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Primary Academies Trust

*"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them" (Romans: 12,6)*

# **St Paulinus CE Primary Newsletter**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**

What a fantastic few weeks we have had here at school: class assemblies, World Book Day, a residential and Science week are a few of the exciting events we've taken part in. We loved watching the Y1 class assembly this week – especially their dinosaur song! Well done to Miss Dyer and the team for their hard work as we begin the countdown to the end of our Spring term with the Easter holidays just around the corner! **School will close for the Easter holidays on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 1:30pm and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.** As this will be the last newsletter this term, we wish you all a restful and rejuvenating Easter break.

## **World Book Day 2024**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March was World Book Day here at St P's – we began with a very exciting worship led



by our very own yellow fish Mrs Maris before taking part in lots of book related activities. Both the children and staff had lots of fun dressing up as their favourite book characters – you all looked amazing!



## **Y6 Residential 2024!**

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of March, Y6 embarked on their annual residential and what a week it was! Every moment across the five days we were away, was jam packed with fun filled activities but don't just take our word for it – thank you to Eva, Esther, Erin & Imogen for their thoughts & Michelle for her drawing:

*From the fourth till the eighth of March, Year 6 went on their residential trip. Along the way, they experienced many activities including ones that they have never heard about. Their five days of fun and joyous occasions was at Kings wood in Ashford. On each day Year 6 enjoyed almost every activity that came their way even ones that some thought they could not do. This trip helped people overcome their fears and gave them time to enjoy their time with yellow peers.*



*At Kingswood, one of our favourite activities was quick zip. This was a difficult for the majority of us. It was a really great experience, Y6 misses Kingswood and all of the joy it brought to us.*



One of the activities we did was called the high equilibrium. This activity consists of climbing up onto an extremely high seesaw and balancing your partner. It was very difficult and also very high, but once you were up there, it was a brilliant view. For our safety, we were all attached to light blue harnesses that were attached to a rope. This activity is about trust as all of your friends would have to pull you as you went higher. Your safety depended on them. It was brilliant to see so many people facing their fears and giving the activity a go, even if they didn't manage to reach the top.

I really enjoyed doing the quick zip! It was really exciting but it also made me feel a bit nervous. My favourite part was probably when I stepped off the tower and started the zipwire. It made me feel ~~excited~~ excited and it gave me lots of belief in myself that I could do it, even though I was nervous.

When we arrived at the zipwire we needed to put on our harnesses and our helmets. We also needed to put the carabiners that attached us to the zipwire either over our shoulder or we attached it to our harnesses where the hook was. Then everybody's harnesses and helmets were tightened to sit right. Then we all got into groups of three to go up to the zipwire. There were three platforms and one group of three went up on to each platform. Each person when at the top would get attached to each part of the zipwire. There ~~were~~ Depending on how tall each person was depended on whether each person needed to stand on the step so they could be clipped on or whether they stood on the ground. There was an angled platform for us to walk off when we were ready to. When each person stepped off they would glide down all the way to the end of the zipwire. <sup>When</sup> ~~When~~ each person reached the end there was an instructor at the end ready to unclip the person coming down. After each person was unclipped they were sent back down



to <sup>where</sup> ~~were~~ everyone else was waiting for their turn. On the way back we were told to have the carabiners either clipped on to our harnesses or we could put it over our shoulder so it doesn't get damaged by it scrapping on the floor.



Year 6 had this epic trip from March 4<sup>th</sup> to March 8<sup>th</sup> last week, and let me tell you, it was packed with cool stuff! But the cherry on top had to be the activity we did on Friday called the 'Leap of Faith'! So picture this: there's a tall, wooden pole, right? And the more you climb, the more you wobble on the platform. It was nerve-racking, but we kept pushing on. When you finally reach the top, you have to jump onto a trapeze bar, just like in a circus! It was exhilarating! And guess what? It wasn't scary at all because you just went down slowly as if you were 'shimmying down.' Because of this, we were allowed to do cool poses and imitations since there was no slack (meaning there wasn't any unnecessary looseness in the rope).



The best thing about it was that everyone chanted and supported each other. The sight of everyone helping and guiding the person climbing was so heart-warming. Also, we yelled out stuff like 'HEAVE-HO' so the people pulling the rope to the harness would know when to pull for slack. It was hilarious! But get this, when we pulled the rope, instead of 'HEAVE-HO', we yelled out different things like 'cheese toastie'. Yes, I know it sounds weird, but there was a reason for it. On a different activity, a guy with incredibly poofy and majestic hair helped us out. He told us to say 'cheese toastie'. The thing is, we never got his name so we just called him 'the cheese toastie guy'. He was one of our favourite instructors along with Rachel, Ollie, Will and Rin! They made the whole trip more wacky and unforgettable than we imagined.



