



# Regina Coeli Catholic Primary School

*'Where there is Love, there is God'*

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*"Let's try to be open to God's word, and open to the Lord's surprises when he speaks to us." Pope Francis*



Dear parents and carers,

It has been another exciting week in school. We have started our Rosary prayers every day and these will continue throughout the month. We are celebrating Black History Month and Mrs Guilmartin-Cole has created a page in the newsletter that will be updated each week. We also received a visit from the East River Trust who held an assembly for pupils in years 4, 5 and 6 embedding their knowledge of Rivers and Sustainability.



Wishing you a lovely weekend and

I hope the sun keeps shining!

Best wishes, Mrs Christoforou

**THE** Wednesday  
**WORD**



Good News  
for Everyone

**OPENNESS**

People were bringing little children to be with Jesus. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was annoyed and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Then he put his arms round the children and gave them his blessing.

### Attendance

**School attendance is so important for a child to be Successful.**

**The school target is 97%**

Congratulations to the following classes for the week of 23rd September

1st - St Rose 100%

2nd - St Mar, 99.6%

3rd - St Maria 98.5%

Well done!

**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

### Safeguarding

**If your child is not going to be in school it is really important that you call the office on 020 8688 4582**

**or email the school at [office@reginacoelischool.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:office@reginacoelischool.croydon.sch.uk) stating the reason before 8.50am on every day of absence.**

**Thank you**

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## Star Of The Week 4th October 2024

St Anne: **Skyla, Eleanor**

St Thomas: **Andre, Mia**

St Rita: **Kara, Zara**

St David: **Hector, Yemarium**

St Rose: **Josiah, Anav**

St Mark: **Kyle, Joanna**

St Bridget: **Melchi, Angel**

St Patrick: **Molly, Rosie**

St Maria: **David, Hoorain**

St Andrew: **Andile, Lois**

St Gertrude: **Jaden, Risali**

St Michael: **Natalia, Harrison**

St Felicity: **Bella, Bence**

St Dominic: **Leyla, Zara**



We enjoyed visiting St George's Cathedral last week for the Southwark Diocese Beginning of the New School Year Mass. It was lovely to celebrate with the Most Reverend John Wilson, our Archbishop, and so many other schools from across the diocese. During the Mass the Archbishop invited leaders, including Head Teachers, to renew their commitment to Catholic Education and reminded us that we are ambassadors for Christ through our faith and witness.

We also received a candle to take back to our schools celebrating 2025 Jubilee Year which is called Pilgrims of Hope.



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# Black History at Regina Coeli

October is an important month in the school's curriculum calendar—it is Black History Month. Black History Month across the UK is a time where the contributions and developments made by Black people across time are studied and celebrated. This year's theme is 'Reclaiming Narratives', which is about recognising and correcting the narratives of Black history and culture.

As a school we believe that this knowledge should be woven through the curriculum all year round. Our bespoke curriculum looks to seamlessly connect the perspectives of broader, more inclusive groups, to aid our children in building a more thorough understanding of life in the past. It is our aim that through our curriculum our children will meaningfully understand cultural diversity, events and significant individuals who have contributed to the development of the world in which we currently live.


Our curriculum all year round aims to include perspectives and viewpoints of our diverse community so that not only do we create a legacy of knowledge we also develop our children's sense of identity, belonging and self-esteem. We recognise our responsibility in delivering a curriculum that builds a child's sense of self and their self-esteem. Through the curriculum Regina Coeli children learn to understand how the world works, it develops the skills they need to succeed in that world and is the reason why we think deeply about representation in our curriculum all year round. Black History Month in one of the strands in our curriculum which seeks to reflect the perspectives of different communities but it does not stand alone.

We would like to take this opportunity to share a small sample of ways in which we have woven these perspectives through our curriculum content. You will notice that where possible our choices intend to provide children with a UK lens on Black History as well as a global view. This is because we believe it is important that our children learn about significant individuals who have contributed in some way to the development of the country they know today.

Over the course of the month, we will be proudly sharing and celebrating children's work through newsletter entries—watch this space.


## Mrs Guilmartin-Cole

Deputy Head Teacher—Curriculum and Assessment



*We make decisions about people from the past our children study and when they study them so that it is embedded into their curriculum.*

*For example: when Year 2 children explore Healthcare they learn about Mary Seacole and when they study Aviation they learn about the achievements of Lilian Bader.*



*The topics in themselves cue in later learning when children learn about life post-WW2, Empire Windrush and Caribbean migration to Britain.*

**Black History Month Curriculum:**

*Reception: Anansi Stories and Djembe Drumming*

*Year 1: Samuel Coleridge-Taylor—English composer and conductor, lived in Croydon*

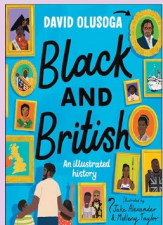
*Year 2: Lilian Bader—one of the first Black women to join the British armed forces*

