

St. Theresa's Newsletter

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



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Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge congratulations to our Mini Marathon runners who represented St. Theresa's at the TCS Mini London Marathon on Saturday. Thank you to everybody who supported the team; we have raised (including Gift Aid) almost £4000 for the NSPCC! Thank you

everybody.



Yesterday, all parents received a letter confirming the Governing Body's decision to shorten the school day at St. Theresa's. Therefore, from 1st September 2024, the school day will finish at 3.15pm.

Next Thursday (2nd May) is our *This is Us* day. We are inviting the children to come in dressed either in traditional dress from the countries that their parents, or grandparents are from (or dressed in the colours of their national flag) for a voluntary donation of £1. This is, as always, entirely optional. The idea behind the 'This is Us Day,' is to celebrate the diversity within our school and to get the children to learn a little more about their heritage. The money raised will be added to the money raised at the International Food sale on the same day, and go towards buying new laptops for the children.

We are very excited about the International Food sale on Thursday after school; entry is just $\pounds 1$ and then you are able to buy drinks and food from the different stalls once inside. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Have a lovely weekend. Babara Gost ofsted ParentView Perent View A reminder to all parents that St.Theresa's is expecting an

Ofsted inspection in the coming months and when we are notified of the Ofsted visit, the inspectors will want to gather the views of the parents. We are therefore asking parents to please complete the online Ofsted parent survey in preparation for the inspection. It can be accessed here: https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=giveyour-views.

You will need to register with an email address first; once you are registered you will need to search for our school and then answer the 14 questions. The survey is anonymous.

NEWS from the FRIENDS

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to announce that the Reception cake sale raised 205.16! We would like to thank you all for your continued support.

We would also like to remind all the school families to join our upcoming International Food Sale on Thursday 2nd May. Sign-up sheets have been posted outside the school office and classrooms. Choose your country and dish, and let us know if you can help set up and sell. Reach out to your class rep if you have any questions.

We're aiming to raise \pounds 3000 for much-needed new laptops, enhancing our children's learning experiences. The event will commence at 3 pm in the school hall. Entry is \pounds 1 and then you will be able to purchase food and drinks once inside. The event will run until 5 pm.

Warm regards, The Friends

Do you have any time to volunteer at school?

The school welcomes parent/carer volunteers who have any extra spare time to come and help read with the children. If this is something you think you would like to do, please do come and speak to either Mr Troy or Miss Costa.

May Camp 2024!

Non Stop Action are looking forward to **May 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 the May Half term, from **Tuesday 28th May - Friday 31st May**. Bookings made before **Saturday 4th May** 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: <u>www.nonstopaction.co.uk</u>

 <u>St. Theresa's pupil attendance target for</u> 2023-2024 is 96%		
Period	Whole school attendance	
From 5/9/23 - now	95.8%	

Class with highest attendance to date - Y3 is still in the lead with 96.9% attendance and Y5 is still 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! <u>https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/</u>



The Wednesday Word

""We cannot grow up by ourselves; rather, we journey and grow in a community, in a family." *Pope Francis*

Ask your child what the word 'growing' means to them (other than increasing in height or weight). Ask them which one of the above 'fruits' (see the 'Good News for Families' section at the top of this page) would they particularly like to grow in. Why did they choose that 'fruit'? In what ways could growing in that fruit help them? Then tell your child how they've grown as a person (and in goodness) in recent months.

Each new day is an opportunity to grow in goodness. Regularly praying together is a powerful way for the family to keep growing in love. What else can we do to keep growing in goodness in this coming week? Perhaps we can: always try to be fair with others; avoid doing wrong and always try to do what is right; spend some time reading the words of Jesus in the gospels; try to be better listeners and more patient with the people around us.

https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/growing?pid=MTA101634&v=126.8

Little Saints After School Club

Do you need Childcare for your child after the school day? Little Saints offer an After School Club from 3.30-6pm Monday to Friday for only £12.

