NEWSLETTER

ST. PETER'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Let your light shine before others, so they see your good works and give glory to God

Matthew 5 v.16

Rooted in Christian faith, which underpins the school's ethos, we seek to enable all pupils to develop their full academic potential; discover skills and talents in art, music, sport and drama; and grow in spiritual awareness and moral character. By striving for excellence within an inclusive environment, enabling every child to develop their gifts and flourish, we seek to shine as a community, so our achievements give glory to God.

15th March 2024

We reach the end of another very busy fortnight at school. Today we welcomed MP Andy Slaughter and The Mayor of the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham, Councillor Patricia Quigley, to our school. This was Mayor Quigley's first visit to St Peter's and it was wonderful to have the opportunity to talk to her about the work we have been doing around equality, diversity and inclusion, which is something we know that she is also hugely passionate about. We treated both of our visitors to a tour of our school; they spent time in every classroom and took the opportunity to talk to a number of the children and staff. They also joined us at the Ranger Stu workshop and for a spot of Street Dancing with Ghost Dance Troupe; they were both extremely interested to hear about our work in the arts and to observe some of the wonderful art pieces produced by the children this week. Please visit our Instagram page @stpetersschoolw6 to view some of the photographs taken during the visit.

This week has seen us celebrate our now infamous Arts Week event. The theme for the week has been Pop Art, with a focus upon Andy Warhol and other artists including Keith Haring and Roy Lichtenstein. Kate Brown and a member of her team from the Halcyon Gallery brought the Andy Warhol print of Queen Elizabeth II into school on Tuesday and delivered a workshop to each class about the artist and his works. The print - which is worth considerably more than all of our combined pocket money - very rarely leaves the gallery, so we were hugely fortunate and privileged to have it in our school for the day. Kate and her colleague both commented upon the engagement of the children, and the quality and maturity of the questions they asked during their workshops.

Our Arts Week is always one of the highlights of the school calendar. Our first Arts Week took place in March 2016, and with every passing year we see the confidence, the knowledge and the language of the children grow, as they develop a love and appreciation for different aspects of the arts including artists and paintings. A separate Arts Week newsletter will be sent out shortly from Mrs Noonan providing much more detail about the work completed by the children and the numerous workshops

they have enjoyed. Special thanks to all of the parents and carers who helped to make our Arts Week celebrations so special again this year, to Kate Brown for being such an inspiration to us all and to Mrs Noonan and Miss Miller for organising such an incredible week for the children, which has been filled with so many enrichment opportunities which enhance the learning of the children and take them well beyond the requirements of the national curriculum.

The end of term is hurtling towards us at quite a rate, please note some key diary events, which will take place before the end of tem:

- **Monday 18th March –** Pelican Spring Concert **5.00pm** at **St Peter's Church**
- **Week commencing 18th March –** Celebration of Neurodiversity Week
- **Thursday 21st March** – Poetry Recital Assembly **9am** in the **Scott Building**. In recognition of World Poetry day, the children will be reciting poems which have been written to inspire and motivate us. Please come along to support the children, as every class will be performing at this event.
- **Friday 22nd March** – Please join us in the **Scott Building from 3pm** to view the wonderful work produced by the children during Arts Week.
- **Friday 22nd March** – PTA Spring Fundraiser. Please save the date so that you can join us at Chiswick Auctions for a Quiz Night and Silent Auction event. More details to follow.
- **Thursday 28th March** – Please join us for our end of term Easter service which will be held in St Peter's Church at **9am**.
- **Thursday 28th March** – Term ends at 2pm.

PTA Spring Fundraiser

Next Friday evening the PTA are hosting their annual spring term fundraiser at Chiswick Auctions. The evening will consist of a quiz and a silent auction. Tickets cost £15.00 each, which includes a meal and a cocktail upon arrival. If you haven't already done so, there is still time to purchase a ticket. If you would like to attend but are unable to purchase a ticket, please contact me via admin@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk in the strictest of confidence. Everyone over the age of 18 is welcome!

The link to the auction page is now live All Items - St Peter's CE Primary School Silent Auction | GalaBid Please, please, please get behind this event and show your support in whatever way you can. If you are unable to attend in person, then log on to our link and make a bid for one of our exciting auction prizes; every penny raised from this event comes back to the school to enhance the educational provision your children receive. Please give what you can, every penny counts.

