet Our Expert

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National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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[/NationalOnlineSafety](https://facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety)

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[@national_online_safety](https://tiktok.com/@national_online_safety)

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Class	Star of the Week
1B	Kaiya
1Z	Madison
2C	Oliver
2M	Efe
3C	Orvin
3G	Perry
4AM	Tanuja
4D	Adley
5M	Lady Marian
5P	Olivier
6M	Darren
6S	Natan
TT Rockstars	Jordan 5M
AFS	KS1 Erinayo 2M
	KS2 Mason 3C

Birthdays up to 5th November 2023

October

30th Leo 4AM & Maylene RB

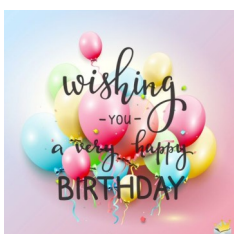
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1st Olivier 5M & Jordan 1B

2nd Louise 4AM

4th Orvin 3C & Matilda Nursery

5th Asser 1B & Jaida 5P



Weekly Attendance		
Class	Attendance %	Number of Lates
RB	87	1
RS	92	1
1B	98	1
1Z	98	6
2C	96	0
2M	94	0
3C	100	1
3G	100	1
4AM	98	1
4D	93	1
5M	99	1
5P	95	0
6M	99	0
6S	98	8
School Target 97.5%		

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person (parent or staff) have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school safeguarding team (Mrs O'Reilly, Mrs Hourihan, Mrs Gale, Mrs Breslin or our Chair of Governors Gill Abbott). In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a duty to discuss the issue with Social Services to seek further advice. This is the statutory obligation of all schools.

Thought of the Week

"The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God and no torment shall touch them... they are in peace."

Wisdom 3:1:3

