



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

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SPRING TERM 2024

Friday 26th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday, the children in Y4, Y5 and Y6 were lucky enough to have a visit from the Metropolitan Police; the police spoke to all the children about the Rule of Law. The police explained the importance of having rules in society and what the consequences are if members of the public break those rules.

During the week beginning Monday 5th February, St. Theresa's will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is *My Voice Matters*. *My Voice Matters* is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. This year, we want children of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to be empowered to work together to create a positive change for their mental health and wellbeing.

That week will also be host to Safer Internet Day (Tuesday 6th February) and all the pupils will be involved in online safety activities. This year's theme is *"Inspiring Change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online"*. Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year, an online issue or theme that speaks to the things young people are seeing and experiencing online, is covered. Created in consultation with young people across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day will be focusing on change online, this includes covering:

- Young people's perspective on new and emerging technology.
- Using the internet to make change for the better
- The changes young people want to see online
- The things that can influence and change the way young people think, feel and act online and offline.

I would like to thank the Friends of St. Theresa's, a group of volunteer parents who organise fun fundraising activities for the children; their support over the years has been invaluable. They will be holding cake/sweet sales over the course of the year – for each class - and the money raised from these sales will contribute to the cost of the school trips or workshops for that class. We will let parents know after each cake/sweet sale how much money was raised.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

NEWS from The FRIENDS

Valentines Day cake sale **Friday 9th February**

Movie Night and other Fundraisers coming soon so watch this space!

Cost of living support

The cost of living crisis can affect many of us in different ways. If you are looking for information or support on the following, please click on the link below:

- Help with food
- Support for families with children
- Advice about housing costs
- Budgeting
- accessing eligible benefits and pensions credits
- direct financial support
- accessing BOOST to help people secure jobs

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/benefits-grants-and-financial-advice/cost-living-support>

February Camp 2024!

Non Stop Action are looking forward to **February 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 in February half term, from **Monday**

12th February - Friday 16th February. Bookings made before **Saturday 27th January** will automatically get our Early Bird discounts applied, 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/>

A reminder that we are holding the first of our two face to face parent consultations next Thursday from 4pm in the school hall. All parents and carers should have received the booking link. The booking system will close for Thursday's consultation on Wednesday 31st January 6pm. You will not be able to make (or amend) an appointment for Thursday's consultations, after this time. The booking system for the consultations on Tuesday 6th February will close on Monday 5th February at 6pm.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/23 - now	96%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 is still in the lead with 96.6% attendance so far with Y3 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

"The family's strength lies in its capacity to love and to teach how to love." Pope Francis

Jesus' personal example, the witness of his life, gave power and authority to his teaching. Jesus practised what he taught and we should try to do the same. Ask your child what the word 'teacher' means to them. Ask them which people teach them about God – at home, at school or in the community. What have they recently been taught about God? Who is their favourite teacher, and why? Perhaps you can tell your child about a person you know who is, or was, a good teacher, and say why.

"Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life." Pope Francis

Each of you choose someone who teaches you good and right things, and say a prayer for them. How can we show our appreciation to all those who teach us at home, school or in the community? Perhaps we can: be a good learner by really listening to what they have to say; do the good and right things they have taught us; let them know that we have said a prayer for them; make them a 'thank-you' card or simply thank them for being a good teacher.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/teacher?pid=MTA101634&sv=117.3>

All Things Autism, Parent and Carer Q & A Sessions.

The London Borough of Barnet & Barnet Education & Learning Service (BELS) are excited to offer an online Q & A session for Parents and Carers of children & young people living or attending schools in Barnet.

This session will be presented by Brigitte Jordaan Director of Children Social Care Family Services and Kim Miller Head of Service for the Specialist Inclusion Services, BELS.

The sessions will include information on:

- How to support your child at home
- Working with your school
- Autism support offer
- Pre-diagnostic support
- Autism Hub
- Autism in Schools project
- And a chance to submit a question for the presenters.

Where: Online via Teams.

When: Tuesday 27th February 2024, either 12pm–1pm or 6pm–7pm.

How: To sign up for the 12pm–1pm session and submit a question (optional), please use this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/87ZD8ZX3Bw>

To sign up for the 6pm–7pm session and submit a question (optional), please use this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/NaLbdeuYdP>

Further information: If you have any questions or queries, please email ayala.broughton@Barnet.gov.uk with 'All Things Autism' in the title, please submit questions by Monday 19.02.2024.

Barnet SENDIASS Information Session

Barnet SENDIASS is pleased to announce an in-person information session event for Barnet resident parents/carers of children and young people with special educational needs or disability.

This is a free event where you will have an opportunity to meet with other parents/carers and young people. Barnet Inclusion Advisory Team will be giving a short presentation on what is ordinarily available in schools and will be available to answer any questions that the attendees may have.

Date: Wednesday 28 February 2024

Time: 10am – 12.30pm

Location: Colindale Office, 2 Bristol Avenue, NW9 4EW

Presenters: Barnet Inclusion Advisory Team (IAT)

Theme: What is Ordinarily Available? A guide to the provision that should be ordinarily available in state funded schools in Barnet.

To register please click here:

<https://admin.barnet.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2024-01/09%20SENDIASS%20Information%20Session-%20Feb%202024.pdf>

If you have any questions, please contact: sendiass@barnet.gov.uk



Reception	Praise for really getting involved with activities and socialising with her peers. Sebastian for learning his tricky words so well and continuing to work hard on his handwriting.
Year 1	Oseias for his smart predictions during our Science experiment. Radvin for attempting to record the months of the year independently.
Year 2	Kornelia for being a cooperative, caring and an enthusiastic student, working well in all her lessons. Narvin for having such a great attitude to school and learning and always giving 100% in all he does!
Year 3	Radek for a wonderful character description of the Minotaur – super writing. Arel for great participation in his science group and working with magnets.
Year 4	Aniyah for settling in so well into Year 4. Bruna for making a good effort in her reading.
Year 5	Kourtney for working very well in a team in her science project. Denys for his excellent attitude to learning and helping out his peers in maths.
Year 6	Leo for your fantastic behaviour during the class trip to The RAF Museum. Chiamaka for demonstrating great scientific enquiry skills this week. Well done!
<p><i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> Maia V (Y6) Korneila (Y2)</p>	

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club runs daily from 7.45am - 8.30am in the school hall for £3.50. Please let the school office know if you would like your child to attend.

Please ensure you pay for breakfast club charges in advance of your child attending, or on the morning.

Please ring the doorbell labelled "Breakfast Club" when you get to school in the morning, and a member of the breakfast club team will let your child in.

Dates for your diary

Wed 31 st Jan	Year 1 trip to Science Museum
Wed 31 st Jan	Year 2 trip to Tower of London
Thurs 1 st Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Tues 6 th Feb	Safer Internet day
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Mon 12 th -Fri 16 th Feb	Half Term
Thurs 22 nd Feb	3.45pm Online Safety Workshop for parents
Thurs 22 nd Feb	Y3 trip to British Museum
Wed 7 th March	World Book day
Fri 15 th March	Red Nose Day
Tues 19 th March	Class Photos
Wed 27 th March	6pm Y3/Y4 Easter Show
Thurs 28 th March	Last day of term 1pm finish

***New dates in bold**