

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Marathon running has really got underway. We are amazed at the stamina of some of our children particularly the Year 2 children who were very determined to complete the many laps of the playground. They've been training in their PE lessons and with All For Sport which has clearly helped! The girls' football team were equally determined this week, but sadly a last minute goal from Coppets Wood took their possible win away.

The filming for our school video finished this week. We hope to receive the final version after half term. We will send you a text to let you know when it is uploaded onto our website. A big thank you to St Michael's Grammar School who invited our Year 5 children to a performance of Hairspray last week. The children enjoyed the musical which was brilliantly performed. St Theresa's has strong links with a variety of Catholic Secondary Schools as you can see from our newsletters!

I am waiting for confirmation today as to whether the shed in the car park is going to be pulled down next week. We have plans to replace it with a new shed but in the meantime we will store items in a temporary container at the front of the school. Fingers crossed we'll finally get the very sad looking shed pulled down! Have a restful half term!

Miss Kelly ©

<u>Ash Wednesday</u>

The children bought home their Lenten Boxes this week as Lent begins next Wednesday 18th February during our half term break. On Monday 23rd February the children will hear a speaker from the Catholic Children's Society at our Gospel Assembly. They will listen to how the money raised through the Lenten boxes helps those in need throughout the world.



Playground Fundraiser

A big thank you to the parents who responded to my plea last week for help with our playground fundraising and construction. I really appreciate your kindness, time and expertise. Hopefully we will be able to show you the progress we have made so far at the parent consultations after half term.

Reminder: Fruit or a book for the class are the permitted gifts to bring to school if you wish your child to celebrate their birthday with their classmates. Sweets with fruit or fruit juice in them are not permitted even if it's from the health food section. Recently parents have been distributing sweets on the playground after school. Please respect our rules and procedures.

Attendance: As you know holidays are not permitted in term time. Holidays during this time result in penalty notices given. These are not issued by the school but by Barnet Local Authority. The Education Welfare Officer makes a point of checking absences before and after half term breaks and Christmas & Easter holidays. Please ensure your child is at school on Monday 23rd February.

Dates for your diary

Monday 23rd February - Catholic Children's society speaking to KS1 9am & KS2 9:30am Tuesday 24th & Thursday 26th February Parent Consultation Evening 4 - 7 pm Wednesday 25th February Governors AGM 7pm Wednesday 25th February Year 6 Assembly 9.15 am Wednesday 4th March Year 3 Assembly 9.15 am - All Parents are welcome! Wednesday 4th March World Book Day Monday 9th March - Barnet Dance Festival - Year 3 Wednesday 11th March Year 4 Assembly 9.30 am Monday 16th - 20th March Book Fair Week Wednesday 18th March Year 2 Red 9.30 am Wednesday 25th March Year 1 Assembly 9.30 am

Achievements



Rec	Maya C - Putting effort into all her learning. Filip - Enthusiasm and determination working with numbers 1-20.
Yr 1	Hanna - For being helpful to her teachers. Tommy - Having a go and challenging himself in all lessons.
Yr 2 Red	Cara - Effort and determination during guided reading. Carlos - For adopting a positive attitude inside and outside the classroom.
Yr 2 Blue	Arturo - Fantastic writing in his writing journal. David - Making an excellent effort to write sentences in his writing journal.
У3	Sophia - For coming back to school with a positive attitude. Adi - Amazing effort and achievement in numeracy
У4	Fay - Being a fantastic class role model. Ana - Determination and great attitude.
У5	Zephyros - For always putting 100% effort into his learning. Jamie - For always putting 100% effort into his learning.
У6	Angelo - Starting each day learning a positive attitude. Massimo - Trying hard with learning and having a go.

Well done to everyone who tried their best this week and worked hard to challenge themselves.

Golden Ticket Children for next week are.

Anne Yr 2 B and Jasmine Yr 3



Well done to St Andrew's who won the most house points this week!

English Pocket Opera Company

We were delighted to welcome the English Pocket Opera Company to St Theresa's this week. Based at the Royal Albert Hall the very talented musicians visit schools who participate in any Royal Albert Hall events. The children and staff were amazed at the Soprano and Tenor Singers who explained the various parts and names Operas have. The children joined in and created an Opera themselves which, as you can see below they absolutely loved!



Attendance

Year 2 Blue & Year 5 had the best attendance this week, with 99% attendance! Well done. 95% of children in the school came to school every day this week. This is below expectation. Come on everyone lets aim for 100%!!!!

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