

St John Vianney Catholic School

School Newsletter

Edition: 190 3rd December 2021

"Everything we can be, with Christ in our hearts."



Busy, Busy, Busy!

The hustle and bustle of the run up to Christmas is well and truly upon us! Class 5 did something amazing this week: they went on a trip! Our first, full, post-Covid trip! They visited the Advent service at Westminster Cathedral, then took a stroll down to Buckingham, Palace to sketch some monuments for Art & Design. A couple of years ago, this would have seemed routine, but in the context of where we've been (and are!), it felt immense. AND..they had real donkeys and goats!

The Second Advent liturgy was led by year 5 too, [PLEASE CLICK HERE](#) to watch our Assembly. Have a lovely weekend...

God bless, Mr. McNicholas





theBigGive

CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

30 NOV—7 DEC 2021

When you donate to The Passage through The Big Give,
your donation will be doubled.

ONE DONATION. TWICE THE IMPACT.

Dear Friends

I hope you are well and all is running smoothly at your school despite the ongoing pandemic.

We are busy as usual at The Passage with our work to help those who are homeless to turn their lives round. Many of our traditional forms of fundraising such as appeals in churches, schools, live events and public collections have been badly effected whilst help so many of those who are homeless to turn their lives round.

We are in the run up to Christmas having an online giving campaign to support our work with people who are homeless. I wonder if a message might be put out to parents in case some might support.

The Passage, a Catholic Charity, working with people who are homeless, has started its Christmas Big Give Challenge. They write

From 12 pm on Tuesday 30th November to 12 pm on Tuesday 7th December, all donations made to The Passage through The Big Give will be doubled. A donation of £100 is doubled to £200 and becomes £225 with Gift Aid.

Our fundraising through public collections, live events, schools and churches is particularly affected whilst the number of homeless people we help has increased. This campaign is incredibly important to The Passage and will help us to ensure we can continue to find our clients sustainable accommodation and a place to call home.

We need your help to support all those homeless people in a desperate situation this winter. If you can donate we should be really grateful.

Please also have a think about any contacts you have who might be able to donate, or if they have a large presence on social media then sharing our posts is also a great way to support. Staff, volunteers, friends and family can all help by sharing our posts too!

In order for the donations to be doubled, they must be made through the Big Give webpage:

<https://bit.ly/PassageBG2021>

Andrew Hollingsworth
Community Fundraiser



Launch of OWL, Crime Alerting System

Crime alerts directly from your local police officers

What? OWL launches in Haringey to send residents local crime alerts from the police & council

Why? Instant notification with alerts & advice to help prevent crime and increase safety

Where? www.owl.co.uk/met or search your app store for *owl crime alerts*

Residents of Haringey can now be alerted to nearby crime and other issues directly by their local policing team. Alerts can be received either through email by signing up at www.owl.co.uk/met or as push notifications by downloading the OWL app without registering.

OWL has successfully been used in other boroughs to expand Neighbourhood Watch, help avoid crime, and provide a dedicated platform for the police and council to keep residents updated about issues such as burglary, vehicle and bike crime, scams and anti-social behaviour. Officers can use OWL to target a message to residents in their own ward, or to specific streets. Meanwhile occasional borough-wide alerts can be sent to everyone who's signed up or downloaded the app.

Owners of video doorbells and CCTV can join CCTV Watch at the same time as joining Neighbourhood Watch online. Doing so lets the police know you have a camera in case there's an incident nearby that your private camera might have recorded. Knowledge of cameras is kept secure and private and never made public.

Dog owners and Businesses are also welcomed in joining the new Dog Watch or Business Watch. It's hoped these schemes will grow over time to provide valuable alerts and information to help avoid harm, crime, or scams.

To join Neighbourhood, CCTV, Dog or Business Watch, go to www.owl.co.uk/met and type your postcode to begin. It's free and only takes a minute. Registering online adds you to a local watch in Haringey and alerts and updates will be sent directly by email. Personal data is held securely within the UK in accordance to Data Protection laws and is never used for sales or marketing. OWL is accredited by Secured by Design and meets police recognised standards. It has won national Government awards for innovation, empowering communities and helping to reduce crime which is why it's being introduced in Haringey.

