NEWSLETTER

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.

28th March 2024

Today we reach the end of the spring term and the second term of the academic year, where has the time gone? Despite this being the shortest of the three terms, in true St Peter's style, we have managed to pack so much into the past eleven and a half short weeks.

These include: Arts Week, an Arts Exhibition, World Book Day events plus a book character catwalk parade, STEM Week, Pelican Music Evening, DT Day, a whole school Poetry Recital, a 5-day residential visit for our Year 6 children and a special service for Ash Wednesday. We have also participated in numerous borough-led and interschool sporting competitions and a debating competition; we have undertaken trips to places such as the National Army Museum, The Tate Modern, Kew Gardens, Fulham Palace, Ravenscourt Park and Gunnersbury Triangle Nature Reserve. Our House Captains and School Council members also visited Parliament.

Added to this, we recognised and celebrated International Women and Girls in Science Day, Neurodiversity Week and Martin Luther King Day. We joined other schools across the country in supporting Safer Internet Day, Children's Mental Health Week and Comic Relief. We have worked with Proud Places on a local history project linked to the restoration of the Leaning Lady Sculpture, and have been selected to be the school to work on the Tunnel of Hope 2 project organised by the LA. We even found time to host a special breakfast for all of our hard-working mums and female carers and to welcome Mayor Quigley and MP Andy Slaughter into school. Plus, our fabulous PTA hosted a Quiz and Auction night, alongside organising two discos for the children to enjoy!

On top of all this, this week we have held: our winning house treat to Snakes and Ladders; an egg decorating competition and Easter egg roll; raised lots of money for our chosen charities 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, to our Governors who give of their time voluntarily to support the 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 Tuesday 16th April.

Quick reminders

We will be holding an online safety information meeting for parents on Tuesday 16th April at 5pm. This meeting will be held remotely and will be led by Simone Torry (LA PREVENT Officer). The meeting is scheduled to last approximately 40 minutes.

Marion Blackmore, our School Nurse, will be holding a drop-in session for parents on Thursday 18th April. If you are able to attend, please sign in at the main school office.

Spring Term Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our PTA Quiz and Silent Auction Night event, which took place last Friday evening. What an incredible evening we had filled with community spirit and much fun and laughter. Ed did a phenomenal job of being our Quiz Master for the evening, Stephen's cocktails helped to get everyone into the celebratory mood; Rewa's delicious chilli and brownies were extremely well received, the room was beautifully decorated, the bar was run efficiently, and at the end of the night everyone pitched in to tidy away – what a team! As we all know, none of this would have been possible without our PTA Dynamic Duo, Charlotte and Jane, we are so blessed to have them both leading our PTA and supporting our school. The silent bid closes tomorrow, so you still have time to contribute whatever you are able to, every penny raised from this event will come back into school for the benefit of your children. Thank you all so much for your support, we really do appreciate it.

Well Done Year 6!

We received some lovely feedback from a member of the H&F Health Team, Anna Banner, who recently visited our school:

I wanted to let you know, the Year 6 students were the kindest and well-mannered children I have seen in all my 5 schools. They said thank you and spoke to me with respect. What lovely students you are raising in St Peter's. It made for a really lovely day so please, thank them for me.

Wonderful feedback, well done Year 6, you make us all very proud!

Neurodiversity Week

The week commencing Monday 18th March was Neurodiversity Celebration Week, a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences.

During this week, the children took part in the following activities and workshops:

- Sensory circuits linked to emotional regulation
- Sensory activities (such as making slime, fidget spinners, and more)
- Neurodiversity workshops led by One Day Creative (for Key Stage Two)
- Mindfulness workshops and mindfulness activities
- Latymer Upper School assembly and Q&A for Parents/Carers (for Key Stage Two)
- Study of influential neurodivergent people (for Key Stage Two)
- Reading and discussing books featuring neurodivergent protagonists
- Year 6 talk about Tourette Syndrome

Thank you to the SEND Family Network, who helped fund the workshops and pay for a range of resources throughout the week, their unwavering support is greatly appreciated. Huge thanks also to our wonderful Miss Cook for organising/co-ordinating this extremely important week for our children.

Gunnersbury Triangle

Linked to their topic about habitats, Reception visited Gunnersbury Triangle Nature Reserve last week. During their visit, the children explored the different habitats within the reserve and went mini-beast hunting as well as pond dipping. The children had a wonderful time and especially enjoyed their

packed lunch upon their return to school, which they had been keen to eat since registration that morning! An enjoyable time was had by all!

Kew Gardens visit

Last week Year 1 spent the day at Kew Gardens. The children enjoyed participating in a workshop about plants, which consisted of various activities such as looking at seeds through a telescope, creating some artwork using pieces from nature and observational drawing of plants. The children also spent time in the amazing playground and absolutely loved the sand pit! The children were a real credit to our school, well done Year 1!

