



**We learn together, we play together, we pray together,
we grow together in the love of God**

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AUTUMN TERM 2023

Friday 17th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week was Anti-Bullying Week and the theme was "Make a Noise About Bullying". As part of this year's Anti-Bullying Week campaign, everyone was asked to think about what we mean by 'banter', the role 'banter' plays in bullying and how we can tackle it. We know that the term 'banter' can be misused to disguise bullying behaviours. Banter is defined as 'the playful and friendly exchange of teasing remarks'. However, sometimes these behaviours can be taken too far such that the behaviours constitute bullying. For example, when there is targeted repetition of the 'banter' or if the 'banter' is about personal characteristics such as appearance. The significance of behaviours that we would think of as bullying can also be downplayed when people try to pass these behaviours off as 'just banter'. We are not saying that we cannot joke with friends, but we are encouraging everyone to be mindful of how, sometimes, these jokes may not be received as they were intended.

Can I please remind all parents to note that teachers are in class during the day and are therefore unlikely to be logged onto Seesaw. If you have general queries about school, or a message about pick-up arrangements etc. please contact the school office. If you do leave a message for the teacher regarding homework etc., the teachers will aim to respond as soon as they can, within normal office hours.

Over the past couple of months, the children in Y1-Y6 have been having weekly dance lessons with the Non-Stop Action dance teachers. Each class has been practising a choreographed routine and will be performing it to the rest of the school next Friday (24th November) at 9am. All parents are warmly invited to attend this Dance Festival. The best routine will go on to represent St. Theresa's at the Barnet Schools' Dance Festival in March; I hope to see many of you there.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

Online Parent Zoon Consultation survey

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey about the online parent consultations. If you did not receive the link, here it is again:

<https://forms.office.com/r/WxEwmGCNGW>.

Please do take the time to respond; we value your feedback.

Grosvenor Hall residential Trip Meeting for Y5 Parents

A reminder that on Monday 27th November at 3.45pm in the Y5 classroom, we will be holding an information, meeting for the current Y5 parents, about the October 2024 Y6 residential trip to Grosvenor Hall. The Year 5 children are welcome to stay for the meeting.

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Thank you for all your support over the past few events. Please see the total money raised for the school, below:

- 2nd hand uniform sales - £164.24
- Halloween disco - £271.23
- Year 3 sweet sales -£170.56
- Year 5 cake sale - £166.70

Thank you again.

MOVIE NIGHTS

Infant (Reception, Y1 and Y2) Movie Night: Wednesday 22nd November

Junior (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6) Movie Night: Wednesday 29th November

"Travelling Books" Book Fair

Celebrate reading at our Book Fair!

Reading for pleasure is transformative for pupils' academic success and personal wellbeing. We are hosting a Book Fair to bring reading to the heart of our school.

WHEN: Monday 20th November to Friday 24th November.

TIME: From 3:30p.m. to 4:00p.m.

WHERE: In our school Hall (change of venue)

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, & with prices starting from only £2.99, we hope that everyone will be able to find a suitable book. Approximately 30% of the titles are under £5.

You will be able to pay for the books you purchase in cash or card. Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library!

It's the perfect place to begin your Christmas shopping!

Applications for Reception

Applications are invited for the **Reception Class for September 2024** – this is for children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020.

The deadline to return this to the school office is 15th January 2024.

The forms are available to download on the school website.

Please also be advised that you must also complete a CAF (Common Application Form) from Barnet - the on-line system is already open.

St. Theresa's pupil attendance target for 2023-2024 is 96%

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/23 - now	97.4%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 is still in the lead with 97.7% attendance so far with Y5 now in second place!

At the end of the year, in July 2024, the class with the highest record of attendance will win a non-school uniform day!

Please visit our website where you will find our weekly newsletter, diary dates, curriculum information and lots more! <https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/>

The Wednesday Word

“Life is a talent entrusted to us so that we can transform it and increase it, making it a gift to others.” *Pope St John Paul II*

Ask your child what the word ‘talent’ means to them. Everybody has some God-given gifts or talents. They might not be as obvious as being good at sport, or acting, or singing, but they are just as valuable and please God greatly (e.g. helping out someone who is new to school, being able to cheer people up, or simply being a patient listener or a good friend). As a family, name each other’s special talents. Each of you say which talent you are especially grateful to God for.

