



Sunday 7th March 2021

Achievements

This week's Stars & HT's Awards:

EYFS JHN:

Star: Filip & Austin.

EYFS Vieira:

Star: The whole of Viera Class for being amazing!

Year 1 Jacinta:

Stars: Amelie-May, Sofia L, Saoirse & Aaron.

HT Award: Iara & Grace.

Year 2 John Paul II:

Star: Alex & Tiegan.

HT Award: Anjali & Mia.

Year 3 Faustyna:

Star: Eddie & Kiyan

Year 4 Teresa:

Star: All of Teresa for their hard work & resilience!

HT Award: Olivia.

Year 5 Drexel:

Star: All of Drexel for being amazing!

Year 6 Bakhita:

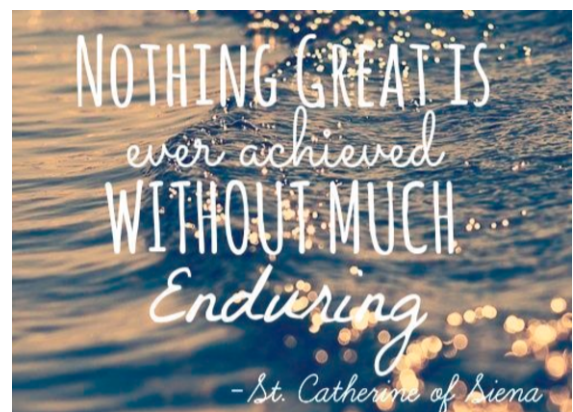
Star: Emily, Eva, Martha & Yasmin.

Year 6 Orione:

Star: Kayla, Stevie & Freddie.

HT Award: Jaiden & Natasza.

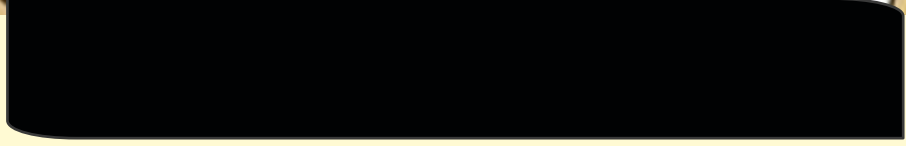
Weekly Newsletter:



Looking back over the past two months, I am inspired by the words of our Patron Saint. We have endured and we have come through. We made it!!

Like you all, I pray that this is the last lockdown that we have to live through. It has been tough, but I'm proud with the way that the school community has pulled together to get through this. Proud, but not surprised. Our USP is that we are a family and it is in times of adversity that families put aside any differences, support each other and unite. This has been a prime example of the #StCath'sFamily in action!

Yesterday was Ghana's Independence Day, which we will be celebrating this week. It is 64 years since Ghana gained independence from British colonial rule. Tomorrow is International Women's Day – a chance to celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. This year, the theme for International Women's Day is, "Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world". It celebrates the tremendous efforts by women and girls around the world in shaping a more equal future and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and highlights the gaps that remain.



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One of our School Development Plan ("SDP") focuses for this year is Justice and Racial Equality. Inspired by the Black Lives Matter Movement, we are striving to make our school an actively anti-racist community, where we appreciate the contributions of many ethnicities and races to making modern Britain. However, there is no equality until there is equality for all. As a school we want our pupils to be aware of social injustice in all its forms.

It is important that we don't allow this year to become simply a 'Covid-year'. Despite the challenges, I still want St Catherine's to continue to grow, develop and improve. As such, it is vital that we have the opportunity to work on our SDP. Unfortunately, we lost our January Inset Day to last-minute Covid preparations. Therefore, Monday 12th April (the first day after the Easter holidays) will now be an Inset Day. I hope that this will not cause too much inconvenience. Please know that it is vital to us adapting our curriculum for the benefit of all pupils.

Finally, I know that some of you will be anxious about your child returning to school tomorrow. Depending on your situation, that anxiety is completely natural and I share it. However, I will be putting personal anxiety aside for the benefit of our children. They want to be in school. They deserve to learn and, even more so, need to be with their friends. Any concern I feel is completely eclipsed by my excitement at having our school community back together. I can't wait to see you (and more importantly them) on the roundabout/playground tomorrow!

Finally, here's to strong women. May we know them. May we be them. May we raise them.

Best wishes,
Ms Kane



WE ARE ALL WONDERWOMEN!