The excitement is building - last year's event proved to be a fabulous evening filled with laughter and good cheer. In addition to this, the evening raised just shy of £30,000 which allowed the PTA to fund our Sports Coach, Music Teacher (summer and autumn term 2023), Spanish Teacher (spring term 2024), coaches for school trips, classroom equipment, sports equipment, enrichment opportunities, the staging, lighting and sound for the school production and educational software. Without your support at last year's event we would not have been in a position to fund many of these items, you really did help to make a difference to our school.

As always, a huge thank you to Charlotte and Jane for all of their hard work in organising this event; to Rewa who is knee deep in chilli preparations as I type; to Stephen who will be creating some fabulous cocktails for us to enjoy; to Ed for volunteering to be our Quiz Master for the evening, and to everyone else who has signed up to help out on the night. Finally, special thanks to those who have donated an auction prize - your support truly is much appreciated, THANK YOU!

Neurodiversity Week

Next week we will be celebrating Neurodiversity Week. Miss Cook, supported by members of the SEND Family Network, have organised a wide range of activities and workshops to help the children to learn about and celebrate neurodiversity.

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March we celebrated World Book Day in true St Peter's style. The day started with our now infamous Book Character parade, which allowed every child in the school to showcase their wonderful costumes. As always, I was astounded by the creativity shown by the children (and their families) when creating these costumes and I was introduced to so many new book characters during the event, it proved quite an education! Following our parade, the children participated in a number of activities all designed to promote a love of reading and an interest in books. These included a doodle session with illustrator Oguzhan Secir, buddy reading sessions and online workshops. We ended the day coming together in the hall with an activity called 'Guess the Character'. The story of 'Room on a Broom' was read to the children by staff members, who were hidden out of sight, and the children were tasked with matching the staff member to the character they portrayed. Some staff members proved harder to identify than others. My accent gave me away quite quickly, despite my best efforts to disguise it when reading the part of the witch! Another fun-packed day was had by all. Special thanks to Mrs Noonan for organising our Book day activities again this year.

Arts Café

We look forward to welcoming you all to our Arts Café event next Friday 22nd March. At this event, in addition to seeing the wonderful work produced by the children during Arts Week, our Year 6 House Captains will be holding a cake sale in the Scott Building playground. They plan to split the money raised between funding arts resources for our school and towards this term's winning house trip, which will be a visit to Snakes and Ladders. If you are able to donate cakes for this event, please send them into school on the morning of Friday 22nd March. Thank you in advance for your support.

@stpetersschoolw6

Our Instagram page is incredible, thanks to the wonderfully talented Lucinda Pride. It is updated regularly, detailing the many events which are happening in our school. Please remember to follow us. For those who already do, thank you, and please remember to like and comment on our posts. We are very keen to create an active community to help drive more followers, which in turn raises our profile amongst local businesses and partners to help with further fundraising and support. Your likes mean a lot and make a huge difference!

Happy Mother's Day

Last Friday, in recognition of Mother's Day, we hosted a special breakfast for all of our hard-working mums and female carers. The event also aligned with International Women's Day, so it was a double celebration! We have hosted this event on a number of occasions over the years, however this time we had more mums and female carers attend than ever before. It was wonderful to have so many mums and their children gathered together in our hall. Chloe and Joy, our Catering Dream Team, cooked up a range of delicious treats for our hard-working mums to enjoy, Deacon Blue was playing on the sound system, and there was a lovely buzz of conversation and laughter in the air - a perfect start to the day!

Easter Egg Raffle

Towards the end of next week, the House Captains will begin selling raffle tickets for our Easter Egg Raffle, which will be held on the last day of term. As always, this initiative will be organised and led by our Year 6 House Captains, with the money raised being split equally between their four chosen charities: Young Lives vs Cancer, Shooting Stars, Daisy Chain and KIDS.

In order to do this, we would like to ask for donations of Easter Eggs: big, small, glittery, plain, eggs with a huge bow attached, they will all be very welcome! I plan to approach our local Sainsbury's and Tesco for donations; if you have connections with a local supermarket or chocolate/sweet companies or shops, please let us know, as the more eggs we can collect, the greater possibility that everyone who purchases a raffle ticket will win a prize. **Raffle tickets will be sold for £1 a strip**. Thank you in advance for your support.