The children take part in so many different activities like arts and crafts, cooking,

multi-sports and much more. We are Ofsted registered, so we now accept Childcare vouchers.

For more information please contact Vicky Avraam on 07968 498 364 or email her at: <u>vicky_avraam@hotmail.co.uk</u>

Design Fusion Art Club is now taking bookings for Art Club which will be starting Tuesday 30th April from 3.30-4.20pm. From painting to sewing, from drawing to 3D modelling, and so much more – expressing yourself has never been so much fun! For more information, please contact Vicky Avraam on 07968 498 364 or email her at: info@designfusionartclub.co.uk

Wrapround Childcare and Early Years Expansion Information from Barnet

In the Spring budget of March 2023, significant expansions to wraparound and early years childcare services were announced, aimed at supporting families across the UK. These expansions signify a commitment to providing childcare options that enable parents to balance work and family life more effectively.

Early Years Provision (for children under 5):

By September 2025, most working families with children under the age of five will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare support. The changes are being introduced gradually to make sure that providers can meet the needs of more families. For more information and to check if you're eligible for this free childcare, please visit <u>https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/</u>.

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Wraparound (for primary school-aged children)

The government are also investing in schools and local areas to set up or expand wraparound childcare provision, with the ambition for all parents of primary school aged children to have the option to access childcare from **8am – 6pm**. This includes provision of both breakfast and after school clubs.

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I	Reception	Chloe for continuing to strive for excellence,	
I		sounding out and blending orally and in her	
I		head, writing beautifully and working really hard on	
I		her sentences.	
I		Emma for reading with increased fluency and	
confidence, and for her good behaviou		confidence, and for her good behaviour at all times.	
Year 1 Whole class for representing St Theresa's so		Whole class for representing St Theresa's so	
		beautifully on our school trip in London.	
Year 2 Marko for excellent learning behavior, working ha		Marko for excellent learning behavior, working hard	
L		in everything.	
L		Liana for amazing effort and improvement in her	
I	writing.		
Year 3 Jansu for participating in all lessons, answering		Jansu for participating in all lessons, answering	
L		questions and working hard with your writing.	
I		Roksana for trying hard to solve fractions problems in	
I	Maths.		
L	Year 4	Tye for making a great effort in his Maths this week	
I		and showing a good understanding.	
J		Aniyah for showing amazing confidence in her	
1		reading and great fluency.	
	Year 5	Jonathan for showing a great attitude to learning!	
		Elizabeth for persistent hard work in Maths and not	
l		giving up.	
	Year 6	Nathaniel for identifying some of the positives and	
l		negatives of the Industrial Revolution. Well done!	
Í		Evie for accurately calculating missing angles in a	
Í		range of quadrilaterals and regular polygons.	
Í		The Golden Ticket Winners are:	
Í		Anduena (Y1)	

Dates for your diary

Phoebe (V3)

Mon 29 th April	Y5 at Imperial War Museum			
Tues 30 th April	Y3 River Cruise			
Thurs 2 nd May	This is Us! Day			
Thurs 2 nd May	3pm After school International Food sale			
Thurs 2 nd May	Reception class trip to Kentish Town Farm			
Friday 3 rd May	Y3 & Y4 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip's Church			
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday – school closed			
Wed 8 th May	Y2 walk to Stephens House			
Thurs 9 th May	9.15am Ascension Day Mass			
Fri 10 th May	Y5 & Y6 attending 10am Mass at St. Philip's Church			
Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th May Year 6 SATS week				
Tues 14 th May	Friends pre-loved uniform sale			
Mon 20 th – Fri 24 th May Walk to School Week				
Mon 20 th May	Y4 at Greenwich Museum			
Mon 20 th May	3.45pm secondary transfer meeting for current Y5 parents			
Tues 21 st May	Y6 at Ragged School Museum			
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st May Half Term				
Mon 3 rd June	Inset Day			
Tues 11 th June	Y5 performing at the Barnet Schools' Music Festival at the Arts Depot			
*New dates in bold				

