



St Ursula's Convent School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I know you will be aware of the latest government guidance and rules as a result of London being placed in Tier 2. We continue to follow the guidance in school and are working hard to ensure the whole community remains safe. The girls are doing their best to keep themselves and their peers safe in school.



I have had further reports of girls removing their masks on public transport and ask that you remind your daughters to keep their masks on whilst travelling to and from school. The number of cases is rising so we all need to do what we can to keep the community safe.

Can I also ask that you ensure your daughter has a mask for use in school each day. A number of girls are coming to school without a mask and we do not have a limitless supply, all girls should have their own masks.

PE KIT

During the pandemic girls are allowed to come to school on the days that they have PE lessons in their PE kit. Can I remind you that the PE kit must be worn properly following the uniform guidelines that are on the website. The weather is turning much colder and wetter and therefore the girls need to be wearing the winter kit which comprise of a St Ursula's tracksuit, (NOT leggings), polo shirt and trainers.



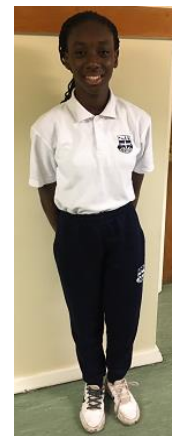
Winter PE kit

The Winter PE kit can be purchased from our school uniform suppliers. Current stock availability is:

Lucilla - they have no winter PE kit until January

Bailwood - everything in stock

Whitehall Clothiers - limited sizes, full stock due in November



Finally we have one week left until the half term and I do want to congratulate all the girls on the way in which they have adapted to our "new normal"

My best wishes
Mrs C Hamilton
Headteacher



Courageous and resilient



[Click here to find out more](#)

Last Saturday, in Assisi Italy, saw the beatification of Carlo Acutis, a London born Italian teenager who died in 2006. Blessed Carlo Acutis is now one step away from being made a Saint of the Church. His inspirational story, which was shared with our students this week, reminds us that we are all called to be saints.

Blessed Carlo Acutis – pray for us.

This week we have been collecting food for the Manna Society. Our food collection boxes, seen here at the beginning of the week, have been filling up with provisions for those in need. Thank you for your generous contributions.



The Manna Society

Running a Day Centre for homeless people near London Bridge



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: 18th October 2020



'HERE I AM, SEND ME!' is the theme of this year's month of mission. These are challenging words. What does mission mean to me? How is God calling me to serve in the Mission of the Church? By sharing our food with The Manna Society, we are playing a small part in living out that Mission here at home. We must not lose sight, however, of the needs of the Church in those areas of great poverty and persecution.

My Mission Prayer

Here I am, Lord, send me to share your love with all people.

May I be empowered and carried by you to be courageous and enthusiastic in bearing faithful witness to the merciful father, to the love of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to the divine life in the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. AMEN



Also on 18th October 2020 the *Aid to the Church in Need Foundation* promotes the One Million Children Praying the Rosary campaign for unity and peace.



"I encourage this beautiful event that involves children throughout the world, who will pray especially for critical situations caused by the pandemic." (Pope Francis)



CONGRATULATIONS

to the Kitchen Team for Wednesday's lunch. Pupils and staff really loved it. It was so popular that we are doing it again next week.



Donut Sale

Every day next week

Monday for Year 7

Tuesday for Year 8

Wednesday for Year 9

Thursday for Year 10

Friday for Y11

Donuts are 50p each.

Please have the exact money as no change can be given





Logins are Live!

Pupils in all years have now been given their logins for the Oliver Library System! They can now track their current loans, search the catalogue, and reserve new books to be delivered to their form rooms. Pupils can reserve a maximum of 3 items.

<https://stursulas.oliverasp.co.uk/library/home/news>



ePlatform

Ebooks are on the way!

Pupils and staff will soon be able to access and loan Ebooks through the Oliver system, which will then redirect then to our new eplatform! We have subscribed to a shared Ebook collection which allows us to access thousands of books. Pupils will be able to reserve ebooks that are not immediately available, but there are plenty to choose from and they can be downloaded for offline access! Logins for the eplatform will be made available shortly.

Take a sneak peek now through Oliver, or directly through the ebook website!: <https://stursulascs.eplatform.co/>



Black History 365!

