

St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School

Autumn Newsletter No 6

*"We are a Catholic community, living and learning in faith.
Through the Gospel values of faith, hope, trust and love,
we aim to recognise individuality and enable each other to fulfil our potential"*

13th October 2023

Dear All

Well, we waved off our Y6 children on Monday who looked very excited to begin their adventures at PGL. I have been watching all the photos coming in and they have had an amazing time with so many activities. This is a great experience that encourages their independence and builds resilience.

Back at school we have been taking part in 'Feeling Good Week' and the children wore a variety of different yellow accessories to raise awareness of Mental Health Day. There were some great hairstyles and sock choices that the children were showing me as they came into school. During collective worship, I took the children through some of the ways they can look after their well-being. It would be great if you could talk about these at home so we can encourage our pupils to be mindful of their mental health.



Parents evenings takes place next Thursday 19th October and the online booking system is now live. This is a great opportunity to discuss with the teacher how your child has settled into their new class - we look forward to seeing you.

We also have an open morning next Thursday 19th at 10am - if you could spread the word to any parents looking for a place in a wonderful school!

Now that the children have settle into the new school year, we would like to ask for any volunteers who would have any pockets of time to support St Cuthbert's. There are lots of areas that parents (or grandparents) could help with such as changing books, reading with pupils, keeping our library organised and general help with making resources etc. If anyone could spare an hour or two on a regular basis, we would be very grateful if you would email the office.

I hope you all have a restful weekend.

Mrs Rainbow

Head of School

Important dates for next week

- **Wednesday 18th October** - Year 6 boys self defence class, PE kit required
- **Thursday 19th October 2:30pm—7:00pm** - Parents evening (online bookings now active)

Mr Taylor's Notices

Thursday dodgeball will remain on as normal, even though it is parent's evening.

Open Mornings / Afternoons

We will be holding open events for prospective parents for the next academic year on the following dates; please do share them with anyone you know has a child due to start school in September 2024

19th October	Open Morning starting at 10am
8th November	Open Afternoon starting at 1.30pm
15th November	Open Evening starting at 6.30pm

Fair Dojo Winners:

F faith

A appreciate and articulate

I independence and initiative

R respect and resilience

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Cillian in Reception has won this week for being articulate and trying hard with his Fred Talk during phonics. Well done Cillian.

This week's Dojo winner in Year 1 is **Ella**. Ella has shown excellent resilience while writing sentences this week. Sentences can be really tricky in Year 1 and Ella never gives up and keeps trying. Good job Ella!

Connor in year 2 has been showing respect to his writing with using beautifully joined handwriting.

Arthur in Year 3 for being so ARTICULATE in his science lessons when describing the parts of a plant.

Dojo winner for Year Four is **Olivia E** for consistently putting maximum effort into her learning and all areas of school life, respecting her environment and using her initiative to help around the classroom. Well done, Olivia!

Our dojo winner in Year 5 is someone who has had a fantastic first month at St Cuthbert's. Mr John has been so proud how you have taken our fair values on board. Well done **Carolina**.

The Week That Was

Year R:

This week, Reception have been learning about looking after themselves and looking after God's world. We read the story Oliver's Vegetables and talked about the food we like to eat and the food that keeps us healthy. We cut out lots of different pictures of food and designed our own dinner plate with our favourite foods. We also had a go at recycling in our classroom and used magnets to remove the rubbish from our "world" in the small world area using our toys. In Maths, we have been learning about spotting and creating different patterns. We used different resources such as multilink cubes and natural resources such as pine cones, to create our own repeating patterns. We also read Aliens Love Underpants and spotted the patterns in the story, then made some patterned pants of our own!

Year 1:

The children have done some excellent learning this week. In RE, we have been learning about Laudato Si and the children have all made posters demonstrating how we can make our school and world a better place. We are coming to the end of our Science topic, comparing materials. The children did an experiment to see which materials sink and which float, we used very scientific terms like predicting. The children have been working so hard on writing sentences which retell our class story, their independence within writing is developing brilliantly. An excellent week in Year 1!

