Embrace excellence through God, to build a better world
"Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God."- Micah 6 v. 8

Newsletter 1st April 2022

Today we reach the end of the spring term; this academic year is literally whizzing by, I honestly don't know where the time has gone. Despite having to deal with a COVID outbreak back in January, in true St Peter's style, we have managed to 'keep calm and carry on' offering the children a wide range of opportunities and experiences to enrich their education.

These include: Arts Week, an Arts Exhibition, World Book Day events, Pelican Music Evening, DT Day, five very cute Ducklings, whole school Poetry Recital and a special service for Ash Wednesday. We have also participated in numerous borough led and interschool sporting competitions and a debating competition, undertaken trips to places such as Halcyon Gallery, National Army Museum, the Royal Albert Hall, Two Temple Place, Central Gurdwara, and Ravenscourt Arts Theatre.

Added to this, we have participated in the National Big Walk and Wheel Event and celebrated International Women and Girls in Science Day. We have also been inspired by a range of visitors including: Pete Reed OBE, 3- time Olympic Gold Medalist, professional illustrator Oguzhan Secir and Fiona Compton, Notting Hill Carnival Ambassador. Plus, the children have worked with DISCO, Tender Education and the LA Road Safety Team.

Furthermore, we joined other schools across the country in supporting Safer Internet Day, Children's Mental Health Week, World Maths Day and Comic Relief. We even found time to review our catering provision, introduce a Kitchen newsletter and host a special afternoon tea for all of our hard-working mums and female carers!

On top of all this, this week we have held: our winning house treat; an egg decorating competition and Easter egg roll; raised lots of money for our chosen charities and Ukraine with our charity Easter egg raffle, and attended a whole school Easter service. Phew, after all this, we definitely need a holiday and a few chocolate eggs!

Thank you to our incredible staff team for their continued hard work and dedication in helping to make all of the events listed above possible, to our wonderful parents and carers for your continued support of our school, and of course to all of our amazingly talented and creative children - what a great term it has been. I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break.

Please note that the children return to school on Wednesday 20th April.

A very special mention…

We could not end the term without giving a very special mention to Annabel in Year 6, who allowed her long hair to be cut short on Monday, in support of the Little Princess Trust. The Little Princess Trust is a charity which uses donated hair and turns it into wigs to support children and young people who suffer hair loss, as a result of devastating illnesses such as cancer. This is the third time Annabel has performed such a selfless act, in support of this hugely worthwhile charity and we couldn't be more proud of her. Annabel, you are a true hero, well done and thank you!

Special thanks

A huge thank you to one of our parents who made a very generous financial donation to school this term. Her donation was then match-funded by the company she works for, enabling us to fund the lease of 70 iPads for the next three years. We are completely overwhelmed and extremely grateful for this very generous act, which will hugely enhance the technology provision within the school.
It was like Christmas in school last week, when 70 brand new iPads were delivered to our door! Once the iPads are fully programmed and the staff have received the relevant training, to ensure that the iPads are used to their full capacity, they will be making their way into the classrooms very soon.

Easter Service

Thank you to Charles for leading our Easter Service this morning in St Peter's Church, it felt wonderful to be able to celebrate Easter and the end of term by bringing the whole school community together. Thank also to all of the parents and carers who joined us at our service this morning, it was lovely to see you all.

Easter Egg Raffle

Thank you to everyone who donated eggs, or bought tickets for this year's Easter Egg raffle. I was completely overwhelmed this morning when I walked into the hall with 200 very excited children, to see the number of eggs we had on display. Every penny of the money raised from the raffle will be divided equally between our four house charities: Water for Africa, KIDS, RNLI (Chiswick), Whale and Dolphin Conservation, plus the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal - Christian Aid https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/ukraine-crisis-appeal

Arts Café

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our Arts Week event last Friday; it was wonderful to see so many people in attendance, having the opportunity to view the amazing work which was produced by the children during Arts Week. Many people who attended the event commented that the quality of the work and the overall display reminded them of being in a real gallery, rather than a school hall, the only thing missing was the champagne! Special thanks to Miss Miller for leading this event, to Kate Brown for all of her help and support and to our wonderful Arts Ambassadors, who were on hand to welcome our visitors and talk about the work on display.

