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The Servant of All

In this week's Gospel Jesus said "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

Then He took a little child in his arms, and said,

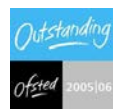
"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."



One of our former teachers, Mr James Smith, has exemplified this by spending last weekend at the Jungle camp near Calais, distributing food and aid to the refugees who are housed there. He found the people living in the camp to be friendly, caring, desperate yet hopeful that they will be helped. Among the people he met was a professional cricketer, who was recently playing first class cricket for Kent, who was fleeing the troubles in Afghanistan. We are very proud of the example he has set.

The Choir at Marlborough House

On Monday our year 5 and 6 choir travelled to Marlborough House in central London to perform as the Commonwealth Youth Choir. They were singing at a charity fundraising event being held on behalf of the Commonwealth Secretariat. Many dignitaries were in attendance including among others a Nigerian prince, the Bishop of London and the Chair of the Commonwealth Beekeeping Society! As always, the children were wonderfully well behaved and a credit to both the school and their parents. Mrs Britton would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who collected their children on time at 8 o'clock as it rounded off the evening perfectly!



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Rugby World Cup

We hope you are keeping an eye on the results from the Rugby World Cup, so far most of the results have gone the way expected apart from Japan humbling the mighty South Africa, leading to the South African coach having to publically apologise to the whole country!



Macmillan's Biggest Coffee Morning



We will be hosting our annual Macmillan's Biggest Coffee Morning this Friday, 25th September 2015. To help us raise as much money for this wonderful cause as possible we are asking for donations of cakes and biscuits to be sold at the coffee morning and during break and possibly lunch time. We are also including the children in the event by asking you to send in 50p and a cup or mug with your children (classes 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 only) on the day, and we will serve them with a cup of hot chocolate in their classroom. We are hoping to have our biggest and best coffee morning yet! Please drop off any donations at the main school office

tomorrow or bring them along to the coffee morning on Friday. Class 5 will also be performing one of the songs from their assembly for you to enjoy.

Before and After School Clubs

All the clubs are now up and running. If your child received a letter and has returned it they are definitely in the club. However if your child does not return the reply slip they will not be allowed to take part in the club until they do.

One of our school council members has had the idea of asking some parents to come in and volunteer to teach the children to knit as an After School Club. If you would be interested please leave a note at the school office stating availability and chosen days of volunteering. There will be a member of staff in the classroom at all times making sure that everything runs smoothly, so all you would have to do is show the children the basics of knitting.

Cardfields

The Year 6 children are currently on their residential trip and arrived safely on Monday, the weather was a little unkind to them on the first couple of days but we are hopeful their campfire building will go successfully this evening



Platinum Club

Gold Letters - Reason and Date

Class	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Class 1												
Class 2												
Class 3												
Class 4												
Class 5												
Class 6												
Class 7												
Class 8												
Class 9												
Class 10												
Class 11												
Class 12												

The first set of gold letters have been awarded and recorded and the first Platinum Club League Tables will be issued to the classes on Monday. Ask your children to look out for their league position and try to climb as high as possible so that they are among the top five at the end of the year!



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RE Inspection Day

To celebrate our wonderful result in our recent Section 48 RE inspection we are having a celebration of Friday 9th October. We will be having bouncy castles in the playground for the children to enjoy from 1 o'clock. School will finish at the normal time 3:15pm.

Former Pupils Success

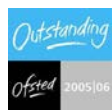
St. Angela's Sixth Form have sent us a list of the university destinations of some of our former pupils and we would like to share this with you. We are also including the universities and workplaces of some of the staff's children who also attended the school. If you have any information about former pupils please send it in and we will include it in future editions of the newsletter.

Lianney Abraham-Ross	Psychology at Loughborough
Kevin Avila Escobar	Business Course at Greenwich
Mark Kawesa	Civil Engineering at Surrey
Brixhilda Matia	Childhood Professional Studies at Anglia Ruskin
Nicholas Pereira	Business Administration at Greenwich
Ann Samuel	Drama at Kent
Debbie Yeboah	Accounting and Management at Essex
Gemma Dunn	Teaching at a school in Redbridge
Lauren Dunn	Teaching at Cumbria
Arjun Baladas	Civil Engineering at Surrey
Mayuran Baladas	Civil Engineering at Brunel
Joseph Rider	Sports Science at University of Kent
Toby Francis	Working in retail and studying music
Joshua Da Costa	Electronic & Computer Engineering at Newcastle
Alex Savin	Physics at Oxford
Aaron Black	Pilot with FlyBe
Kevin Temasfieldt	Apprenticeship in Computing
Cherrie Temasfieldt	PA and Legal Secretary
Nathan Ferguson	Environmental Science at University of Kent
Zoe Yates	English Literature at Cardiff
Curtley Yates	Business Studies at Birmingham
Liam Brady	Business at Manchester



Forthcoming Assemblies

Friday 25 th Sep – Class 9	Friday 9 th Oct – Class 11
Friday 16 th Oct – Class 3	Friday 23 rd Oct – Black History Assembly
Friday 7 th Nov – Class 10	Friday 14 th Nov – Class 4
Friday 21 st Nov – Class 8	Friday 28 th Nov – Class 7
Friday 4 th Dec – Class 6	Friday 11 th Dec – Classes 1 & 2
Friday 18 th Dec – Gov. Assembly	



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Appeal for Photographs

We have received the following appeal from Rev Stuart Foster the Diocesan Archivist:

“The Centenary of the Diocese of Brentwood will be celebrated in 2017 and this will be marked in a variety of ways.

The Brentwood Diocesan Archives holds a large set (4,000 or so) of photographs. However, I wish to appeal for further donations of photographs for the Archives (originals or copies and, preferably, marked on the reverse with person, event and date etc.). Such donations from the parishioners, schools and convents of the diocese would greatly enhance our collection of illustrations of parishes, schools and convents. I wonder whether, via your newsletter you would kindly relay this appeal for photographs.”

If you have any photos that you feel may be of use please contact the school office.

Collecting Nursery Children

Mrs Whitehorn has asked us to remind parents to please be patient when collecting children from the Nursery. It is a very small doorway and it takes a little time for the children to be safely dismissed. Thank you.

Free School Meals

Even though the London Borough of Newham provides free meals for all children in the borough you still need to apply on line if you feel you are entitled to this benefit. As Newham have to save up £50 million pounds this year it is advisable to make sure you are signed up just in case!



Candles in Church



We had an unfortunate incident earlier in the week when some children from the school went into church before school. While the children were lighting candles some of the lit candles flared up starting a small fire. Fortunately Sister Breda was on hand to extinguish the flames quickly and no harm was done. Sister Breda has asked us to let you know what happened and to ask that all children should be accompanied while lighting candles. Sister Breda will be more than happy to help children light the candles if they ask her politely.

This Week's Prayer

Every week we put a prayer in the newsletter, related to the week's Gospel. Please say the prayer with your children.

Heavenly Father,

Give us a servant's heart. A heart like Jesus.

In his name we pray. Amen.

God bless you, Mr Underwood.

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