

Our Lady & St Joseph Primary School October 13th 2017 No 1036 New Stellier

Dear parents: What to write on Friday the 13th? ... This week I had to go to Camden Council's new offices at 5 Pancras Square. It is basically a whole new mini city located just past the Eurostar Terminal. To get there I had to walk past the new Google centre and the headquarters of YouTube aka hipster heaven. It's an amazing place full of trendy cafes and restaurants, was the first time I have visited the area. A long way from the Kings Cross I knew when I was growing up. So YouTube got me thinking back on Friday 6th last week just after I had finished the newsletter I witnessed the remarkable sight of an 8 yer old child using one hand and an iPhone to access his YouTube account, log in using a password, locate his YouTube channel and delete the unsuitable clip we had found. How long did this take him?? Less than a minute !!! I was gobsmacked. We found several other clips featuring other children and called all families in to ask them about it. Privacy settings for young people are generally meaningless by the way. So just to help I print the legal ages for accounts below. For the record we have no 13 year olds in this school and therefore ... hope this is useful. The highlight of the week was year 3's inspiring assembly on the life and death of Maximilian Kolbe in Auschwitz... the Evening Standard this week reported that Hackney is now the 4th best place in London to live in and most improved borough so reasons to be cheerful !...and next week starts Phase 3 of our latest building project which will light up our world....more illuminating details

Age Restrictions On Social Media

A Question of part 2

These are some more of the questions parents recently raised with governors. More Q and As next week.

Q1. Can we replace the bin outside the gate with a bigger recycling bin? ... Decent question. We have tried in the past and were told no on the grounds of what would go onto bin lorries and carts and what would block the pavement. We have been told no way can we get bigger recycling bins for our leaves etc. We can try again on this one. I presume you mean the yellow bin in Culford Road. The one the foxes tear to bits? One parent has also asked for the bins to be removed so differing views.

Q2. Can the teachers tell their classes the menu before they go in the dining hall. ? ... Early years and KS1 already do. Just seen it in action in the infants @ 12.19.... Most little ones have forgotten by the time they reach the hall. Anyway menus also available on the website

Q3. Is there a timetable for fixing the school clock? ..

There is now as I hadn't noticed it!! Thanks for alerting us ...discovered there is a power outage and waiting now for an electrician. Next need to align the weathervane!

Sunday dish of the week Moroccan leg of lamb with chick peas, prunes, apricots, cinnamon, paprika, garlic and pomegranates, cumin and ...or my insanely delicious Victoria plum tart with blueberries and ground hazelnuts (and cinnamon)all sugar free and all delicious but no room this week easy to make however !! Bung the lamb etc in a slow cooker for six hours .. and the rest just buy a pastry case and bake job done !!

School news this week !!!....

MondayOne World Week began celebrating our diversity. Learning about Inspiring people from all over the world who have made a difference.

Tuesday ... Harvest Samba celebration and liturgy 10.15am

Wednesday .. Y3 Ms Ruminska and their superb assembly on Maximilian Kolbe a wonderful message for one world week.

Thursday .. London Catholic Worker collected our Harvest Collection a record amount donated. Many thanks

Friday ... prayers for Joan Esbrand our Nursery Officer who is burying her 27 year old nephew Nashon today a tragedy R.I.P to his family and baby girl love and thoughts.

School news next week !!!....

Monday assembly 9.15am

Wednesday .. Y2 assembly all welcome 9.15am

Friday INSET Day school closed.







Pics of the week ...

Johannes and Splats Theatre on the dangers of sugar ... Y3 and Maximilian Kolbe ...Fr Derek doing a Harvest Samba on Wednesday for our London Catholic Worker collection. A very worthy cause for 2017 Christ in action.

and finally .. huge internal upgrade begins next week and you will see the results quite soon I will shed light on the matter ... Trump pledged to make America great again and this week the USA crashed out of the World Cup to mighty Trinidad cricket island surely ?? anyway started reading Hilary Clinton's book about why she lost the election reminding me of that great quote from Sir Craig Oliver about Brexit: "Complex truths versus simple lies" discovered last night that referenda have been banned for 60 years in Germany ...always loved Germany so happy Oktoberfest and gemuchlikhheit !!...Cheers !!