Punctuality

The punctuality of all of the children is closely monitored. It is our hope that children arrive at school on time every day, although we appreciate that sometimes circumstances beyond your control prevent this from happening.

Good punctuality is extremely important to your child's education. In addition to the fact that arriving at school late can be very distressing for your child, first thing in the morning is often a time when we run intervention support or pre-teach concepts to those children who require some additional support with particular areas of the curriculum. Those children arriving late at school routinely miss this additional provision. Please can I ask that you all make a concerted effort to get your children to school on time. **Breakfast Club support is available from 8am every day – this provision is offered free to those in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.**

Please remember that the school gates will be opened at 8.45am for children to go straight into their classrooms in readiness for the beginning of the school day: **8.55am** for children in **Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5** and **6** and **9am** for children in **Reception**.
Please also ensure that your child is collected promptly at the end of the school day: **3.20pm** for children in **Reception**; **3.25pm** for children in **Year 1** and **Year 2** and **3.30pm** for children in **Year 3, Year 4, Year 5** and **Year 6**. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Attendance

Monitoring attendance is part of our statutory duty, we are committed to working with you all to ensure that the children are attending school on a regular basis. We recognise that many children are affected by seasonal illnesses, which account for many of the absences we have seen recently. However, if there are any underlining medical conditions we need to be made aware of, or any issues we can help with which are preventing your child from attending school, please speak to us immediately. Thank you.

A copy of the term dates for this academic year and the academic year 2024 -2025 have been sent out to all parents and carers, these dates are also available to view on the school website. Please make a note of these dates and avoid booking events and holidays which mean that children are required to take time out of school. **Please note that we are unable to authorise any holidays taken during term time.**

Please see below our attendance percentages for the past two weeks:

	W/C 4th March	W/C 11th March
Reception	**100%**	**95.9%**
Year 1	**99.7%**	**96.9%**
Year 2	**96.0%**	**96.4%**
Year 3	**97.3%**	**96.7%**
Year 4	**95.3%**	**96.4%**
Year 5	**98.7%**	**96.7%**
Year 6	**94.1%**	**96.7%**

House Points

	8/3/24	15/3/24	Total
Cross	**497**	**409**	**2932**
Fisher	**613**	**580**	**3061**
Rock	**692**	**679**	**3400**
Keys	**456**	**362**	**2453**

Headteacher's Award

	15th March
Reception	**Ella & Charlotte**
Year 1	**William & Leonora**
Year 2	**Lukas & Bear N**
Year 3	**Charlotte & Lennox**
Year 4	**Sabine & Aurelia**
Year 5	**Eliagh & Amelie**
Year 6	**Sophia & Matilda**

No nuts please!

Just a quick reminder that we are a nut-free school. Please double-check the ingredients before sending any snacks into school - particularly cereal bars - as sometimes they can contain hidden nuts which can be dangerous for other children. Thank you.

Medicines in School

If your child is required to take medicine during the school day, please ensure that it is handed in, in its original packaging via the school office; we need parental permission in order to administer any medication. For health and safety reasons, children are not allowed to keep any medication in their bags. Our Medical Lead is Mrs Noonan; should your child have any serious medical issues that you need to share with us, please contact her via communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk

Website

Please remember to log on to our website to view your child's class page: https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/ This will give you information about what your child will be learning this coming half term.

Instagram

Please follow us on @stpetersschoolw6

Finally

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak, in the first instance, to your child's class teacher. We are always here to help, and believe greatly in the importance of good communication between home and school.

Kind regards,

Miss Frazer

Diary Dates

Dates	Time	Description
WC 18/03/24		Neurodiversity Celebration Week
18/03/24		Reception class trip
18/03/24		Year 1 class trip
18/03/24		Year 6 class trip
21/03/24		Poetry Recital in recognition of World Poetry Day
22/03/24		Arts Cafe
WC 25/03/24		Interschool competition (Gymnastics)
25/03/24		School Council and house Captains to visit Parliament
26/03/24		Winning House Trip
27/03/24		Easter Egg Rolling
28/03/24	9am	Easter Service in Church
28/03/24	2pm	**End of term**