Our work has been displayed on the LDBS website, please check it out
https://ldbs.co.uk/st-peters-church-of-england-primary-school-hammersmith-arts-week/

Celebrating our mums and female carers

Last Thursday afternoon, in advance of Mother's Day, we hosted a special afternoon tea to celebrate and thank our hard-working mums and female carers. The sun was shining, unlike today, which meant

that the event was held outside in the playground; it proved a lovely opportunity to bring people together in a relaxed atmosphere to chat and enjoy some tasty treats. Thank you to Andrew and Rewa, our PTA team, those who turned up early to help make the sandwiches and to our Year 6 House Captains, who helped out during the afternoon, all of whom helped to make the afternoon such a success.

Big Walk and Wheel

During the week commencing Monday 21st March, as a school we took part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. This year there were 1,507 schools registered to take part in this event, which equated to approximately 488,623 pupils. The purpose of the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel was to inspire pupils to be amazing and take active journeys to school. On each day of the challenge, schools competed to see who could get the highest percentage of their pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school. Well done to everyone who took part.

Debating

Last Thursday evening our Year 6 Debating team showed that they could teach the politicians a thing or two, as they competed in the Latymer Upper School Debating Competition 2022. The team, made up of Giorgio, Mattia, Samira and Annabel, have been attending debating classes at Latymer throughout the spring term. During the competition, the team was required to present the pros of single gender schools and the pros of making all schools vegetarian. Mrs Adcock and I were lucky enough to watch both debates, and were both extremely impressed by the confidence displayed by the children involved. A fantastic effort from the entire team, well done!

Reading for pleasure

Last Friday, our Year 2 children visited Willows Pre-School to share their love of books with the children in the Toddler and Pre-School rooms. Our Year 2 children all selected a book which they took along on the visit to read to the younger children. A wonderful time was had by all.

Winning House

Congratulations to team Keys for winning this term's house points competition, earning an incredible 3168 points. Yesterday, members of team Keys enjoyed a cinema afternoon, complete with snacks. The children can begin earning points towards next terms treat after the Easter break.

World Maths Day

On 23rd March, as a school we participated in World Maths Day; a global event aimed at promoting a love and enjoyment of mathematics. Throughout the day, the children had the opportunity to participate in a range of practical activities aimed at highlighting the wonder of numbers. The children also took part in 60-second races, competing virtually against other children from around the world, the aim of which is to have fun whilst also developing their accuracy and fluency skills with number.

Summer term

The summer term will commence after the Easter break, which means that the children are allowed to switch to their summer school uniform (please see the website for details). Please note though, that all of the children are still required to wear black school shoes for school. Sandals and trainers are not part of our school uniform and therefore should not be worn.

Better late than never, but better never late…

Please ensure that your child arrives punctually to school each morning equipped with everything they require for the school day. **Classrooms will be open from 8.45am**. Arriving late to school is not only disruptive to the class as a whole, but can also be distressing for your child. Thank you for your continued support.

Headteacher's Award

	25th March
Reception	**Hunter & Alexander**
Year 1	**Pawel & Rose**
Year 2	**Otto & Lucy**
Year 3	**Susannah & Kennedy**
Year 4	**Horatio & Jago**
Year 5	**Ella & Annabelle**
Year 6	**Hetty & Sebastian**

Values Award

Children can be nominated for a Values Award by other pupils, parents and staff members. Currently we are looking for nominations for children who have demonstrated the act of **humility**, as this is the Christian Value as a school we are focusing upon this half term.

25th March – Eliza & Thomas (Y4) and Ella (Y5)

Website

Please remember to log on to our website to view your child's class page; this will give you information about what your child has been learning throughout the week. Class webpages will be updated weekly by your child's class teacher www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk.

Twitter

We have been busy tweeting! Please check out our account: **@St_Peters_CE**

Finally

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak 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.

Have a good weekend and Easter break.

Miss Frazer

19/04/22		**INSET Day**
20/04/22		Children return to school
22/04/22		Reception and Year 1 class trip
25/04/22		Year 5 Young Voices
26/04/22		Earth Day
28/04/22		Reception Class Assembly
02/05/22		May Bank Holiday
07/05/22		Bridge to Bridge
WC 09/05/22		Year 6 SATs Week
WC 16/05/22		STEM Week