

St. Theresa's Newsletter

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SPRING TERM 2018 – Friday 9th February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week, and the theme this year was about 'Being Ourselves'. We encouraged the children to celebrate their uniqueness, recognise the different qualities in each other and take a positive view of ourselves so that it can help us cope with life's challenges. This is all vital for our own and others wellbeing. The week ended with a visit from Kourosh's mum (Yr 6) leading a reflective Mindfulness workshop for all the children in KS2.

Safer Internet Day 2018 was celebrated globally on Tuesday 6th February 2018 with the slogan "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you". We will be holding e-Safety talks for the whole school on Tuesday 20th February and the School Council are already working with every class to promote staying safe when online.

Please click on the useful link below for the Spring Newsletter from Herts for Learning [e-Safety Newsletter for Parents](#)

The season of Lent starts next week on Ash Wednesday. After half term the children will be reflecting on their Lenten promises and will be celebrating the start of Lent in school during Gospel Assembly on Monday 19th February.

Wishing you all a safe, restful half term.

Mrs O'Melia and Mr Troy

Message from Mr Troy

On Sunday 22nd April I will be running in the London Marathon in aid of the Prostate Cancer Research Centre.

Prostate cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in men. Over 11,000 men die every year in the UK and the number increases every year. The Mission of PCRC is to develop new therapy for men with advanced prostate cancer. The immediate goal is to increase survival and their vision is a cure for the disease.

If you would like to support me in fundraising for this charity, please click on the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/james-troy4>

Thank you!

Year 4 Norman Workshop

On Wednesday Year 4 took part in a fantastic drama workshop. The children worked collaboratively and creatively to retell the story of 1066, The Battle of Hastings.

Thank you to all the adults who helped make it a successful and memorable day for the children.

Reminders!

Safety: Please ensure you drop off your child safely in the morning. Some children have been seen walking into school unsupervised. Breakfast Club is from 7.45am and children need to be escorted by an adult to the school office. The playground access gate is opened at 8.30am and children and parents can access the school playground during this time. Children should never be dropped at school before 8.30am to wait on their own outside the main school gate or on the pathway leading to the playground gate. Only Year 6 children are permitted to walk to and from school on their own. We want to ensure the children feel safe at all times. Thank you for your understanding.

Attendance: Holidays during term time result in penalty notices given. The EWO issues penalty notices to parents who take their children on holiday during term time. Penalty notices are not issued by the school but by Barnet Local Authority. We are legally obliged to share the registers with the Education Welfare Officer who makes a point of checking absences before and after school breaks, as well as persistent once a week absences.

Jewellery: For health and safety reasons, we ask that the **only** items of jewellery worn are stud earrings and watches.

Hair Accessories: For the safety and comfort of your child whilst learning, we ask that hair is neat and tidy and tied back if it is long enough to do so. Hair accessories should only be a **black, brown, red or blue plain band**. Large hair accessories are not permitted.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your diary – Parents are welcome to all Assemblies & Masses

HALF TERM- 12th February- 16th February 2018 (Children return to school Monday 19th February at 8.40am)

Author Visit- 'Mini Grey' Friday 23rd February

World Book Day – Thursday 1st March

Dance Festival- Year 6 Tuesday 6th March at the Arts Depot in Finchley

Year 5 Residential Trip to Gilwell Park - Tuesday 6th March –Friday 9th March

Year 5 Red Class Assembly – Wednesday 21st March at 9:15am

Year 5 Blue Class Assembly –Wednesday 28th March at 9:15am



Achievements



Rec	Evie - For excellent writing, taking care of her classroom and for always having a go. Emilia - For being a confident member of the class with a wonderful sense of humour.
Yr 1	Tomasz - For his outstanding writing in English. Imina - For her outstanding writing in English.
Yr 2	Margaret - For making excellent progress with her reading and writing this half term. Alicia - For a fantastic effort with all her learning this week.
Yr 3	James - For making a great effort in his writing and presentation. Joe - For his fantastic in writing and having a go at editing his learning independently
Yr 4	Hugo - For listening and displaying fantastic behaviour during our workshop this week. Enda - For showing fantastic enthusiasm during our workshop this week.
Yr 5 Red	<i>Recipients of certificates will be announced during Gospel Assembly after half term.</i>
Yr 5 Blue	Max - For all of your hard work this half term. Aidan - For your improved focus and drive this half term.
Yr 6	Jasmine - For making a great start with her Third Space Learning Maths programme. Kristy - For always listening and showing a great desire to learn.

Golden Children this week are.

Maia- Reception and Caitlin - Year 5 Red

Headteachers Award

Estefania Year 4

St Patrick's won the most House points this week.

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

Attendance this week



Reception	96%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	94%
Year 5 Red	98%
Year 5 Blue	100%
Year 6	97%
Total Attendance	96%

Well done to Years 5 Blue, 5 Red and 6 who had the best attendance this week.

Attendance in many classes is lower than we would like. We understand that there has been a vomiting bug and high temperatures going around. If your child is suffering from a vomiting bug, please can we remind you that they must stay off school for 48 hours. This prevents the bug from spreading and affecting others.

Excellent attendance is crucial for a good education. Children must aim for 100% attendance.

The goals of working in partnership to achieve good attendance will result in better progress, attainment and outcomes for every child.

Please ensure that all family holidays are booked outside of term time.

Our attendance target after half term is 98%