If you don't want to join a watch scheme or would prefer to receive notification via the OWL mobile app without having to register, search the App Store or Google Play for "owl crime alerts". The app doesn't ask for personally identifiable information so you can be sure the police and council won't know who you are, unless you choose to get in touch. The app will need to know your location so it can notify you of nearby issues, but no tracking history is recorded and no person can find your location or associate you with it, not even the police or the app developers. It's been designed on the basis that it's more important for the police to give information to the public than for the police to know who's receiving the information.

Alerts via OWL will only come from the police, the Council, or occasionally from a local Neighbourhood Watch coordinator if there's one in your ward. Unlike social media, the public can't post their own messages on OWL so there's no chance of coming across misinformation or unwelcomed comments. However, the public can reply directly to senders of alerts if they have any information to give that may be of help.

OWL is also available across half of London including neighbouring boroughs of Enfield, Barnet, Waltham Forest and Haringey.

Reminders and Notices

Thursday 9th December 2021 is Christmas lunch day and Christmas jumper day:

Christmas Lunch ~ children who bring packed lunches will have received a letter this week asking if they would like a school lunch on Thursday 9th. Please send reply slip back by Monday 29th November at the latest. The external catering company need numbers as soon as possible please!

Christmas Jumper day - The whole school participates in this event in aid of Save the Children. The children wear their school uniform and a Christmas jumper instead of a school jumper. Suggested donations of £1 to be given to the class teacher on the day.

Cycle Confident: An e mail went out to Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents regarding this. Please sign up if you would like your child to participate, places are limited.

Dinner and Breakfast Club Arrears: Please can we ask that you clear these debts before the end of term.

After School Sports Clubs and Drama Club: Are now finished. New clubs will commence in January.



Are you worried that your child spends too much time on their devices (phones, tablets, laptops, gaming consuls)?

If so, please read this article on parentinfo.org. It has plenty of information for you to use in meaningful discussions with your child.

Please [CLICK HERE to read the guidance and tips.](#)

Screen time: should I be worried?





For more information on ensuring your child's safety online, you can visit the websites below:

- ☐ www.childnet.com
- ☐ www.internetmatters.org
- ☐ www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- ☐ www.nspcc.org.uk
- ☐ www.getsafeonline.org
- ☐ <https://parentinfo.org/>
- ☐ <https://parentzone.org.uk/parents>

Staying Safe Online





Advent



“At the time when Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor of Judea, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, who was living in the desert. John went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: ‘A voice cries in the wilderness; **prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.** Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all people will see the saving power of God’” The word of the Lord.

In this Gospel story John alerted the people of the need to change some of their ways and to the fact that Jesus was coming.



Our Assembly

Assembly: <https://youtu.be/4paSBNbS9o>

School Life



Year 2 have been busy this week planting winter bulbs in the cold! We will keep a close eye on them – before we know it spring will be with us! Such meticulous and careful gardeners!



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Year 5 hit the tubes on Wednesday as they represented us at the Westminster Cathedral Advent Service – featuring a real Donley!



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Making a day of it, they took Year 3's 'Scrappy the Dog' along for the ride, and went to Buckingham Palace to do some sketching!

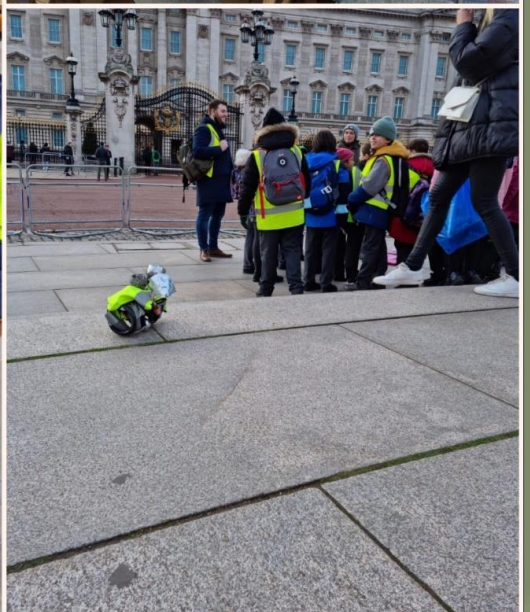
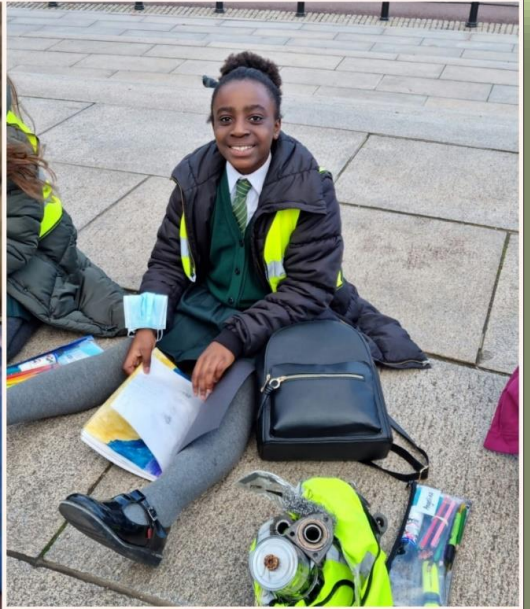