Parliament visit

On Monday our School Council members and our House Captains visited the Houses of Parliament. During their visit they were given a guided tour walking through the three areas which make up our democratic process: Crown, Lords and Commons. They also visited Westminster Hall. In addition to this, the children re-enacted the commons process, they nominated a speaker of the House and brought the bill 'ban all petrol and diesel cars'. The children then debated both sides of the issues. In the end the ayes had it with 29 votes to 27. The day proved extremely enjoyable and informative, teaching our little leaders of tomorrow about how our political system works.

Tunnel of Hope 2

Following the huge success of the first project back in 2020, we are delighted to announce that St Peter's has been selected again to represent the borough in the second Tunnel of Hope project. Ros Elwes, the project leader, came into school on Monday to introduce the project to our Year 5 class. This year, the children will be using plastic bottles as the artist palette for their change art. The work produced will be displayed in the A4 underpass before being moved to the prestigious Riverside Studies. The work for the exhibition will begin in earnest after the Easter break.

Debating at Latymer Upper School

On Tuesday evening four members of our Year 6 class - Dolly, Sofia, Dominic and James - participated in a debating competition held at Latymer Upper School. Issues debated included whether the voting age should be increased to 16 and whether zoos should be abolished. The children were put into teams alongside children from different schools across the borough, there were 16 teams competing in total.

Based upon their performance in the heats and the number of points scored, four teams made it to the final debate. Peter's was heavily represented in the final, as our children were in 3 of these 4 teams competing in the final. The final debate was related to the wearing of uniforms in schools. We are delighted to announce that the team in which James was competing won the overall competition, and he came away from the competition with a medal.

Well done to James and also to Dolly, Dominic and Sofia for all doing an extremely impressive job of presenting their views to the opposing teams. Miss Milligan and I were lucky enough to watch some of the debates, and were both extremely impressed by the confidence displayed by the children involved and their ability to express their well thought out views so clearly. A fantastic effort and impressive effort from our children, well done!

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 Mrs Noonan for leading this

event, to Miss Miller for booking a number of exciting worskhops for the children, and to Kate Brown for all of her help and support again this year.

Winning House Treat

On Tuesday members of team **ROCK** enjoyed a trip to Snakes and Ladders in recognition of them earning the most house points this term. The children had a wonderful time and were beautifully behaved. Well done Team Rock.

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 210 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: Young Lives vs Cancer, Shooting Stars, Daisy Chain and KIDS. Special thanks to Sophie and Dan Todaro who donated over 150 chocolate eggs and treats to the school.

@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 upon 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!

Uniform

When we return to school after the Easter break the children are allowed to wear their summer uniform. Please refer to our website for our full uniform list https://www.stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk/Parents/School-Uniform

A few quick reminders: PE shorts should be plain navy (no motifs please); school shoes should be enclosed and black in colour - black training shoes and ankle/Doc Martin style boots are not part of our school uniform and therefore should not be worn. Finally, all hair accessories should be discreet and navy blue in colour. Thank you for your continued 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 children are affected by winter illnesses which account for many of the absences. 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:

	Week commencing 18th March	Week commencing 25th March
Reception	**96.3%**	**97.1%**
Year 1	**94.7%**	**98.3%**
Year 2	**94.7%**	**95.8%**
Year 3	**96.7%**	**96.3%**
Year 4	**96.0%**	**94.6%**
Year 5	**97.0%**	**95.0%**
Year 6	**97.4%**	**96.3%**

Headteacher's Award

	22nd March
Reception	**Rufus & Gabriel**
Year 1	**Helen & Gabriel**
Year 2	**Sebi & Alaric**
Year 3	**Sadie & Olivia**
Year 4	**Amie & Rebecca**
Year 5	**Elsa T & Phoebe**
Year 6	**Didi & Rafael**

Values Award

Children can be nominated for a Values Award by other pupils, parents and staff members. When making a nomination, we ask you to state the value/s the child has shown (***courage***, ***respect***, ***thankfulness, perseverance***, ***service*** or ***kindness)*** and how they have demonstrated this value.

22nd March – Laia & Alex (YR), Serenity (Y4), Carmelle (Y6)

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.

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.

Have a wonderful Easter break.

Kind regards,

Miss Frazer

Dates	Time	Description
15/04/24		**INSET Day**
16/04/24		**Children return to school**
22/04/24		Earth Day
22/04/24		Stephen Lawrence Day
25/04/24		**Reception Class Assembly**
06/05/24		**Bank Holiday**
WC 13/05/24		Year 6 SATs Week
WC 20/05/24		Interschool competition (Dance)
24/05/24		Sports Day
WC 27/05/24		**Half Term**