Franciscan News

Article 13 - Children have the right to get and to share information, as long as the information is not damaging to them or others

Week Ending - 23rd October 2026

✨ A Proud Moment for Our Franciscan Community ✨



Dear Families,

I wanted to share a very special moment with you. This week, I had the honour of being personally invited to the Black History Month Reception at 10 Downing Street, proudly representing our Franciscan children and families. ❤️

Standing in such a historic place was quite something. I couldn't help but think about our wonderful children, the richness of our cultures and the many stories that make our community so special.

Black history is British history. Every child deserves to feel proud of who they are, to see their identity celebrated and to know that their future is full of possibility. 🌍

My hope is that every child at Franciscan grows up knowing their story matters, their voice deserves to be heard and there is no room in which they do not belong.

I felt incredibly proud to represent our school and wanted to share this moment with the community that makes Franciscan so special.

With pride and gratitude,
Fahri Francis

Black History Month

Today, we were delighted to welcome Judith Fulloon Reed, who shared her incredible journey as the first Jamaican to travel to Antarctica in 2007! 🇯🇲❄️

Judith inspired our children with her experiences and highlighted the importance of exploring different cultures, broadening our horizons and developing respect and understanding for others around the world. 🌎❤️

A huge thank you to Judith for an inspiring visit that encouraged our pupils to stay curious, embrace diversity and dream big! 🌟













A TASTE OF HOME - NURSERY CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Our Nursery welcomed our families for a wonderful celebration of culture, identity and belonging!

Inspired by A Taste of Home, written by Maryam Hassan and illustrated by Anna Wilson, we explored the special connections between food, family and the memories that make us who we are.

“One day, his teacher announced a class picnic. Everyone will bring one special dish,” she explained, “to celebrate our families and culture.”

And that's exactly what we did!



SCHOOL FOOD PROJECT

We are incredibly proud to share that Franciscan Primary School has been selected as one of the first 10 Beacon Schools nationally for the School Food Project! 🍎🥦

This is a fantastic opportunity to work alongside food specialists to make school meals even better, help our children develop positive relationships with food and bring food education to life across our curriculum. 🌱

We're excited to learn, grow and share our journey, helping to inspire positive change in schools across the country.

💚 And you can be part of it too! The School Food Project's free Resource Hub offers practical ideas and resources for schools and families.
https://schoolfoodproject.org.uk/registration/

Together, we're making good food part of every child's opportunity to thrive! ✨



Five London schools chosen to lead new food project

ADHD & DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

At Franciscan Primary School, we are proud to celebrate ADHD Awareness Month and raise awareness of Down syndrome.

We embrace the unique strengths, talents, and abilities of every child, recognising that we all learn, think, and experience the world differently.

We are committed to fostering an inclusive and supportive environment where every child feels valued, understood, and empowered to thrive. Together, we celebrate diversity, promote kindness and acceptance, and remind our school community that every child belongs, every child matters, and every child has the potential to shine! ✨

At Franciscan Primary School, we celebrate differences, embrace individuality, and believe every child deserves the opportunity to shine! 💙✨

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

🍂🌾 A huge well done to Year 1 and Year 2 for their phenomenal Harvest Assembly this morning! We are so proud of the children for their wonderful performance and the important message they shared about gratitude, kindness and supporting those in need in our local community. ❤️

Thank you to all the parents who joined us to celebrate, and a reminder that donations can be left at the front. Every little act of kindness makes a difference!



KEY STAGE 2 PANATHLON EVENT

Key Stage 2 children had a wonderful time attending a Panathlon event, taking part in a range of inclusive sporting activities and challenges!
Panathlon provides opportunities for children to develop their sporting skills, build confidence, work collaboratively and, most importantly, enjoy being part of a team. 💪🤝

Our children showed brilliant determination, enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the event, supporting one another and celebrating each other's achievements. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented our school!

A huge well done to everyone who took part, and thank you to the organisers for providing such a fantastic opportunity for our children to shine! ❤️



LEARN 2 LOVE 2 READ

📚🍫 A big thank you to @learn2love2read and @furzedownface ! ❤️
We are so grateful to you for organising a special opportunity for some of our children to visit @chocolitsw4 and choose books for our brand-new library! 📖✨
A heartfelt thank you also to @furzedownface for your generous donation and for helping make this wonderful experience possible. Your support is helping us create a love of reading and build a library that will inspire our children for years to come. 💕

Thank you for helping us bring our vision to life and put the joy of choosing and owning books into the hands of our children. We really appreciate your kindness and generosity! 📚



YEAR 6 PARADISE COOPERATIVE TRIP

At Paradise Cooperative,Year 6 spent the first part of the day creating shelters. They then began filtering water and, finally, identifying foods that could be poisonous or safe to eat. It was a real survivor's day out!
After that, the children learnt how to light a fire using flint and steel, finally ending the day on a lovely note by roasting their own marshmallows.
One to remember! Well done, Year 6!



DATES FOR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
26th–30th October	🍂 Autumn Half Term
3rd November	Parents' Evening – 1:50pm–5:50pm
4th November	Open Morning – 9:15am–10:15am
11th–13th November	Year 6 PGL Trip

DATE	EVENT
17th November	Reception Cinema Trip
17th November	Year 6 Mayor of Wandsworth Visit to the Town Hall
18th November	Open Morning – 9:15am–10:15am
18th November	Year 1 and Year 2 Cinema Trip
19th November	Year 3 Diwali Assembly – 9:15am–9:45am
19th November	Year 5 and Year 6 Cinema Trip
23rd–27th November	Jamie's Farm Trip
24th November	Year 1 Spin, Rhythm and Raps Trip
25th November	Year 3 and Year 4 Cinema Trip
27th November	Year 2 Polka Theatre Trip
27th November	Year 4 Author Event

STAY CONNECTED WITH FRANCISCAN







Franciscan Nursery School

Achieving Excellence Together

Part of Graveney Academy Trust

Where Little Minds Grow

A place of belonging where children are celebrated, nurtured and inspired to become confident, compassionate and curious learners.



A happy start for a bright future

Play based Learning

Hands on play that builds confidence and curiosity.

Outdoor Learning

Large outdoor spaces for exploration and active learning.

Early Reading & Early Maths

Building strong communication and early literacy and numeracy skills.

Qualified Teachers

Experienced and caring Early Years educators.

Flexible Sessions

15 hours and 30 hours options to suit your family needs.







Book a Visit Today

Come and discover our welcoming nursery environment

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Franciscan Primary School
Supports the Fantastic Twos programme



SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION

Franciscan PRIMARY SCHOOL

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At Franciscan Primary School, we are committed to ensuring every child is safe and protected from harm.

If a child discloses or you have a concern:

Listen

- Stay calm
- Let them speak
- Do not ask leading questions

Record

- Write exactly what was said
- Include date, time, and your name

Do Not

- Promise confidentiality
- Investigate or ask others

Report

- Report to the school office immediately
- Or contact children's services / police (999 if urgent)

Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Partnership

Meet the Safeguarding Team



Designated Safeguarding Lead
Fahri Francis
Headteacher



Cerez Emmile
Assistant Headteacher



Dorothea Klotz
Assistant Headteacher



Marsha Mcintosh
Learning Mentor



Sharon Pourou
Early Years

Visitor Safety

Please help keeping everyone safe by wearing your visitor lanyard at all times while on the school premises.

