



Dear Parents

November Events

It's been an exciting and invigorating month! Excerpts from the latest news page on the website:

November 1st 2016 The supercharged Under 9 soccer squad, wearing their new official school kit, performed strongly at Woodford Green Prep School; the As won 4-1 and the Bs 9-1.

November 2nd 2016 The occasion of Mrs Kelly's birthday was used as an opportunity to honour her twenty years as a member of staff. She joins a number of 20+ years veterans: Mr and Mrs Nicholson (28); Miss Harrington (26), Mrs Thomas (23) and Mrs McHardy (21).



November 4th 2016 The Under 11 A team played a physical match against St Edmund's losing 0-1. The B team secured a handsome victory.

November 11th 2016 The key stage 2 pupils of St John's and Loyola united in St John's Church for the Annual Service of Remembrance. It was a fitting way for the boys and girls of Buckhurst Hill to come together and recall the sacrifices of so many to defend and support our values and to pray tunefully for Peace. Pictured is the Head Boy eloquently reading out Rupert Brookes' moving poem *The Soldier*. From the sale of poppies in school £254.49 was raised for the Royal British Legion. Thank you to all who donated.

November 8th 2016 The Under 9s are the West Essex Soccer Champions emulating the achievement of the Under 11s earlier in the season. They played 6, won 6, scored twenty-eight goals and conceded one in an excellent team display. Lucas scored

eleven, Alfie scored eleven, Jamael scored three and Arty and Frederick scored one apiece. Pictured are the boys proudly wearing their medals.



November 11th 2016 The Under 11 A team came back from a slender defeat at St Edmund's against Forest scoring three goals in answer to Forest's one. The B's indicated that we have strength in numbers as they won their match 7-1.

November 14th 2016 Mr Bleasdale's description of Loyola rugby team's performance: "Tackled like lions, never stopped running and fought every inch of Bancroft turf with relish. Just lacked the experience to seal the deal. Eric the man of the match by a country mile."

November 20th 2016 Loyola retains its place in the list of the hundred top Prep Schools compiled by the *Sunday Times*. The list is based on performance in the Key Stage 2 SATs over a three year period.

November 27th 2016 The Christmas Bazaar was a great success. Spearheaded by the redoubtable new team of Leah Bettis, Alex Dicks and

Rachel Kirkby, the day exceeded expectations and went well beyond the official closing time. Great thanks are due to all who supported the event either by manning stores, supporting Father Christmas, looking after the catering or simply just turning up and spending! A personal (and slightly embarrassed) to all my colleagues who attended. Apologies again for not being there – and I did have a very special commitment in Amsterdam! I understand that over £3,000 was taken at the tills. Hopefully you are now dutifully drying up with your sons' faces on the tea towels and using the Loyola tote bags in local supermarkets!

Amongst other noteworthy events are:

- Children in Need Day, marvellously organised by Mrs Foster and the boys of the School Council which raised £456. 50.
- The collection of fifty three shoeboxes filled with Christmas cheer for children who would otherwise be facing a rather bleak Christmas.

- Aaron Huang in Figures running on the Arsenal pitch as match mascot against Manchester United.
- The Under 9s winning their matches against Woodford Green Prep, Daiglen and the Ursuline Prep School Ilford.
- Pupils showing due courage on 'Flu Immunisation Day (at least it was only nasal sprays).
- Mr Nicholson inspecting a girls' Catholic Prep School near Manchester.
- Mr Nicholson meeting the new Headmaster of Bancroft's Mr Marshall for the first time.
- All the boys extending their maths problem solving skills by attending the World of Maths Show that came to the school.
- Elements and Prep enjoying a trip to the West End theatre to see a performance of *Baddies*.
- The P.T.A. trip to *Aladdin*.
- Pre-Prep 2 learning about healthy eating and the commercial preparation of food at the Toby Carvery.
- A very successful Open Morning.
- The performances to the entire school by the Ten Ten Theatre Company which took the pupils through a number of moral issues.
- The attendance of Mr Nicholson and Mrs McHardy at the Independent Schools' Special Needs Conference (and the subsequent memo bringing parents up to date with the latest research on the effects of screen time on learning). Meanwhile Mrs Rosario represented the school at an Independent Schools' Bursars' Conference.
- The visit of Figures to Walden School in Saffron Walden as a possible new school for our parents to consider at 11+.
- The Taster day enjoyed by Rudiments to St Edmund's College as part of their secondary school preparation.
- Pre-Preps 1 and 2 learning about Guy Fawkes at the Royal Gunpowder Mills.
- School midday supervisors receiving professional First Aid training.

