



Dear Parents,



New portrait of Ignatius of Loyola for use on Golden Book Certificates

11+ Results

Further to the lists of individual results announced in the April newsletter **Regan Creasey** should have been included in the Chigwell list and **Rishen Patel** also gained an offer at Ilford County High Grammar School and given a place at his preferred option of West Hatch. Well done to them both!



April Headlines

Given the Easter holidays, in school terms April was a shorter affair.

The inter house rugby took the form of a tag tournament (not involving tackling or scrumming) which allowed more boys from Elements upwards to take part. Thanks to Alice Daniels who joined Mr Bleasdale and me as referees! The result was free flowing attacking rugby from all house teams. In the end, **Southwell** came through as champions, but overall the spirit in which the tournament was played was the true victor. **Garnet** of course is our reigning soccer champion.

Our first sports fixture of the term – cricket v St Aubyn’s ended in defeat, but we played commendably. **Aditya Singh and Zareb Rizvi** continue to bloom as Elements boys in the school first team. See the Twitter feed on the website for pictures of Aditya playing for South Loughton Cricket Club in Barbados over Easter. Our first soccer team drew 2-2 at Woodford Green Prep School as part of their preparation for the finals of the EFSA Small Schools National Championship. At the Bancroft’s Swimming Gala the final results were:

| Place | School | Score |
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| 1 st | Forest | 109 |
| 2 nd | Gate House | 94 |
| 3 rd | Bancroft’s | 92 |
| 4 th | Daiglen | 78 |
| 5 th | Coopersale | 66 |
| 6 th | Loyola | 65 |
| 7 th | Oaklands | 60 |
| 8 th | Woodford Green Prep | 50 |
| 9 th | Avon House | 29 |
| 10 th | Normanhurst | 17 |

Given that are unable to field a girls’ team this is another strong performance. Mr Bleasdale highlighted especially: **Zach Garfield** who won the U9 freestyle final, **Arty Clarkin** (2nd in U9 backstroke final), **Tomas Balnionis** (3rd in U11 backstroke final) and **Ben Wilce, Arty, Zach** and **James Whitehead** who came third in the final of the U9 relay medley.



Meanwhile our sports curriculum extended with the commencement of the tennis programme with Elements and sailing in Rudiments, who enthused the instructor by their spirit and co-operation.

Essex County Fire and Rescue came to give safety talks to Rudiments and Prep – and were mightily impressed by the quality of our boys’ response. The schola also shone in visiting a residential home for patients with dementia, performing and then chatting to the residents – a true use of talents in the service of others!

At the beginning of term, we were delighted to welcome as new pupils: **Joseph Charles, Arjun and Shivam Chopra, Omar Muhammad, Rylan Nimalaharen, Rishi Rai, Arman Takhar, Aakarsh and Aaryan Dwivedi and Caram Takhar.** We wish them and their families a long and happy association with our school. Their arrival gives us a school population of 191 for the term.

Forthcoming Events for May

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| Tuesday 1 st May | Reception 1 – Pre-Prep 2 receiving presentations in school from Drama 4 All as part of literacy programme |
| Wednesday 2 nd May | Rudiments led Mass with Fr Waller 10.45 a.m. (assembly at 10.30) Whole School and Class photographs – <u>all pupils should wear school uniform (not sports kit) to school including (from Reception 1 upwards) blazers please.</u> Opportunities will be provided to order and purchase photographs later in the term. Schola singing at Confirmation Mass celebrate by Bishop Alan at St Peter’s and Paul Ilford – departing c. 5.15 p.m. |
| Thursday 3 rd May | Mrs Brown and Mr Nicholson absent from school as they are visiting Loyola and Lourdes to prepare for school trip later this month. Under 9 cricket v. St Aubyn’s Mrs Anthony and Mrs Payne attending St Edmund’s College Dinner for Prep and Primary School Heads from 7.00 p.m. |
| Friday 4 th May | Mrs Brown and Mr Nicholson absent from school |
| Saturday 5 th May | Under 11 ESFA Small Schools Regional Finals – Loyola defending champions appearing third time in a row. |
| Monday 7 th May | Spring Bank Holiday – school closed |
| Tuesday 8 th May | Possible visit by Schola to King’s College Cambridge – to be confirmed |
| Wednesday 9 th May | Reception 2 led liturgy 10.30 a.m. Distribution of house badges to Reception 2 afterwards. Mrs Rosario attending Independent Schools Bursars’ Association Conference |



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| Thursday 10 th May | Mrs Anthony attending course at the Independent Schools Inspectorate. Mrs Rosario attending ISBA Conference |
| Friday 11 th May | Under 9 Cricket v. Forest 2.15 p.m. |
| Monday 14 th May | School exam season commences. P.O.W. after school PTA cake sale |
| Tuesday 15 th May | Interview for new violin teacher |
| Wednesday 16 th May | Figures led Mass with Father Brian O'Shea 10.30 a.m. Pre-Prep 1 and 2 trip to London Zoo from 8.30 a.m. Mr Nicholson departs for IAPS District Meeting in Colchester p.m. |
| Thursday 17 th May | Wildlife display in school from Nite Owls Mr Nicholson attending IAPS District Conference |
| Friday 18 th May | Reception teacher interviews Rescheduled P.O.W after school (instead of 25 th May) |
| Monday 21 st May | Rudiments Activity Week commences – trip to Houses of Parliament and London Eye Figures trip to the Royal Observatory in Greenwich Tbc: Half of Elements trip to the British Museum Internal maths and English end of Year exams this week |
| Tuesday 22 nd May | Tbc: Half of Elements to British Museum |
| Wednesday 23 rd May | Pre-Prep 2 led Mass 0- time tbc |
| Friday 25 th May | Elements outing to Henry Moore Studios Under 11 cricket v Bancroft's Mr Nicholson and Mrs Anthony visit to New Hall School – therefore no P.O.W after school Half Term commences |
| Monday 4 th June | Sixty-nine embark on school trip to Loyola and Lourdes (until 8 th) |
| Monday June 11 th | Half Term ends P.O.W. Club after school |



Exams

May 14th is the commencement of our official end of year examination season although standardised testing will have taken place already. For the first time this year, from **Pre-Prep 1 upwards**, subject prizes will be awarded to the individual pupils who gain the highest mark in the respective exams at Academy evening (Speech and Prize Day) on July 10th. The Class Cup and Academic Achievement awards are presented to the boys who come first, second and third in the class when all of their exam marks are added together.

Up to the class of Pre-Prep 2, the precise timings of individual exams are flexible, although they will take place during the two weeks from May 14th. Teachers will give pupils due warning and will provide suggestions for revision. From Elements upwards a formal exam timetable is followed which will be issued shortly. In Rudiments the maths and English exams will take the form of the national standard assessment tests (SATs).

Birthdays

Happy May birthdays to:

Ezekiel Akinosho, Ayaan Patel, David Esan, James Mutlu, Regan Creasey, William Alden, Jack Adshead, Max Humphrey, Laurence Hall and Michael Dong.

With all good wishes,

P.G.M. Nicholson