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Retiring Roz praised for loyal service

A POPULAR teacher has been recognised for 36 years' loyal service to St Augustine's CE School in Maida Vale.

Roz Fearnside, who retired from the school in Oxford Road last week, was presented with the St Mellitus award at her retirement celebrations on Friday.

The award – given to those who make a substantial contribution to Christian life in London – was given to Ms Fearnside in recognition of her dedication and commitment to the school.

Presenting the award, Father Anthony Yates, Vicar of St Augustine's CE Church, said: "Since she came to the school in 1973, Roz has been an outstanding example of faithful, loyal and consistent service.

"Frequently around the school – often carrying a large bunch of keys – she was one of those welcoming kind faces that it was always good to meet."

MESSAGE TO SELF: HELLO! IT'S ME!



PUPILS from a Lisson Green primary school have sent a message to their future selves by burying a time capsule on the site of their new academy. The 60 pupils who joined King Solomon Academy Primary in September 2007 are now in Year One. They put together a time capsule – to be opened in 2020 – to mark the building of their new academy.

Inside the capsule are letters from each pupil, speaking to their future self about the prospect of graduating from secondary school. It also includes a copy of the school prospectus, the lyric of the school song and copies of the architect's drawings of the finished academy building.

Venessa Wilms, headteacher, said: "It's incredibly exciting watching the new school going up around us. Before the new building opens in September we wanted pupils to feel they have a real lasting connection with King Solomon Academy.

"Writing about their future aspirations gave us a chance to discuss what they might be able to do when they grow up. If they don't change their minds the cohort will include a doctor, an astronaut, a builder, a rock star and a pet shop owner."

□ Faith Kalala, Jaidon Jean Baptiste, Hanae Benariba and Saafir Hale show the envelopes which hold the letters they have written to their future selves for inclusion in the time capsule.