- The issue of Susan Boyle's new album which features recently past and present Loyola boys in the backing choir.



Forthcoming Events – Choral further reminders!

Christmas inevitable involves singing so the fact that we are in for a busy couple of weeks chorally will come as no surprise

- The main musical event of the term is at 7.00 p.m. on **Wednesday 30th November** when the Choir, Schola and

String Ensemble along with violist Ethan Cassell, violinist William Laniyan and guitarist Harry Blissett will perform and provide much Christmas cheer.

- On **Thursday December 1st**, our Schola will participate in the Barnardo's Christmas Service at Westminster Cathedral The Choir are involved in the Loyola Carol Service taking part in a liturgical setting at Chigwell Convent (virtually opposite West Hatch School) at 7.00 p.m. on

Tuesday December 6th. Further information has been circulated by Clarion Call.

- The Schola will lead the singing at Mass at 10.30 on **Wednesday December 7th** that will be in honour of the patron Saint of Music St Cecilia.

The Lower School Nativity

The performance for parents is on Friday 9th December at 11 a.m. **Please note that whilst still photographs may be taken, flash should not be used (as it is distracting) and that images must be for private use only and not placed on any publicly accessible sites such as social networking sites in deference to those parents who do not wish their children's images to be online. Due to copyright, we cannot allow video films to be taken. We have paid for permission for a commercial film/dvd to be recorded and copies will be available for sale at a cost of £10 if you would like one.**

Forthcoming Events

Thursday December 1st	Feast of St Edmund Campion Parents' Teacher Meetings Part 2 Schola singing at Westminster Cathedral
Friday December 2nd	Under 11 soccer v St Aubyn's
Monday December 5th	Mr Nicholson absent at Ursuline Prep School Ilford.
Tuesday December 6th	Christmas Jumper Day – no charge! Wear a Christmas Jumper with uniform to join the festive fun! School Christmas Lunch No Schola after school Carol Service Chigwell Convent 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday December 7 th	Fr Page: Mass in honour of St Cecilia led by the Schola 10.30 – preceded by Christmas Raffle Draw at 9.30 a.m. Nativity Dress Rehearsal with Upper School in attendance p.m. Forest School year 6 Maths Day (Three

	Rudiments boys attending) No choir after school
Thursday December 8th	Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary Class Christmas Parties p.m. Rudiments reports issued
Friday December 9th	Nativity Performance 11 a.m. Term ends 12.00 p.m. (Please note that no lunch is being served)

Further Announcements

Mrs Boulton writes:

Would you like a “novel” way to celebrate your child’s birthday? We are inviting all children to participate in the new Loyola Birthday Book Scheme where we would like children to donate a book to the library on their birthday, rather than bringing sweets or cakes to share. This is a lovely way for the children to enjoy something that will last and will benefit the children for the rest of the year. The school will provide a book plate that will be stuck into the book with the giver’s name and birth date. This is a purely voluntary idea – there is no requirement to donate a book but it provides children the opportunity to leave something tangible of themselves for posterity.

Warm regards

Mrs S Boulton (English Subject Leader)

The latest version of the statutory document *Keeping Children Safe in Education* requires schools to notify local children’s safeguarding board if pupils are missing from education which is defined as being absent for ten consecutive working days without explanation. Therefore it is worth a reminder that if your son is absent please email the school as soon as possible to absence@loyola.essex.sch.uk rather than to your son’s class teacher. This will ensure that the information comes straight to the school administrative center which will forward it to the class teacher concerned.

Birthdays

A very happy birthday to those with birthdays on this festive month:, **Ethan Cassell, Harry Blissett, Tenny Marianayagam, Krish Fakunle, Charlie Gell, Alexander Girdham, Frederick Robinson, Max-Lucas Thiemermann, Leo Evans, Benjamin Wilce, Oliver Morgan, Theo Otohwo, Jamael Laniyan, Ethan Akinola, Jagraj Hayer, Brian Olotu, Sebastian Degani-Frenel, Aditya Singh and Zakariya Islam.**

Finally ...

Another calendar year passes and a new year beckons. By the grace of God, may it be a year blessed with peace and reconciliation. On behalf of the trustees, governors and staff of the school and of my own family, I wish you all a very happy Christmas.

P.G.M. Nicholson

