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 values, which underpin the school's ethos, pupils are inspired to strive for excellence within a thriving, inclusive community. We aim to enable every child to shine and aspire to reach their personal potential, whilst respecting and caring for one another and honouring God with their individual talents.

30th September 2022

Tomorrow sees the start of October, where did September go? Strictly Come Dancing has returned to our screens on a Saturday night, which can only mean one thing … the countdown to Christmas is on. Miss Edmondson and I have already started discussing this year's Nativity play and the PTA have begun making plans to ensure that our Christmas Fair is even bigger and better than before. Please note that this year our Christmas Fair will be held on **Saturday 3rd December**.

Values

To reinforce our new Christian values, we have introduced a new school prayer, which is said during our collective worship sessions each day:

Dear God,
Here at St. Peter's,
Help us to be **thankful** at all times.
And look for opportunities to **serve** and help others.
Let our classrooms be full of **courage** and **perseverance**.
Let love be in our hearts,
With **kindness** and **respect** for all.
Let us remember,
In learning together,
We grow together
And succeed together.
Amen

A little light reading…

In case you have not seen it, we are delighted to have been included in this month's Horton and Garton monthly publication
https://www.hortonandgarton.co.uk/blog/talking-heads-st-peters-ce-primary-school/?fbclid=IwAR2Aj8R-bREtDjU5hc3v16fq9MyuTKnKSJkXMKhm5SnNmvRe_nOoalbSEUk_aem_AWIC6VVwnLC-h7cyYy3Dw928p_bLhTAFZzlTYybZWenRFwB9xnpZKW75jMDtvGPDWycwTT_icWFcykxyFnM88QzPdzlvHmuN5I9visquySTc1IZ3UpK6A5LoYBPFVqjypKUQJ3rVbfLnKKehsZU9cP38

East and South East Asian Heritage Month

In celebration of East and South East Asian Heritage Month, we held a special assembly yesterday afternoon, which was led by Irene (mum to Josephine), Zoe (mum to Xavier) and Em (mum to Alaric). They began by sharing some stories, traditions and practices from a range of East and South East Asian

countries. The information they shared was fascinating; we all learnt a number of new facts about countries such as Japan, Vietnam and China. Our visitors ended the assembly with a quiz, which the children enjoyed immensely as prizes were awarded for correct answers! Thank you to Irene, Zoe and Em for giving of their time to come into school to work with the children, it was a wonderful learning experience for the children (and staff!)

Black History Month

Throughout the month of October, we will be celebrating Black History Month, a month that honours the history of black communities and recognises the great achievements made by black leaders, activists and icons, who have shaped life as we know it.

This year, the children will focus upon four themes:

- Black British History and Black History (the Windrush generation)
- Significant Black Icons and Events
- Anti-racism – this theme will be discussed through a range of age appropriate stories
- Poetry written by people of Caribbean and African descent

Thank you to Miss Cook and members of our EDI group for planning our Black History Month celebrations this year. If you would like to contribute or become involved with the work we will be doing with the children during Black History Month, please contact Miss Cook via communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk or speak to Ruth (mum to Dolly in Y5) or Natasha (mum to Remi Y4 and Zai Y6), members of our EDI group, to share your ideas.

Celebrate our Community

As you are aware on Thursday 13th October 2022, we will be hosting a Celebrate our Community Day at school. The learning on this day will focus upon four countries: Spain, India, Ethiopia and Poland. The decision to focus upon Spain is due to the fact that the children learn Spanish at school, and the decision to focus upon India, Ethiopia and Poland is due to the fact that we have a number of families that originate from those countries, or that identify as belonging to those ethnic groups. In order to 'Celebrate our Community', we would love to hear from you. If anyone would like to share stories, experiences, food, art, dance, music… then please do get in touch via communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk or speak directly to Ruth or Natasha.

Please note that we plan to celebrate other countries and cultures represented in our community at other points throughout the year.

PGL

Year 5 have washed off the final traces of mud and have settled back into their daily routine, following their exciting adventures at PGL, where they enjoyed participating in a wide range of activities including: giant swing, challenge course, abseiling and raft building. Although many of these activities were being experienced by the children for the very first time, they were brilliant; the behaviour of the children was exemplary, and their team spirit and support for one another shone through in all aspects of the trip. Special thanks to Miss Cook, Mr Jerrard and Miss Royer for accompanying the children on the trip this year.

