



# Loyola News

*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam  
To the Greater Glory of God*

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This week Elements celebrated the feast of St Thomas of Aquinas, their class saint and the patron saint of education. The boys shared their knowledge of him and Father Rob spoke about how we all learn in different ways and we are lucky to have so many grown ups at school who help us. We have also been thinking about solidarity & peace. KS2 attended an assembly on Tuesday where we recognised Holocaust Memorial Day. This day helps us remember that in the past there have been some events when people were treated badly because of their religion or the colour of their skin. Today we heard about Racial Justice Sunday and we spoke about how, at Loyola, we work together to live in a world where we can be together in harmony. By standing together we are stronger - just as God wants. Mrs K Anthony



Reception want everyone to be friends so made a welcome banner for whenever anyone comes into their class. What a lovely idea!



In computing, PP2 created their own maps and then programmed the bee bots to navigate them. The challenge was to put in obstacles for them and then programme the bee bots to try and avoid them!



The Prep boys loved acting and 'freeze framing' the miracle they have been studying, from Matthew 8:5-13, 'Jesus heals a centurion's servant'. The boys used their bibles and a painting by Johannes Ykens as their stimulus. We then considered what this miracle reveals to us about Jesus and the kingdom of God.



# Coming up next week...



## DAILY

- 7.15 – 8.15am Breakfast Club (**no** need to book)
- 3.15 – 4.15pm Homework Club: Prep – Ruds (Please book)
- 3.15 – 6.15pm After School Club (Please book)

## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

- 2.15pm U9 football v (home)
- 3.15 – 4.15pm PP2 Multi Sports
- 4.15 – 5.15pm U9 (Prep & Els) Blue Football Training

## Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

- 10.30am Els swimming
- 3.15 – 4.15pm Schola- dismissal from the hall

## Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

- 10.30am PP1 Mass with Fr Adrian
- Lunchtime CAFOD club to go litter picking
- 3.15 – 4.15pm PP1 Multi Sports
- 3.15 – 4.15pm Choir- dismissal from the hall
- 4.15 – 5.15pm U9 Yellow (Prep & Els) Football Training

## Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February

- Am Drama workshops for Kinder – PP2
- Am Ruds – Dragon's Den presentations
- 3.15 – 4.15pm Ready Steady Cook (PP2)
- 3.15 – 4.15pm Prep hockey training
- 3.15 – 4.15pm U11 Yellow (Figs & Ruds) Football Training

## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

**NSPCC Number Day: (£1 donation)**  
*Dress up as Digits for charity!*

- Am Sport event at Debden High School
- Lunch PTA Lunch with your son event (ticketed)
- 1.45pm U11 Blue football v Forest (ret'n approx. 4.15pm)
- 2.30pm Assembly
- 3.15 – 4.15pm No Figs & Ruds U11 (Blue Squad) football training due to fixture
- 3.15 – 4.15pm Els & Figs hockey training

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Racial Justice Sunday

21st January – 5<sup>th</sup> February  
 Kian P (Els), Chris (Prep), Abdullah (PP1),  
 Joshua (PP1), Jaylen (Ruds), Noah (Prep),  
 Joseph (Ruds) & Kian I P (Els)

As a school, each half term, we will focus on a different aspect of Catholic Social Teaching and how we are demonstrating this in our everyday lives which in turn will make the world we live in a better place. Our focus for this half term is:

*“Solidarity & Peace”*

Pupils who have demonstrated that they are upholding their responsibilities are:  
**The boys in PP1** : For recognising that Henry was sad so they all wrote prayers for him. Spotted by: Mrs Foster

**The boys in Reception** : For working together to make a banner that shows that everyone is welcome at Loyola. Spotted by: Mrs Anthony

**The Word of the Week was:**  
**“community”**

**The boys who have demonstrated that they really are part of our community this week are: Giyaan (Rec), Sam (PP1), Rayan (PP2), Aryan (Prep), Kian P (Els), Arthur (Figs), Darshan (Ruds)**

Congratulations to Yusuf and Hamza on becoming big brothers - we are delighted to welcome him to the Loyola family!



Figures visited Epping Museum in Waltham Abbey linked to their History topic, 'The Anglo Saxons'. They looked at artefacts from that time period, visited the church where King Harold is said to be buried and printed shields using designs based on what they had learnt. Ethan said, 'We had a wonderful time.'



## House points

**This week** : 1<sup>st</sup> Owen (750) 2<sup>nd</sup>: Garnet (700)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Campion (680) 4<sup>th</sup>: Southwell (650)  
**This term** : 1<sup>st</sup> Owen (2750) 2<sup>nd</sup> Southwell (2440) 3<sup>rd</sup> Garnet (2400) 4<sup>th</sup>: Campion (2300)



What is our latest challenge? Well, it's to be “souper” kind and generous! Can you bring a tin of soup to school to be “souper” helpful to the foodbank?