“Whatever gifts and talents we are given by God are to be shared with the community.” *St Baldwin of Canterbury*

When we share our individual talents, our families and communities are enriched. Each of you talk about a talent that you admire in a friend, a teacher or someone in your community who uses their talents well – to serve God and help others. Is there a talent you would like to develop? Who could you ask to help you? In this coming week, how could you use your talents to show your love for God and for the good of others at home, at school or in the community?

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/talent?pid=MTA101634&cv=109.1>

New Year Camp 2024!

Non Stop Action are looking forward to **New Year Camp 2024!!!** We are running **Multi Sports** at Moss Hall Junior School (N3 1NR) and **Football** and **Dance** at Millbrook park school (NW7 1JF)!

We will be running for 1 week, from **Tuesday 2nd January – Friday 5th January**. Bookings made before **Saturday 16th December** will automatically get our Early Bird discounts, and you can also save money by booking week blocks - book from as little as **£27.50** for a day, or **£109** for a week! Head to our website to book now: <https://www.nonstopaction.co.uk/>

Message from Public Health Barnet

MMR vaccine rates are still worryingly low in Barnet. Protect your children against measles and prevent disruption to school attendance.

Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Cases of measles are rising in London, and with around 75% of 5-year-olds fully vaccinated in Barnet, we are well below the World Health Organisations target of 95% needed to prevent an outbreak.

Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. A rash can appear later, usually on the face, upper neck, hands and feet, fading after 5 to 6 days.

Vaccination can help prevent outbreaks and protect against serious illness. Any child identified as a close contact of a measles case without satisfactory vaccination status may be asked to self-isolate for up to 21 days.

Hear from Dr Colin Campbell on the importance of the MMR vaccine:

•<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xe7FPKZgNgw>

Read more about the importance of ensuring your child is up to date with their childhood vaccinations here.

Check your child’s red book and contact their GP to make sure they are up to date on their routine vaccinations.

If your child has missed the vaccine as a baby or pre-schooler, contact your child’s GP to make an appointment or visit a catch up clinic:

•Mill Hill Clinic, Hartley Avenue, Mill Hill, NW7 2HX

Phone: 0208 447 3622

Email: clcht.barnetimmunisationteam@nhs.net

For more information

visit: <https://nclhealthandcare.org.uk/keeping-well/baby-and-childhood-vaccinations/>



Reception	Kayden for working hard on learning his sounds and blending the sounds together to read words. Emma for being such a conscientious and enthusiastic student and setting a good example for her peers.
Year 1	Jakub for designing a new enemy for Traction man to defeat. Karin for her amazing work in fact families.
Year 2	Narvin for super reading and comprehension. Ola for settling well into his new school and year group.
Year 3	Max for working really hard in his class dance lessons and using amazing expression. Emily for always being a role model and working hard in all of her subjects.
Year 4	Maximilian for remembering useful facts about Julius Caesar for the biography. Gabriella for using her learning muscle “Have-a-Go Mo” during her maths lesson.
Year 5	Francesco for consistent hard work in Maths. Anita for a good “life cycles” presentation in Science.
Year 6	Christina for conscientiously striving to do your best in all lessons. Very well done. Summer for your improved work ethic. It is clear to see how hard you are working. Well done.

The Golden Ticket Winners are:

Arthur Y4

Maria Y3

Dates for your diary

Mon 20 th Nov	Travelling Book Fair week
Tues 21 st Nov	3.45pm Wellbeing workshop 2 for parents
Wed 22 nd Nov	Infant Movie Night
Thurs 23rd Nov	Reception and Y6 Height and weight check
Fri 24 th Nov	9am Y1-Y6 Dance Festival for parents
Mon 27 th Nov	3.45pm Grosvenor Hall residential meeting for Y5 parents
Wed 29 th Nov	Y3 Advent Carol Service at Westminster Cathedral
Wed 29 th Nov	Junior Movie Night
Fri 8th Dec	6pm-8pm Jingle Mingle
Fri 15 th Dec	9.30am Y1 and Y2 Christmas Show
Mon 18 th Dec	6pm Y5 Carol Concert
Tues 19 th Dec	Christmas Jumper day
Tues 19 th Dec	Christmas Lunch day
Thurs 21 st Dec	Last day of Autumn Term – 1pm finish
Mon 8 th Jan	INSET Day – school closed for children
Tues 9 th Jan	Children return to school
Wed 24 th Jan	Year 6 Trip to RAF Museum
Thurs 1st Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Tues 6th Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Mon 12 th -Fri 16 th Feb	Half Term

***New dates in bold**