Newsletter

The ORATORY RC PRIMARY School

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We work together, we play together, we laugh together, we pray together.

Forthcoming dates

30 Jan Parent/Child Bookshare 3.45-5.00pm
31 Jan Coffee Morning
1 Feb Year 4 cake sale
7 Feb Year 4 Assembly *please note date change
12 Feb Year 3 Class Mass and First Holy Communion Meeting
15 Feb Break up for half term at 3.30pm
5 Mar Pancake sale Y3 parents
6 Mar Ash Wednesday
11 Mar Parent Forum
12 Mar Coffee Morning
15 Mar Year 3 Assembly
18 Mar Eco week
26/27 Mar Parents' evenings
2 Apr Year 4 Easter Assembly
3 Apr Year 5 Easter Assembly
4 Apr Year 6 Easter Assembly

Please note that class trips are not added here, please check your child's bag daily for letters from the teacher.

Dear Parents,

Many thanks to all of you who supported us during STEM week, it was a wonderful opportunity to share our learning with you. You can read more about it on page two of the newsletter.
We have a coffee morning this coming Thursday. This is short notice, but we wanted to accommodate the suggestion made at the last parent forum of having coffee mornings on different days of the week so that those who work on Tuesdays can attend. We hope to see some of you there.

Best wishes, Mrs Griffiths, Headteacher

School website

Please ensure you make full use of our school website. We receive many enquiries for information which can be found there, including:

- Term dates
- Uniform lists
- Class curriculum maps and objective lists for core subjects
- Useful websites
- Parent forum minutes
- Current and past newsletters
- Staff lists
- Links to Ofsted reports
- Governor information
- School policies

www.oratory.rbkc.sch.uk

School Uniform

Unfortunately, some children have returned to school after the holidays still without full uniform, especially hats. We will be having a uniform check next week and letters will be sent home to those children without them. Please ensure missing items of uniform are purchased at the coffee morning or from Sogan's next weekend.

Now that the weather is colder, children may come to school wearing scarves and gloves. Gloves should be bottle green and scarves green and yellow striped. Earmuffs are not part of school uniform but can be worn to and from school in very cold weather, and should be bottle green only.

Our 'beanie' hats are an optional item of uniform. They can be worn only when children return from swimming lessons with wet hair. Caps and berets are to be worn at all other times.

Please ensure that children are wearing the correct footwear too: lace up/velcro shoes only, no slip-ons. For P.E., trainers must be predominantly white.

Jewellery, apart from a simple watch (no health trackers) is not allowed.

Get thinking!

Can people be invented?

What do you think? Take a moment to discuss this at home, or with your friends. Don't worry about whether your answer is right or wrong. It is the process of thinking, and trying to explain your ideas that is important.

Parent and Child Bookshare

On Wednesday 30th January, Parents are invited to come into classrooms with their children to look at exercise books. This is an excellent opportunity to talk to your child about what they are learning, what they enjoy and what they find challenging. Please collect your children as usual at 3.30pm, then enter through the side playground from 3.45pm onwards. Please only look at your own child's books. We regret that we will be unable to admit those arriving after 5pm.

STEM week: we had a Super, Terrific, Excellent and Magnificent time

STEM week was a great success, and the children's levels of engagement in all aspects of their learning last week was sky high. It was clear to see the enormous benefit that practical, investigative work can have on children's understanding of key STEM concepts. In Reception class the focus was flight, including an investigation using a hairdryer! Year 1 made structures strong, tall and wide. Year 2 learned about habitats, and made their own tree diagrams of trees! Year 3 were concentrating particularly on light- including making their own kaleidoscopes and investigating photo sensitive paper. Year 4 immersed themselves in the world of the rainforest, including making their own dioramas. Year 5's week on Earth and Space included making their own orrery. Year 6's week on Shelters tied in nicely to their WWII topic, and their final designs were something to behold! Special thanks to our visiting parents who taught the children about their STEM careers and held workshops including metalwork and how to extract DNA from fruit- you made the week extra special, thank you. With visits to local museums, coding and puzzle workshops, design and technology workshops, it will be a week the school will remember for a long time! In fact, Mrs Griffiths will be testing the boats in the boat competition for a while yet- four tables and two mats full of entries! Well done everyone!