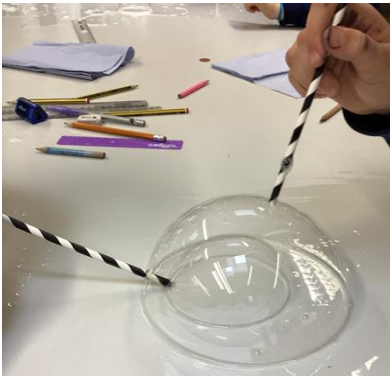
Year 6 went on an amazing school trip to Kingswood for five days. One of our many exciting activities was the 3G swing. For this activity we were strapped to a metal bar and you were in a harness and you would be pulled up by your classmates. Once you are at a reasonable height you will pull a cord. Then you will swing while being suspended in the air. It takes a bit but after a while you will stop swinging and get closer to the ground. This activity demonstrates teamwork as all of your classmates will pull you up and they would cheer you on. The highlight of this activity was being high in the air like a bird.



## Sporting News!

This week our boy's football team played a match against St Michael's Primary school unfortunately, despite their valiant efforts, we lost the match 8 – 1 but it would have been a much bigger loss if it wasn't for our amazing goalkeeper - Ronnie B - definitely **man of the match**!

## Science Week 2024



This was a Science week like no other seen at St Paulinus! Every class had an exciting trip into London to the Science Museum across the week, with some fantastic interactive workshops to take part in. We also had lots of visitors come in to share their knowledge with us or to lead activities, at the end of the week our Y5 & Y6 class spent the afternoon at Haberdashers Aske Crayford taking part in a very exciting (and grown up) Science lesson – it certainly went with a



We'd like to say a massive thank you to everyone who made this phenomenal week happen but particularly **Mrs Pike** for all her hard work in putting the week together – the children and us at St P's think you're amazing Mrs Pike!



## PTA News:

Exciting Wonky Bar update: 4 out of the 5 Golden Tickets have now been found! There is only one ticket left to find – could you be the last lucky recipient of an access all PTA events ticket for the next year? Wonky Bars are only £1 and monies raised go towards much needed school funds – good luck everyone!

## Dare To Be Different Day!

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> of March, the last day of term, will be Dare To Be Different Day here at St Paulinus. This themed day is all about making sure everyone feels included and loved for who they are. This will be a non-uniform day so please feel free to dress to express yourself with your oddest combination which we would like to include at least odd socks! Usual uniform rules for non-uniform days will apply – please see the uniform policy if you are not sure. Can't wait to see you all!

## St Paulinus Easter Service:

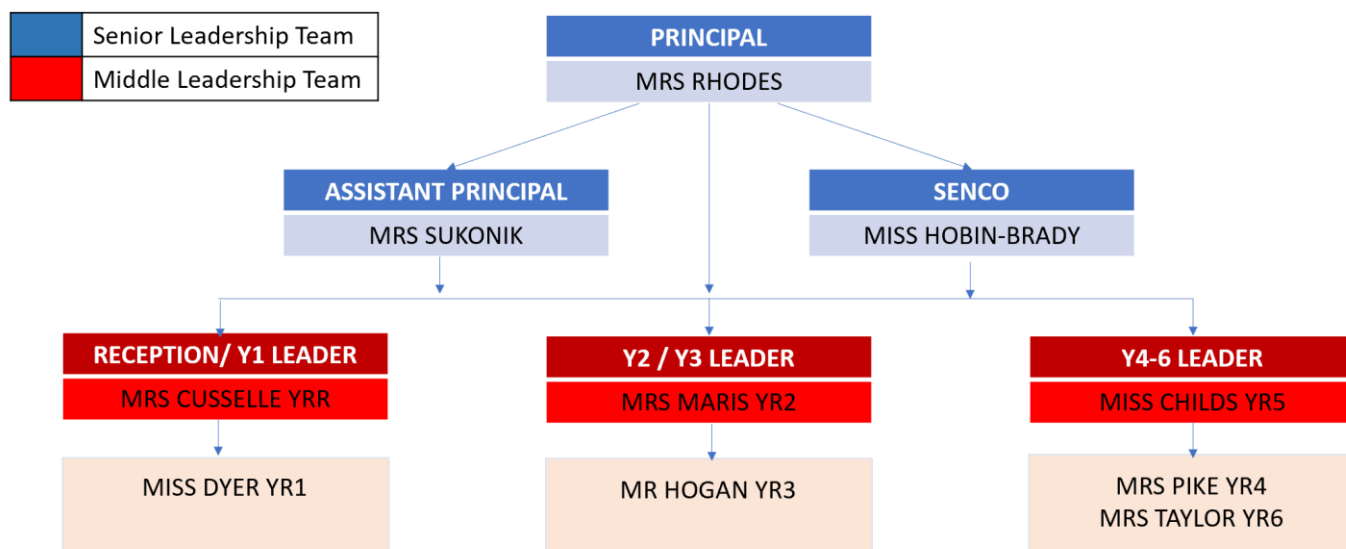
Our school Easter service will be held at St Paulinus Church on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. The Leading Lights team have been very busy preparing to lead us in this special service, you are very welcome to join us in church to celebrate Easter.

