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.

6th October 2023

How are we in October already? The new term is now well underway, and incredibly, there are now only two school weeks left until we break for half term.

This past fortnight has seen us recognise and celebrate National Teaching Assistant Day (29th September) and National Teacher's Day (5th October). We are extremely fortunate to have such an enthusiastic, committed and hard-working staff team at our school, all of whom go beyond in all areas to ensure the very best for the children in our care. These special days provide us with the perfect opportunity to say an extra special thank you to our wonderful team and to celebrate with a few extra chocolate treats!

Special mention

Huge congratulations to Michaela (Year 5) who was invited to represent her Polish School - Mikołaj Rej - at the final of the Polonus UK Young Talent Festival. Michaela performed a song at this event and received a medal and certificate for her endeavours. Upon hearing this, we have asked Michaela to perform in our collective worship session next week - well done Michaela!

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:

- Empowering books with black characters/protagonists
- Significant individuals who have impacted Black History
- Artwork inspired by Gakonga, Waruguru Waithira, Batik technique, the Ndebele tribe, the Kikuyu tribe, the Maasai tribe of Kenya and Trinidadian artists
- Stories that promote anti-racism
- Poetry written by people of Caribbean and African descent
- Chante Timothy (illustrator) assembly, workshops and pop-up book stall
- Year 4 performance at Riverside Studios – Windrush themed
- Show Racism the Red Card
- Great Big Live Assembly
- Celebrating Diversity Livestream and Drama and Poetry workshops for KS2

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 to share your ideas.

Celebrate our Community

Our next Celebrate our Community Day will take place on **Thursday 12th October**. The learning on this day will focus upon East and South East Asian Heritage and some of the Eastern European and Western European Countries represented in our school community. Thank you to the many parents who have offered to come into school next Thursday to support this special event, we really do appreciate it.

The day will conclude with our annual Family Supper, which will take place in the Scott Hall between 5pm and 7pm. This is an opportunity for us to come together as a school community to share food and spend time together; we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend. **Please note that all children who attend this event must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. The children will remain the responsibility of their adult throughout the evening.**

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 rock climbing. Although the children were experiencing many of these activities for the very first time, they were brilliant, their behaviour was exemplary and their team spirit and support for one another shone through in all aspects of the trip. Special thanks to Mrs Johnston, Mrs Todaro and Miss Royer for accompanying the children on the trip this year.

Year 6 Assembly

Last Thursday, Year 6 delivered a fantastic assembly based around the Greeks, which is the focus for their learning in history this term. This is the last class assembly the children will lead at St Peter's and they certainly went out on a high; each and every member of the class spoke with confidence and energy, it was wonderful to watch - anyone would think they had been performing assemblies for the past seven years! Whilst they were all amazing, I must give a very special mention to James, who had the entire hall in raptures following his comic performance; I certainly predict a future on the stage for him and many of his classmates, they really are a very talented and creative class of children. A massive silent cheer to Year 6 and special thanks to Miss Milligan, Mrs Todorova and Miss Mason for their hard work in helping Year 6 to prepare for their assembly.

Year 2 Assembly

Yesterday, the children from Year 2 did an equally brilliant job of delivering their class assembly to a packed hall of children, family and friends. The theme for their assembly was parables, the stories told by Jesus, with their specific focus being The Parable of the Good Samaritan. The children acted out the parable alongside performing three songs, which they sang and signed in Makaton. This parable aligned perfectly with our Big Questions for the week (something we ask at the beginning of each week during our collective worship sessions) - 'Have you ever struggled to do the right thing?' and 'When did you last put someone else before yourself?'

The children were wonderful and made us all feel extremely proud – well-done Year 2. Special thanks to Miss Edmondson, Mrs Birch, Miss Friel, Miss Valentina and Miss Dee for their hard work and support.

Perform4all

Yesterday the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 participated in drama sessions led by Perform4all. The children took part in a range of games and activities and used their imaginations to travel around the world! A wonderful morning was had by all of the children.

Learning about World War II

On Tuesday 26th September, the children in Year 5 participated in an interactive workshop, which gave them an insight into life during World War II. The children furthered their knowledge by asking lots of questions; they also engaged fully with the stories and anecdotes they were told by the session leader. A fascinating workshop, which left the children brimming with enthusiasm and keen to learn more throughout their history unit this term.

Fun Run for Charity

Last Friday, Year 6 set out to run a marathon in their pyjamas to raise money for two charities, which support children affected by cancer - Young Lives vs Cancer and Shooting Stars. The children were fantastic. A huge well done to everyone involved; it was truly a team effort, with the children supporting and offering words of encouragement to one another as they ran. Thank you to everyone who has donated to date, the children have raised an impressive £370. If you have not 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.

After-school provision

Our child care provision led by JAG has been running since the start of term. Currently the uptake on this provision is lower than we were anticipating based upon the feedback we received from parents when we sent out questionnaires to ascertain demand. We are hoping that the number of attendees will increase over the coming weeks for this to become a viable financial option for us to continue offering as a school. If you have any questions regarding JAG, please contact https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/find-us/st-peters-ce-primary-school.

School Lunch Payments

If you wish to make a voluntary donation towards the cost of your child's lunch, please go to **IRIS Parentmail - Accounts.** A further payment item has also been set up in **IRIS Parentmail – Payments** for those who find this easier to access. A suggested donation is £1.00 per day (£5.00 per week) and this will accrue weekly, although you are very welcome to donate more if you are able to do so. Thank you to those of you who have already made a payment, your support is greatly appreciated.

Attendance

A copy of the term dates was sent out at the beginning of the academic year, 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 18/9/23	Week commencing 25/9/23
Reception	**97.7%**	**99.3%**
Year 1	**99.0%**	**99.0%**
Year 2	**100%**	**99.3%**
Year 3	**97.4%**	**98.4%**
Year 4	**96.0%**	**96.3%**
Year 5	**98.0%**	**99.3%**
Year 6	**99.3%**	**99.3%**

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.

House Points

	House points 29/9/23	House points 6/10/23	Total
Cross	**450**	**531**	**1309**
Fisher	**209**	**401**	**973**
Rock	**343**	**445**	**1191**
Keys	**455**	**394**	**1442**

Headteacher's Award

	29th September	6th October
Reception	**Charlotte & Evita**	**Gabriel & Martha**
Year 1	**William & Archie**	**Kleo & Isla**
Year 2	**Sofia & Josephine**	**Alex & Dylan**
Year 3	**Rose & Surafel**	**Louanne & Lawson**
Year 4	**Bart & Max**	**Zach & Nicky**
Year 5	**At PGL**	**Whole class for PGL**
Year 6	**Whole class for assembly**	**Dominic & Alba**

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.

29th September – Amy (Y2), Aurelia, Louis & Zach (Y3)
6th October – Thomas (YR), Sadie (Y3), Molly (Y5), Thomas (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 Johnston; 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.

Warmest regards,

Miss Frazer

12/10/23		Celebrate Our Community Day
12/10/23	5pm	Family Supper
WC 16/10/23		Interschool sports competition (Football)
19/10/23		**Year 5 Class Assembly**
20/10/23		Show Racism the Red Card - children and staff to wear red to school
WC 23/10/23		**Half Term**
30/10/23		**Children return to school**
02/11/23		Poetry Recital (Theme – Michael Rosen)
06/11/23	4pm – 7pm	Parents Evening
07/11/23	3.30pm – 6pm	Parents Evening
09/11/23		DT Day 1