Miss Deegan has been working hard making reading lists and highlighting resources on the Oliver system to celebrate Black History Month! However, diversity is not limited to one month a year, so as part of our 'decolonising the curriculum' initiative Miss Deegan has created reading lists to highlight the talents and history of many different cultures! These lists will be available all year round on the Oliver Library System to celebrate diversity and culture!

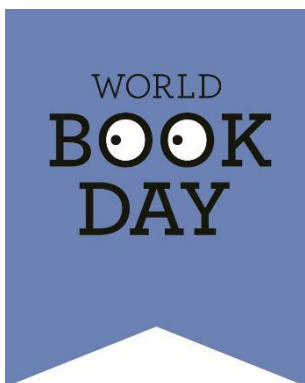
READING LIST HIGHLIGHT

Black History (365) Fiction and Non-Fiction Reading List:

<https://tinyurl.com/y53ar34k>

Black, Asian, & Minority Ethnic Authors Reading List:

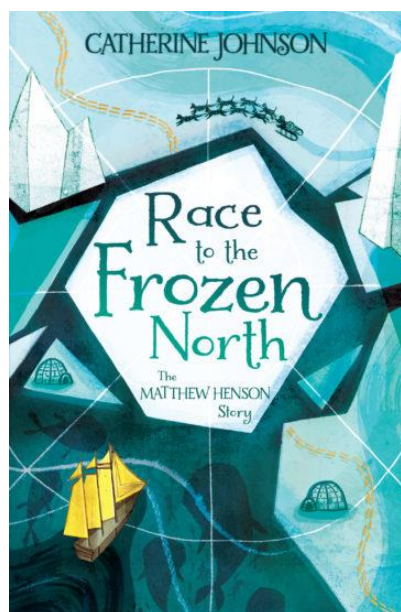
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Last March, just before Lockdown, we had an amazing World Book Day where pupils raised £882 for books! Miss Deegan plans to spend this soon on books and ebooks but she'd like some suggestions! If you have a fiction or non-fiction book recommendation for diverse authors not currently in the library please let her know! The only limitation is that fiction must be appropriate for ages 11-16 and books must be in print!



Black History Book Highlight



RACE TO THE FROZEN NORTH: THE MATTHEW HENSON STORY BY CATHERINE JOHNSON

When orphan Matthew Henson ran away from his violent stepmother to find a new life in the big city, no one could have predicted that he would become the first man to reach the North Pole. A little luck and a lot of hard work led to a life of adventure on the high seas and in the Arctic, but back home in America his achievements were ignored due to the colour of his skin. *Race to the Frozen North* tells his remarkable true story.



Find it in our School Library here!:

<https://tinyurl.com/y4tkgeab>



ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Catherine Johnson is a screen-writer and best-selling author of several books for children and young adults. Her acclaimed novel *Sawbones* won the Young Quills Award for Historical Fiction, and *The Curious Tale of the Lady Caraboo*, was nominated for the CILIP Carnegie Medal and the YA Book Prize. Catherine has been a Writer in Residence at Holloway Prison and a Royal Literary Fund Writing Fellow at the London institute.



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St. Ursula's who
helped to buy
**13 visualisers and
15 Chromebooks**



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Website access also available at:
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstursulas>





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PwC got in touch with us this week with some really great online digital upskilling events for school kids. It is aimed towards Years 10 and 11 but free for anyone interested to check out.

The link is here:

http://pwctrk.co.uk/tp/rj6_TEb4N.J_K



BIG THANK YOU TO FOSTUR

The staff and pupils would like to thank FOSTUR for their recent generous donations. The Library has received funding to upgrade their software systems this will enable all pupils access to online reading. Part funding for a set of new chrome books for the RE department. Visualizers and new googles to replace the ones the Science department donated to Lewisham Hospital at the start of the Pandemic.



Please can you remind your daughter's to be considerate to our neighbours and keep the noise down when waiting outside school in the mornings.



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Early years (ages 0-3)



Children & young people
(ages 4-18)



Holiday courses

Greenwich Music School is a registered charity and centre of excellence in music education.

Greenwich Music School teaches over 300 children and adults every week, through a range of instrument and voice lessons, group courses and ensembles, early years classes for young children and parents, professional training and special projects. They have a bursary fund to support local families otherwise unable to access high quality music education.

For more information about this excellent organisation please visit:
<https://greenwichmusicschool.org.uk/>