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I AM STRONG THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
TO THE BEST THAT I CAN BE
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Newsletter 5

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers;
Happy Feast Day! Today is the commemoration of St Cyprian the Hieromartyr, from whom our school takes its name. Over the next week the children will have lots of opportunities to learn about St Cyprian, and on **Tuesday 6th October** you are warmly invited to join us and Father George for an **assembly at 9am**.
Thank-you for all your support this week in a number of different ways. The children have been very active in activities outside the normal curriculum and to have support from parents is a great benefit.

Safeguarding – do you know what PREVENT is?
A growing part of the work undertaken in Secondary Schools, but also increasingly in Primary Schools, to keep children safe relates to what professionals call the PREVENT agenda.
Unfortunately, in our society there are radical elements who seek to gain the support of young people for extreme beliefs and causes that sit outside what is normal and expected in British Law.The PREVENT agenda seeks to guide professionals, and as a result educate young people, of the potential dangers of radicalisation and extremist behaviour. As part of the 'Educate Against Hate' resources provided by the government, there is a section of Q&A for parents. You can find out more here: https://www.educateagainsthate.com/parents/

Religious Life of the school
On Monday the children listened to the life of St Chariton, one of the earliest of the 'Desert Fathers' who gave us the example of peace, prayer and discipline. We talked about how busy and noisy our lives can be and the importance of finding a quiet place to think and to pray.
As you can see above, our main focus in the coming week will be St Cyprian.
Apolytikion of Cyprian of Carthage *- Plagal of the Fourth Tone*
Guide of Orthodoxy, teacher of piety and holiness, luminary of Carthage, God-inspired adornment of confessors, O wise Cyprian, by your teachings you have enlightened all, O harp of the Spirit. Intercede with Christ God that our souls be saved.

Class Assemblies
Yesterday we really enjoyed our first Class Assembly from Kalymnos Class. Everyone learned a lot about the island and its famous rock climbing and sea sponges. There was some memorable dancing from the children as well, which as I told them is an important life skill. The next assemblies are: 8th October – Samos; 15th October – Ithaca and 22nd October - Zakynthos.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning
Thank-you for your support this morning at our coffee morning. All the money raised will be donated to MacMillan Cancer Support. At the last count £151 had been raised. Thank-you to our St Cyprian's Fellowship for their role in making the coffee morning a success.

Book Fair
The Book Fair was a great success and as well as enriching reading in the home, the result was a large amount of money raised for school books. This has already been directed into new books for children in each class and the books were allocated on Wednesday. Many thanks to Mrs Richards and her team of helpers who made the purchasing run smoothly.

Our School Council
Next week we will be asking the School Council to think about ways that we can improve movement around the school.

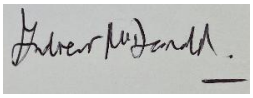
Poem of the week
This week the poem is a traditional one, 'London Bells'.
https://tfl.gov.uk/forms/12393.aspx?ID=39

Sports results – *a report from Mrs Palmas*
On Friday 25th September, Major, Willard, Matheo & Reynold from year 6 attended the boys Gifted & Talented event at Trinity school. Like the girls last week they were assessed on their jumping ability, stamina, agility and sprint speed. Special congratulations to Willard, who recorded a sprint speed over 10m of 1.89 seconds, which is considered and elite time.
On 29th & 30th September, 35 KS2 children took part in a Cross Country event at Royal Russell School. The years 3 & 4 had to race 1300m and the years 5 & 6 over 1600m. This was a new experience for our children, as part of the run was through the woods and over rough uneven terrain. They all did a great job. Special mention goes Year 4 Boys who recorded our best team score. Thanks to all the parents who came and helped too, we could not have done it without you.

World Mental Health Day – Hello Yellow
Next week there will be a particular focus on our Mental Health and it will be something that we talk about in our PSHE lessons. To show solidarity with people experiencing mental health challenges, all children are encouraged to wear a 'splash of yellow' next Friday, 9th October.
If you would like to make a donation to help, you can do via the Young Minds Hello Yellow website:
https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/event/hello-yellow/donate

Golden Book
Congratulations to the following children this week who have been selected for outstanding achievement, perseverance or behaviour: Kalani in Skiathos Class, Emanuelly in Santorini Class, Aggelos in Zakynthos Class, Amen in Ithaca Class, Lanae in Samos Class, and Ilia in Kalymnos Class. The Headteacher's Award is for Aiden in Santorini Class. The Starlight Room award is for Leonard.

I wish you a peaceful weekend.
Yours faithfully,



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