*Year 3: Jean-Michel Basquiat - neo-expressionist artist*

*Year 4: The Notting Hill Carnival*

*Year 5: Black and British by David Olusoga: the Victorians*

*Year 6: The Bristol Bus Boycotts*





*Across the school children read the Voices Collection of books. This collection of books showcases some of the finest writers in the UK, including Patrice Lawrence, Leila Rasheed and Bali Rai. The thrilling reads are taught alongside your child's History curriculum: e.g. when year 4 study the Roman empire they read Empires: End A Roman Story.*

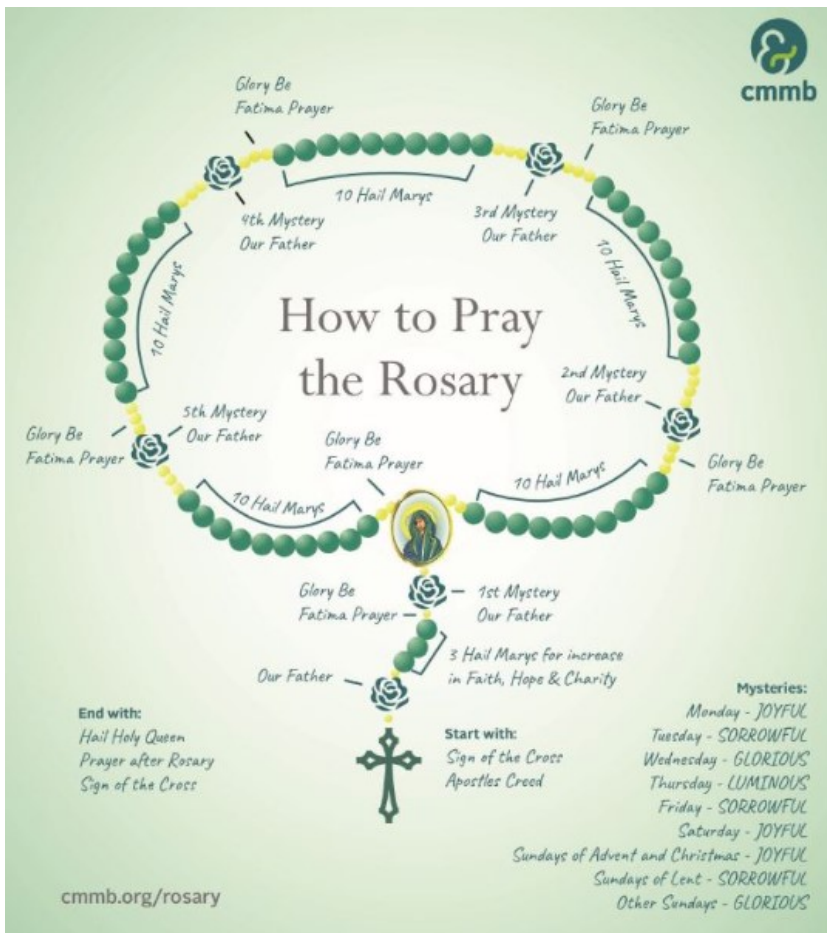


*In Science and Art, there is a school wide focus on studying scientists and artists whose work connects to their unit of study.*

*For example: in Art when children learn about portraits they analyse the work of Amy Sherald and Frida Kahlo to explore identity and colour palettes..*



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We will continue to pray the Rosary everyday in the month of October. We reflect on the different Mysteries and say one decade together. If you would like to recite the whole prayer with your children at home you could use the prayers below.

Please join us at 9.00am on Mondays and Tuesdays led by KS2 and 9.00am on Thursdays and Fridays led by KS1

Mysteries of the Rosary | Apostle's Creed | Our Father | Hail Mary | Glory Be | Hail, Holy Queen

### The Mysteries of the Rosary

<b>Joyful Mysteries</b> The Annunciation The Visitation The Birth of Jesus The Presentation The Finding in the Temple	<b>Sorrowful Mysteries</b> The Agony in the Garden The Scourging at the Pillar Crowning with Thorns The Carrying of the Cross The Crucifixion and Death
<b>Glorious Mysteries</b> The Resurrection The Ascension The Descent of the Holy Spirit The Assumption The Coronation of Mary	<b>Luminous Mysteries</b> The Baptism of Jesus The Wedding at Cana Predicting the Kingdom The Transfiguration The Institution of the Eucharist

### Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
He descended into hell;  
on the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God,  
the Father almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
**Amen.**

### Our Father,

Who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done  
on Earth, as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who  
trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
**Amen.**

### Hail Mary,

full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
**Amen.**

### Glory be

to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
**Amen.**

### Hail, Holy Queen

Mother of Mercy, our life,  
our sweetness, and our hope.  
To thee do we cry,  
poor banished children of Eve.  
To thee do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping  
in this valley of tears.  
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,  
thine eyes of mercy toward us,  
and after this, our exile,  
show unto us the blessed fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving,  
O sweet Virgin Mary.  
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,  
That we may be made worthy  
of the promises of Christ.  
**Amen.**

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