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This Week's Gospel (Mark 1:21-28)

The Gospel this week told us how Jesus recognised an impure spirit in a worshipper and demanded the spirit leave the man. You may ask how is this relevant today? Well the Gospel goes on to tell us the reaction of the other worshippers, how they recognised Jesus' authority, in the way He spoke and the way He delivered his teachings. This shows us that it is not only what someone says but how they say it that is important. Encourage your children to believe in themselves and to recognise what is right, not only for themselves but for others too.

St Winefride's Icons

We have launched a new initiative to find the people that the community of St Winefride's regard as 'Icons'. There will be an area in the Main Hall and also within each classroom where the chosen Icon will be displayed. The first Icon is Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock MBE. She was born in London and was found to have dyslexia as a child and when she told a teacher that she wanted to be an astronaut, the teacher advised her to become a nurse as that was scientific too. Maggie has gone on to be one of the foremost astronomers in Britain as well as working for the Ministry of Defence and developing a way to detect land mines. She also presents the longest running TV show in History, The Sky at Night. If you would like to put forward a nomination for a St Winefride's Icon please hand in the name to your child's teacher.



Absence From School

If your child is absent from school for any reason please call 020 8478 0510 and leave a message. The message should include: Your Child's NAME, CLASS and REASON FOR ABSENCE. Please try and be specific, unfortunately we do not have a code for 'unwell', so reasons such as flu, cold, headache, stomach ache, broken limb etc. would be a great help, thank you.

Gladys Elphinstone

You may remember that children from St Winefride's visited Gladys, a former pupil of St Winefride's, to help celebrate her 102nd birthday. Well we are off again next Tuesday to celebrate her 103rd birthday! We are taking a giant card that will be signed by every child and member of staff at St Winefride's. Our former Parish Priest, Fr Martin, will also be dropping in to see her. We will take some photos to show you next week.



Night Owls

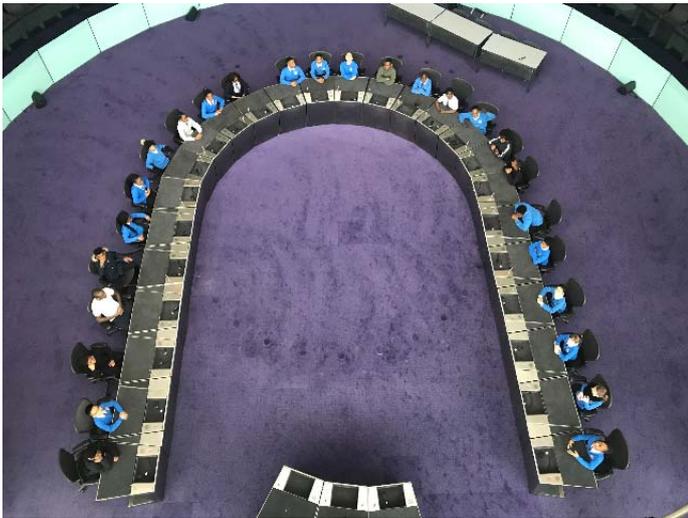
We were lucky enough to have a visit from Night Owls on Tuesday! It was amazing to see these wonderful birds up close and to see them fly. If you would like your child's photo with the owl, please return the form as soon as possible.



News Bulletins on SWTV

Please check out our [website](#) to see this, and every, newsletter being presented by the children as a SWTV News production. Just click on the [VIMEO link](#) at the bottom of the homepage and you will be able to view this week's broadcast and also the preceding weeks, just like 'catch up' TV! You will also find all of our assemblies on the [VIMEO link](#) too. A new item coming soon is "Quiz the Teacher" where a different teacher each week will have 60 seconds to answer quick fire questions!

Visit to City Hall



Classes' 5/6Mc and 6M had the opportunity to visit City Hall as part of our Citizenship Week activities. It is an amazing building and has wonderful views over the River Thames. Some of the children even met Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London!

Lenten Cafod Appeal

It will soon be time for our annual CAFOD appeal during the Lenten period. Sr Dorothy will be at our assembly on 9th February to help launch the event.



Revision Programme Booster Classes

The Booster Classes have commenced on Wednesdays and Thursdays and will finish at 4:30pm each day.