Walk like an Egyptian…

On Thursday, Year 3 delighted us with a fantastic assembly all about the Egyptians. Dressed in some very impressive costumes, the children performed a number of songs and dances which allowed us all the opportunity to learn more about this fascinating period in history. A huge silent cheer for being the first class this year to perform a class assembly, the Year 3 children have set the bar very high! Special thanks to Mrs Noonan, Miss Ayling, Mrs Pitman and Miss Vasconcellos for their hard work and support.

Sky trip

Yesterday, the Year 6 children visited Sky Academy Studios, where they became media creators for the day. In small groups they took on real-life media roles (directors, cameraman, editor, reporters etc.), to create a news report about their passions on improving our environment. The children gained and worked on essential skills such as creativity, communication and collaboration. It was an incredible experience for them, with the children commenting that it was the best trip they had ever been on! The children performed their roles so well yesterday, it would appear that we have a number of future broadcasters in our midst!

Fun Run for Macmillan

On Wednesday, Year 6 set out to run a marathon in their pyjamas as a class, to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. The children were fantastic; they smashed their target by running over 3000 laps of the playground – yes, you really did read that correctly! A huge well done to everyone involved - such a team effort, with the children supporting one another and offering words of encouragement as they ran. Children from the other classes took turns to come outside and cheer on the Year 6 children. Thank you to everyone who has donated to Macmillan Cancer Support to date, the children have raised an impressive £372. If you haven't donated, but would like to do so, the ParentMail donation payment item is still open. Thank you for your support.

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who joined our Harvest service on Monday. Thank you for the incredible number of donations we received this year; your generosity and support is much appreciated. Every donation went to support the work of The Upper Room and Hammersmith and Fulham Foodbank.

Election Fever

Following of hustings event, we held elections to decide upon this year's House Captains. The results were as follows:

Cross:	Namkhai	Rosie
Fisher:	Bella	Ella
Rock:	Elisa	Zai
Keys:	Aryanna	Rawdon

The successful appointees are all proudly wearing their shiny new badges; they are extremely enthusiastic about their new roles and are fully committed to motivating their teams this year.

School Leaders

We believe that it is important for the children to act responsibly and to show acts of service, whilst also being involved in helping to make decisions on key issues across the school. In addition to our House Captain elections, every class now has two children who represent them on the following committees:

- **School Council**
- **Eco Council**
- **Arts Ambassadors**
- **RE Ambassadors**
- **Sports Ambassadors**
- **Kindness and Wellbeing Ambassadors**
- **Online Safety Ambassadors**
- **Maths Ambassadors**

In addition to this, in Year 6 we also have:

- **Worship Leads**
- **School Ambassadors**
- **Librarians**

During their time at St Peter's, the children will have the opportunity to take on various roles and areas of responsibility, which we believe is an important part of the education process.

Phonics Meeting

Thank you to all of the Reception parents who joined our phonics session with Miss Miller. We hope that you found the session useful, and it will support you in helping to support your child with learning to read.

House Points

	House points 23/9/22	House points 30/9/22	Total
Cross	**309**	**121**	**430**
Fisher	**334**	**172**	**506**
Rock	**391**	**137**	**528**
Keys	**475**	**302**	**777**

Headteacher's Award

	23/9/22	30/9/22
Reception	**Ernest & Ai**	**Cosima & Redd**
Year 1	**Bear N & Felix**	**Alexander & Martha**
Year 2	**Orly & George**	**Jemima & Alicia**
Year 3	**Ben & Harry**	**All for class assembly**
Year 4	**Alexander G & Martha**	**Edward & Becky**
Year 5	**Whole class**	**Didi & Nicole**
Year 6	**Zai & Rosie**	**Aaron & Riley**

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.

23rd September – Amber (Y1), Charlotte & Surafel (Y2), Georgie (Y4)
30th September – Talia (Y3), Georgie (Y4)

Punctuality

Please remember that 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 ensure that your child arrives on time as arriving late is not only disruptive and often upsetting for your child, but can also disrupt the learning of others. 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.

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 new Medical Lead this year is Mrs Johnston, should your child have any serious medical issues, you need to share with us, please contact her via communications@stpetersce.lbhf.sch.uk If you have an outstanding medical form, which needs returning to Mrs Johnston, please can you do so as soon as possible, thank you.

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 has been learning throughout the week. Class webpages will be updated weekly by your child's class teacher.

Twitter

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, 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.

Warmest regards,

Miss Frazer

28/09/22		Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraiser
01/10/22		Black History Month
06/10/22		Year 2 Class Assembly
13/10/22		Celebrate Our Community Day
13/10/22	5pm	Family Supper
WC 17/10/22		Interschool sports competition (Football)
20/10/22		Show Racism the Red Card - children and staff to wear red to school
21/10/22		INSET Day
WC 24/10/22		Half Term