## Concerned about your child?

In the first instance, please always speak to your class teacher. They are available at the gate each day or you can email them on their class email which would be year\_@st-paulinus.bexley.sch.uk

If things are not resolved, this chart is a reminder about who you can speak to next.

## ST PAULINUS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TEAM



## Parking

Whilst I know almost all of you are extremely considerate of our neighbours, please can you ensure that when you are parking to drop off/ pick up children that you are mindful of local residents? We continue to have a number of complaints about parents parking across drives recently and restricting access to neighbouring properties.

## Safeguarding

### Parent visitors / volunteers

We are incredibly grateful to those of you who volunteer at St Paulinus. You provide such a vital service and it really benefits our school community. Please remember, if you are volunteering in school or have an appointment with a member of staff you must sign in/out when on school premises. Once you have signed in you will then be given a badge and a school lanyard for safeguarding purposes. The children are aware of the meaning behind the colours of the lanyards and this helps them to identify who to approach and who not to and this also means you won't be missing in a fire drill.

### Early collection?

If you need to collect children before the end of the school day, please contact the office by email or telephone to advise what time you will be collecting. When you arrive to collect your child, please ensure that you wait in the foyer and do not go through the double doors into the school premises, this again helps to comply with the schools safeguarding procedures.

## **Some reminders!**

### **Snacks / Lunchboxes**

KS1 children receive a piece of fruit in school but KS2 are very welcome to bring in a healthy snack to eat at break. Fruit is preferable but nuts or products containing nuts, sweets (including lollypops) or chewing gum are not allowed in school at any time. This also applies to packed lunches and school trips.

### **Warmer Weather**

When we return after the Easter Holidays, children may wear their Summer uniform if it is warm enough to do so! Our Summer Uniform policy is below but please see the school website for more details or contact us via [admin@st-paulinus.bexley.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-paulinus.bexley.sch.uk) if you are unsure.

#### **Summer Uniform**



- Plain (medium grey) shorts –no external pockets or decoration, regulation school material (not jogging pant cotton or leggings) **OR** plain grey skirt or pinafore dress (no decoration/embroidery detail)
  - Plain long/short sleeved white shirt with pointed collar (no polo shirts)
  - School tie
  - Grey socks-long or short
- OR**
- Navy blue and white checked dress or all-in-one navy checked playsuit
  - White or navy long or short socks

#### **Other summer items:**

- Navy 'V' neck school cardigan or jumper (with embroidered school badge)
- Navy blazer (with school badge). **This is optional**
- Waterproof coat (preferably with hood) – this can be any colour but must be in school every day. Coats must not be denim or leather
- **Sun hats are strongly encouraged during periods of warm weather** - plain coloured caps and sun hats are permitted - no logos, emblems or patterns.

Some children choose to wear shorts under their skirt or dress for modesty. These should be plain black or navy, if worn under a summer dress or skirt.

### **Water bottles**

As the warmer weather begins to arrive, a small reminder that children should have a named water bottle in school each day, this can be kept in their classrooms or taken out to the playground so that they may have a drink if they are thirsty. Their bottles must only contain water and not squash, cordials or fizzy drinks.

## A message from St Paulinus Church:

We're thrilled to announce the upcoming launch of our Sunday School programme starting on 31st March. At St. Paulinus Church, we believe in providing a nurturing and enriching environment for our youngest members to grow spiritually and intellectually. To join the waiting list click here <https://form.jotform.com/240563605050346>



**St Paulinus Church  
Sunday School**

**St Paulinus Church Hall  
Manor Road  
Crayford  
DA1 4EP**

**Every Sunday at 10am from 31 March 2024**

*"Providing a nurturing and enriching environment for our youngest members to grow spiritually and intellectually."*

St Paulinus Church, Perry Street, Crayford, DA1 4RL - [www.stpaulinus.co.uk](http://www.stpaulinus.co.uk)

## Instagram:



Photos of our special day and activities, as well as our day-to-day life are now posted onto our Instagram page. So, you want to know what is happening in school? Follow us on Instagram! We are @st\_paulinus\_ce\_primary. **We can only post pictures of your child if you have given us written consent to use pictures on social media. Please note, this is not the same as giving consent for photographs.**



## Finally, some wonderful news:



We'd like to extend a very warm and cuddly welcome to the newest member of our St Paulinus family: meet Aiden Bowie Chart! Miss Hobin-Brady welcomed her gorgeous little boy on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, weighing a respectable 7lb 14oz. We know you will join us in sending all our love to this lovely little fella and his Mum & Dad. We can't wait to meet him in person!



## Up-coming diary dates:

Date	Event
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter service in church 2pm – all welcome
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 to Church
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Easter Egg Hunt 3:30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Dare to be different day-own clothes (odd socks please!)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Last day of Spring Term 1:30 finish</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 trip to Hall Place
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 to Church
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1 visiting NWK Mosque