Event & Significant Dates Calendar

Please remember to drop in a suggestion to the School Office if there is a particular event or significant date that you would like the school to consider celebrating. We would particularly like to hear from parents about National Days and how you would be able to help us to celebrate them.



Cycle Training

The Cycle Training for Year 3 & 4 children will take place on Monday and Tuesday 5th February 2018. It is great fun and more importantly will help to keep the children safe on their bicycles! All spaces are now taken.

The Year 5 Cycle Training will be taking place in early March and will include on the road instruction. Again keep an eye out for the letters which will be sent out this week for years 3 & 4.



Complaints Procedure

Just a reminder to parent/carers of the procedure you should follow if you have a complaint or query: First speak to your child's teacher; if not satisfied speak to either the Deputy Head (Mrs Brosnan) or the Assistant Head (Mrs Britton); if you feel you need to go further make an appointment to see Mr Underwood, the Head Teacher; if the matter has not been resolved speak to a Governor informally and as a last resort make a formal complaint to the Chair of Governors, who may be contacted via the School Office. The full policy may be read on our website or by following this link: <http://www.st-winefrides.newham.sch.uk/files/policies/Complaints-Policy.pdf>

Quicksticks Success



We are delighted to announce that St Winefride's won the first competition in the new Manor Park Schools Sports competition. Our Year 5 and 6 Hockey Team defeated all-comers to win a fabulous trophy and gold medals. We are very proud of them! Here is a photo of the victorious team. Next up we have our Year 4 Handball team who are competing today (Friday 2nd February) and also next Thursday, Good luck boys and girls!

Before School Clubs

The Before School Clubs have recommenced with the Hockey Club, Archery Club and Fencing Club. There are a small number of vacancies within the clubs so if your child would like to attend one of these clubs please ask them to see Mr Savin who will hand out letters until the vacancies are filled.

Governors Fund Update

As we are sure you are aware we ask for a contribution to the school named the Governors Fund every year. We have to ask for this as we are a Voluntary Aided school which means we have to finance 10% of capital projects ourselves. Recently your children have been using the new Chrome Books which cost over £50,000 and therefore more than £5,000 of the Governors Fund was used to complete the purchase of these items, thank you for all of your contributions!

Collection of Children at the End of the Day

We realise that parents/carers have busy lives but may we ask that if you have to arrange for a different adult to collect your child at the end of the school day, please call the school before 3:00pm at the absolute latest. Any later means that the School Office staff then have to go into the playground and try and find the Teacher, child and the adult collecting the child, which is very difficult when the playground is full of hundreds of children and grown-ups.

Please also remember to collect your children promptly at the end of the day as the members of staff still have plenty of work to do before they leave in the evening.



National Online Safety



You may recall that Online Safety Day is almost upon us. However at St Winefride's we do not look on this as a once a year activity but are constantly looking for ways to improve Online Safety for everyone at the school. If you look at the bottom of the page you will see a new logo, NOS, National Online Safety. We are now an accredited NOS school and had to go through a rigorous audit and examination of our systems and every member of staff had to undergo an online test following an intensive course to achieve this. Well done everyone, especially Mr McAteer for his hard work.

Houses of Parliament Visit

Classes 3G and 3/4 H visited the houses of Parliament, also as part of our Citizenship Scheme, on Thursday. Unfortunately we do not have any photos yet but will put some on the website and in next week's newsletter too.

West Ham Foundation



We will be lucky enough to have the West Ham Foundation coming to help out at St Winefride's, starting in February, for about six weeks. One of the services they will be providing is a Before School Club. We will send out more details as soon as we have them.

Year 6 Girls Football

Speaking of West Ham, our Year 6 Girls Football team were in action at the West Ham United Foundation Football Pitches on Thursday. Unfortunately we do not know the results at the time of writing the newsletter but will let you know what happened in next week's newsletter.

Holy Cross School

The Year 3 children from Holy Cross school are coming to visit their counterparts here at St Winefride's today (Friday 2nd February). This is now a very welcome annual event and we hope the children from Holy Cross have a really enjoyable day, just as we do when we go and visit them.

This Week's Prayer

Please join with your children in saying this prayer;

Dear Father,

Help us to be more like Jesus, so that we may see the good in everyone.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

God Bless You,