Year 2:

Year 2 have been fantastic when it comes to saying part of the Rosary every day! We can tell some of the children have been practising at home! In Science this week, we designed our own nappy for a baby. We were given various materials to use and had to decide which materials would be best for absorption, waterproofing and comfort. We drew scientific diagrams to explain our design. In English, we started our new focus book 'Meerkat Mail'. We looked at the technical vocabulary and grammar choices the author used. We clarified any words we did not know the meaning of and defined them. In maths, we have started our unit on addition and subtraction. One of the core concepts we will be covering is number bonds, particularly to 10. This underpins much of the addition that will be covered in this unit. Children must practise these at home and be able to instantly know that $1+9=10$, $2+8=10$, $3+7=10$ and so on.

Year 3:

In Year 3 we have started our new unit on promises, looking at the Sacrament of Baptism. We have made clay statues in response to the Book of Jeremiah chapter 31: 3, God says this, 'I have loved you with an everlasting love, so I am constant in my affection for you'. We have been sharing our achievements in our Big Book of Our Achievements for feeling good week. As well as exploring inspiring people of black or mixed heritage in English through comic books.

Year 4:

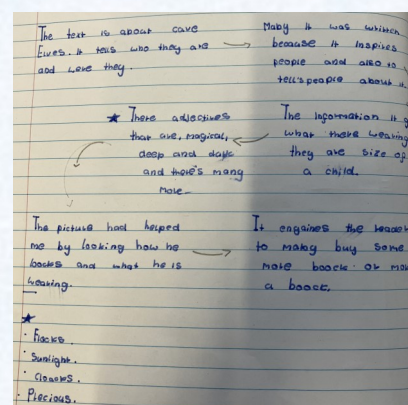
Year Four have been showing their artistic streaks this week, creating some lettering to make shadow sculptures and starting to plan and create some fantastic 'big finishes' for our Geography topic on Route 66. They've also started to plan their own biographies about somebody that has inspired them from black history. Well done for all of your hard work this week Year Four!

Year 5:

This week in RE we have started our new topic on Life Choices. We have discussed what it means to be a good friend and what qualities we should be looking out for. In English we have started our new topic on explanation texts. We have analysed our model text and learnt all about cave elves.

Year 6:

Year 6 have been away this week on their residential trip to Windmill Hill. All updates are on Homeroom.



Snack Notice:

If your child is bringing grapes / cherry tomatoes in to school for either their fruit snack or lunch, please ensure these are cut in half length ways.

Job Opportunity with Teach South East

Teach SouthEast, Xavier Catholic Education Trust are recruiting for an **Administration Assistant** (part time). Please follow this link for more information. [Administration Assistant \(eteach.com\)](https://www.eteach.com)

Wrap Around Care—Recruitment

We are still actively recruiting to increase our staff numbers for our wrap around care.

Should you or anyone you know be interested in working at either our Breakfast or After School Club, please do get in contact.

Mondays to Fridays,

7.30am to 8.40am for Breakfast Club

3pm onwards for After School Club

Term time only – 38 wks pa.

Salary: Surrey S3.1 - FTE £19,313 p.a., £2,623 pro rata, £10.29 per hour

St. Cuthbert's is a happy and caring school with wonderful children and a great staff team. We are seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Extended Schools Assistant, able to start work with us as soon as possible – initially mornings only but with possibility of more hours.

We are looking for applicants who:

- Are supportive of our Catholic ethos
- Are patient and care for children
- Are team players who are flexible and personable
- Are positive and resilient in their approach with children



Previous experience of working with children and young people is desirable, but not essential.

Please email office@stcuthberts.surrey.sch.uk for an application form or call Mrs Turner for further details.

St. Cuthbert's is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS is essential for this position, which can be organised through the School.

**SURREY
ARTS**



NORTH SURREY ENSEMBLES OPEN REHEARSALS

**Come and experience playing in
a band or orchestra!**

We are inviting string, guitar & percussion players from Grade 1 standard to come along and join in for the morning and find out what it feels like to play in a group.

Junior Strings

Senior Strings

**Percussion &
Rhythm Crew**

Junior Guitar

Saturday 14 October

Sessions between 9 - 11am

Check website for times

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