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SPRING TERM 2024

Friday 2nd February

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the Y2 children went to the Tower of London and the Y1 class visited the Science Museum. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to accompany these school visits.

Next week, 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.

Tuesday is Safer Internet Day 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.

On Tuesday we are holding our second evening of (face to face) Parent Consultations. For those of you who have not yet made an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher, you have until 6pm on Monday 5th February to access the online booking system, after which time the system will be closed.

Have a lovely weekend.

Barbara Costa

School Policies

If you are looking for any of the school policies, please visit the School Policy page of the school website. You can find it by following this link:

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/school/policies/>

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Totals from recent fundraising events:

Donations at Year 5 Carol Concert **£63.35**

Coffee morning **£40.31**

Last week's Year 2 cake sale **£303.79!** Thank you for your support.

Valentine's Day after school 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>

Comic Relief



On Friday 15th March the school will be participating in Red Nose Day for Comic Relief. Since Comic Relief began in 1985, it has helped support 105.6 million people across the UK & around the world. The charity works to improve mental health, create safe places for everyone, help children to survive and thrive, & work to help people to speak out & seek help to escape fear and discrimination. From Monday 11th March, the children will be able to purchase a red nose from the school for £2 – should they wish to. Each child will only be able to purchase one red nose in the first instance, but may be able to purchase more if we have any red noses left over once everyone has had the opportunity to buy one. On Friday 15th March (Red Nose Day) the children may come to school dressed in red clothes (or wearing anything red) for a £1 donation.

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

Period	Whole school attendance
From 5/9/23 - now	95.9%

Class with highest attendance to date - Y6 is still in the lead with 96.6% attendance so far with Y4 back 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!

The Wednesday Word

"Love is the first ingredient in the relief of suffering." St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us how, in Jesus, God is active in the world, bringing healing. At differing times and in differing ways, we all need the healing touch of God. Ask your child what the word 'healing' means to them. It may help your child if you tell them about the different kinds of healing we can experience in life. Then ask your child who brings healing to them, bringing comfort when they are ill, hurt or upset.

"Prayer is certainly the most wonderful medicine in the world."
St Hyacinth

As a family, consider if there is anyone to whom you can help bring God's healing in this coming week. What could you do? Perhaps you could: pray for someone and ask them to pray for you too; talk gently and lovingly to someone if there is a problem; take time to listen carefully to them, and try to support them where possible. Can you think of any good ways to bring healing to others?

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/healing?pid=MTA101634&sp=2&v=118.3>

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	Alison for her determination and hard work in all subjects. Gabriel for his perseverance and helpfulness.
Year 1	Whole class for representing St Theresa's so beautifully during our trip to the Science Museum.
Year 2	Ednaida for her excellent work ethic. Ednaida always tries her best and takes great pride in the presentation of her work. Ryan for always being keen and enthusiastic to share his thoughts. Ryan is a very respectful member of our class.
Year 3	Emily for producing excellent written work in all subjects. Arllys for always completing his homework and helping others in maths.
Year 4	Thea for working so hard on her times tables and got 25/25 in the multiplication check. Nikola for being a 'Have a go' at all her learning this week and trying to improve her handwriting
Year 5	Lucas for excellent work in Maths and his hard work showed in his assessment scores. Mitchell for settling into school really well and engaging in every lesson.
Year 6	Rika for accurately calculating complex percentages of amounts. Well done! Krissy for your excellent diary entry as a child during the Blitz. You included great historical details.
<p><i>The Golden Ticket Winners are:</i> Amilia (Y4) Kezie (Y5)</p>	

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/>

Dates for your diary

Tues 6 th Feb	Safer Internet day
Tues 6 th Feb	4pm-6.30pm Parent Consultations (face to face)
Fri 9th Feb	Friends' after school Valentine cake sale
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
Fri 1st March	Friends' after school garage sale
Mon 4th March	Bunny Hop Challenge
Thur 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	