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Look who Year 5 bumped into! He even agreed to a photo with Scrappy the Dog!



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Nursery Places

- Nursery application forms are now ready. Please email the admin@st-johnvianney.Haringey.sch.uk to make an appointment to collect a form.





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3rd December 21

Reception:

A big well done to both Flora and Tsion who are our stars of the week in Reception Class.

E -I was really impressed with your writing this week. You wrote all by yourself what you like about the poem '12345 Once I caught a Fish Alive' you thought about your sentences 'stretched out your words' so that you could hear the individual sounds that you wanted to write. You did a lovely illustration with your writing piece what a great artist you are! I can see that you are becoming confident reading 'Fred's green words' and you are giving your writing a real go all by yourself. Great effort this week!

I For always showing such lovely manners you always come to school with a big smile on your face saying your very lovely good morning greeting always puts a smile on my face when you walk through the gate. You show such a caring quality to all of your friends you listen carefully to instruction and always try your best . I have been impressed with how you have been writing your self- registration name and surname independently! Good work this week:)





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Year 1:

This week my stars are going to two children that have shown a great improvement over the last few weeks with all their work. **L** has been listening so carefully in lessons and always knows exactly what he has been asked to do. He is trying really hard with his maths and his writing and using his sounds to try and write some very long words!

M is also working very hard and has improved her listening skills so that she knows what she needs to do. It is great to see you thinking and answering questions during the lessons more often. Keep up the hard work!





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Year 2:

Year 2 have worked extremely hard this week and were absolutely fantastic when we had our special visitors on Tuesday. Well done everyone!

I would like to choose **C** as my first star this week for his fantastic phonics! I know Mrs Dewar was very impressed with how carefully he sounded out each word, taking care in spotting the 'special friends'. Well done!

My second star this week is **T** for her hard work in maths. She tackles problems with enthusiasm and never gives up. It's great to see her put so much effort into every lesson.





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Year 3:

The whole of year 3 are stars this week (as they are every week)! They orchestrated an amazing campaign to persuade me that the Iron Man should return to Year 3 to look after Scrappy the Dog! They wrote amazing letters (some called me the best Headteacher in the Universe, some promised to support Spurs in return for me agreeing to the Iron Man's reappearance!).

AND..they staged a very boisterous protest during our Friday morning assembly! After all that? I Agreed...the Iron Man returns!





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Year 4:

This week I nominate **P**. She has been very vocal in the classroom this week and has taken up the challenge of supporting others. Her contributions have been incredibly valuable and many of her peers have used her ideas within their work. Keep it up!

I also nominate **M**. Miah has been working very hard in her writing this week. We have been looking at setting descriptions and she was able to come up with some fantastic personifications to describe a storm. It was a joy to see her very motivated and enthusiastic towards her work. Well done!





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Year 5:

A, Z, M and M are this week's stars of the week. They volunteered their own time (lunch times and at home) to help produce excellent reading-inspired artwork for our library. Their brilliant artwork will be admired for years to come! Well done all!





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Year 6:

A huge well done to year 6 again this week, they continue to work hard and impress their teachers.

Yesterday, year 6 took part in a debate as part of their geography work for this half term. The motion that we debated was 'This house believes that tourists should be allowed to climb the mountains in the Lake District. They were all absolutely brilliant! They worked together as a team to structure their arguments and they thought carefully about what they would say. Furthermore, they listened carefully to each other, spoke passionately during the debate and responded respectfully to each others opinions. We were so impressed with their behaviour and their enthusiasm. I would therefore like to give the star of the week to all of year 6 this week!



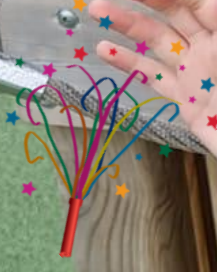
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