

St. Theresa's Newsletter

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SPRING TERM 2019 – Friday 8th February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we said a sad farewell to the brilliant Mr Brohan, who as you know, passed away earlier this term. Mr Brohan was at St Theresa's for 28 years and was a much loved, integral member of our St. Theresa's family.

KS2 pupils gathered by the roadside as the funeral procession passed by. The children were very reflective and reverent and an absolute credit to the school. It was a fitting tribute to our wonderful Site Manager.

Mr Brohan's son sent the following message: 'I would like to thank all of the pupils for coming out in the cold to say farewell to their caretaker. He would have been blown away by the sight of such loving support, it was an amazing sight. So thank you to all of the pupils and staff of St Theresa's school. My dad may not be at work today but he will always remain a solid part of the school.'

It was really lovely to see so many past pupils, parents, past parents and staff, past staff, governors and past governors on the day and reminds us what a loving and supportive community St. Theresa's is. We would like to thank you all for being part of it. God bless.

Year 5 Science Trip

On Wednesday as part of their 'Stargazers' topic Year 5 went to visit the Science Museum. Here is an account from the children.

'This week Year 5 had a thrilling day. We voyaged to the mind blowing Science Museum. It was packed full of engaging and interactive activities. We had fun biting, touching, observing and listening whilst exploring. After lunch we were lucky enough to visit the spectacular Sun exhibition. There was a wide range of sundials artefacts, games and interactive screens which showed the sunrise and sunset in different parts of the world. It was an extremely memorable day for Year 5!'

The children's were excellent ambassadors for the school and they behaved beautifully throughout the trip. Thank you to Mrs Georgious, Miss Jackson, Mrs Hartnett and the Year 5 parents who ensured the children had a fantastic day out.

Internet Safety

On Tuesday we celebrated 'Safer Internet Safety Day and the theme this year was 'Together for a better internet.'

Children were encouraged to consider how they can use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively.

Online Safety is hugely important and it is vital that children and parents know the risks and the benefits of our digital world.

You can find out more at:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/education-packs/activities-parents-and-carers>.

It is also important that children do not have access to age restricted apps and games. The following restrictions apply to some of the most popular apps and it is worth noting that the apps below are above the age limit of Primary School children.

Facebook – 13yrs

Whatsapp – 16yrs

Instagram – 13yrs

Snapchat – 13yrs

Youtube (to have an account) – 13yrs

Please can you ensure your children are using age appropriate games and apps.



Sports Update

Over the last two weeks Year 5 and Year 6 have taken part in two sporting events. Last week saw the girls compete in the 'Barnet East 6-a-side Football Tournament'. They girls played really well in some very unpleasant weather conditions and although they did not get through their group stage, the team showed great skills and sportsmanship throughout the day.

This week also saw the boys football team play their quarter final cup game against a really strong Akiva side. The boys played excellent but unfortunately were eliminated.

Well done to both teams for trying their hardest. We are very proud of your efforts.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 13th Feb- Y1 Class Assembly 9.15am

18th Feb – 22nd Feb- Half Term

Monday 25th February – Back to school

Weds 27th February – World Book Day Fancy Dress

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Thursday 28th February 2019

Online Safety Workshop by Education Child Protection 6pm-7pm

More information will be sent home next week. Thank you



This year we will be launching our World Book Day celebrations with a Fancy Dress Day on **Wednesday 27th February**.

Children can come to school dressed as their favourite story book character.

World Book Day is officially on Thursday 7th March (which is a PE day hence why we are having Fancy Dress the week before!) and we will be celebrating with some reading and writing activities in class.



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Attendance and Punctuality this week



Holidays in term time will not be permitted. Please ensure your child is present the last day of the term and the first day of a new term.

These are checked by the Educational Welfare Officer who will be visiting the school this term.

Punctuality is checked too. Unfortunately, a number of children are persistently arriving late to school. 5 minutes late every day means missing 3 days of school every year. The gates open at 8:30am and the school day starts at 8:50am. Pupils arriving after this time are recorded as 'late' and any pupil arriving after the register closes is marked 'absent'. Persistent lateness may trigger investigation by the Educational Welfare Officer.

Please remember that medical, dental and optician's appointments, should whenever possible, be arranged outside of school hours. If this is not possible, please ensure your child is at school in time for registration, both in the morning and after lunch. This means that your child must be in school until 9.30am in the morning and must not leave school before 2pm in the afternoon.

Thank you for your support.

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