

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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As we continue through this special year of 'The God who Speaks' we take time to examine Scripture and think about how these words, written over two thousand years ago, can relate to our everyday lives today. In Matthew 5:16 there is a very simple message which can help us to be true Disciples of the Lord, *"In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do. Live so that they will praise your Father in Heaven."*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

31st January	School Association Tuck Shop
5th February	Butterworth Assembly 9.05am
7th February	School Association Bingo Night
12th February	Open Day for Current Parents

Reminder - Parking

May we remind all parents to be considerate when parking near the school. It has been noted this week that parents have been blocking driveways and parking inappropriately.

Summer Term Mass

The date of the Summer Term Mass in April has been changed. Please note this Mass will now take place on 29th April at 2pm rather than the 22nd April as previously advertised.



February Half Term Holiday Camps

Please see attached flyer from Funtastickids advertising their February Half Term Holiday Camps. If you are interested please book directly on-line.

Maths Competition

On 21st January, we represented St Teresa's at the Eagle House Maths Competition. There were 80 teams of 2 competing against each other. There were 3 challenges: Find the Value; Countdown; and the Big Event. Each one consisted of different questions. Each team had a runner who went up to the marking desk where they would mark it right or they would tell you to try again. Both teams did remarkably well. George and Raphael came 23rd and Jamie and Michael came 1st and won some chocolate and hula hoops. Despite the chocolate and hula hoops we decided the best part of the day was the maths!

Raphael H, George F, Michael A and Jamie W



Kurling Competition

On Thursday this week, we went to Bohunt School for a Kurling competition. We won lots and had so much fun. We all hit the target and Seya was the master of knocking other stones. We would like to thank Mrs Carter and Mrs Roper for organizing and taking us. We loved kurling so much.



By Natalie B, Harry T, Seya & Kenny

Fundraising Event Wokingham Link Visiting Scheme

March 7th 19.30

Finchampstead Memorial Hall

An entertaining evening of chat about football, family and friendship, with one of our parents Gareth Ainsworth, Wycombe Wanderers' manager and the Football league's longest serving manager, QPR legend and former Premier League player. PLUS..... Live music from Gareth and renowned local musician Paul Zarb!

Tickets £15.00 : ticketsource.co.uk/thelink



Amuka Foundation

Great news, our second hand uniform has been collected and donated to <https://amuka-foundation.org/>. Last week we heard that some of the St Teresa's uniform has made it to Kenya and has been re-badged by a local women's sewing group with a logo they've had designed for the school.

Another fabulous example of the St Teresa's community helping others.



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you!

Update on Kungkujang

Thank you very much for the schools' continued support for Kungkujang in Gambia. Our current project is to raise £7.5k for the completion of two of the classroom shells seen in the attached picture. This will allow 60 more children to come off the waiting list for school and start active participation in classes – it will also negate the need to have two shifts at school and children will be able to attend all day

We are now also supporting a medical centre in Sukuta, a suburb of Banjul the capital of the country. Here they are diagnosing seven new patients A DAY with diabetes and do not have enough glucometers and test strips to continue to monitor and if they do, they do not have the batteries to make the machines work so its and endless task to supply – we have at least now the support of the Gambian Government to waiver any import duties that might have been levied on any goods sent to or imported into the country

Many thanks

Mike Hendy



We have had so much to celebrate in school over the past two weeks beginning with our beautiful start of term Mass which was led by our Mini Vinnies. It was lovely to see so many members of our community coming together to worship.

On Wednesday Lewis class shared their recent learning with their parents and the rest of the school in their Class Assembly – wow! What a journey we went on as they explained all they had learnt in their Learning Focus of 'Africa'. They showcased some amazing Artwork, demonstrated some impressive beats on the traditional drums and gave a rather graphic description of the mummification process! (Not a skill I think I will ever need to use but you never know...) Recently, as a staff, we have been spending a lot of time looking at our curriculum, ensuring our Foundation Subjects are taught with the same passion as our Core Subjects and this assembly was a wonderful example of this – the children's learning coming to life across a range of subjects and experiences.

We have had some staff celebrations as well! Congratulations to Mrs Lacey who has become an eduCCate Global Climate Change Teacher, accredited by The One UN Climate Change Learning Partnership (UNCC:Learn). The specific mission of the educate Global Project is to bring high quality climate change content, backed by the UN system, into all classrooms in the United Kingdom and beyond – something which is so important to us all. Emily undertook this course in her own time and had to complete a number of tests – we are all incredibly proud of her and very grateful that she will be helping us to make a change for our future generations. I know she has lots of great ideas which will be shared with all members of our community so watch this space for more details!

As you can see from the Kungkujang update from my dad above, this project continues to grow in strength – thanks to your generosity. We will be holding a big fundraising event just before Easter more details to follow in due course

Last Sunday 40 St Teresa's pupils began their First Holy Communion programme at Corpus Christi. The children will be preparing to receive this special Sacrament over the next couple of months; please keep them all in your prayers.

And finally, further to the letter that was sent out by Mrs Exell earlier this week I would like to take this opportunity to publically thank Charlotte for all that she has done in her 11 years of service. Reading through the list of projects she has been involved in reminded me how much we have achieved, as a school, in the past decade. We are so fortunate to have had such a talented and committed team of Governors, led by Charlotte, who have always worked tirelessly for the good of our school. On a personal note, I am incredibly grateful for all of the support Charlotte has given me during my many different roles within the school; she has been a pleasure to work with and will be missed. I am pleased to announce Charlotte will be attending our start of term Mass on Wednesday 29th April at 2pm so that we can express our thanks and gratitude to her – I hope many of you will be able to join us.

Best wishes,

Mrs Nikki Peters

Headteacher