



St James' RC Primary Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

Happy St Patrick's Day!

We started the week with the Year 5 and Year 6 Choir performing in the Bromley Youth Music Trust Proms at The Fairfield Halls, Croydon. The children's behaviour all day at the rehearsal was exemplary and their performance was outstanding. They really did such an amazing job singing a Matilda Medley and made us all so proud. A huge thank you to Miss Atkinson for all the continued hard work she does over the year to prepare the children. Thank you so much to everyone who came and supported us on the night, it was great to hear your cheers.



On Monday, some of Year 5 and Year 6 participated in a STEM activity led by a STEM Ambassador from the Civil Aviation Authority. The theme was 'How to fly: STEM Careers in Aviation'. Aviation is of course a wide and varied industry with a broad range of roles and job opportunities. The activity involved a live talk that explored some of the careers that are available in the world of aviation and aeronautics today and some of the skills that will be needed to make aviation greener in the future.



Year 5 and Year 6 had their first workshop today with Sherinne from Bromley Y where they talked about 'Fun with Feelings'. Sherinne will be returning in a few weeks' time to run a workshop on 'Fun with Friends'.

This week Year 6 also had their first of 6 sessions with The Bank of America. They had seven mentors join them from the bank to talk about finance and money. Future workshops will build on these skills and will culminate in a visit to the bank in Bromley at the end of the year.





On Tuesday, Reception Class welcomed back Hindu visitor Nahbi. He taught the children all about the festival of Holi and the story behind it. Holi is a Hindu festival celebrated as the Festival of Colours, Love and Spring. The event celebrates the eternal and divine love of the god Radha and Krishna and also signifies the triumph of good over evil. The children then took part in a colour celebration in the playground which was a lot of fun!



On Friday, Year 2 visited the Bromley Synagogue and learnt so much about the Jewish Faith.





This week the children took part in a sponsored run raising money for Sarcoma UK. Sarcoma is a type of cancer that starts in tissues like bone or muscle. The children had lots of fun and were awarded with a medal designed by After School Club and provided by Mrs Cox who we are very grateful to. All of the children completed so many laps and there was not one complaint! It was great to see the children keeping fit and having fun and not giving up. Everyone was helping each other and there was lots of positive cheering. Thank you again to everyone who has been supporting Miss McCarthy on her London Marathon journey and for spreading an awareness of Sarcoma. Thank you to Miss McCarthy for organising this special event.



Y5 visited the Memory Cafe this week and once again brought great joy to the guests there.



We held an EEDI committee meeting this week where we discussed food that could be served at After School Club to represent different nationalities. We also talked about how the cooking that children do at school could cover a wider range of cultures. We then studied the English overview plan of texts that are being read to ensure that we are using texts that celebrate diversity. We finished the meeting by walking around the school looking at the displays and book areas. We were pleased to see how diversity and inclusivity are promoted throughout the school. Thank you to Mrs Martin for leading on this and to the parents who attended. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th June at 5:30pm.

We were very sad to hear about the death of parishioner Austin Barradell. He was a School Governor at St James' for many years and worked so hard for the school community. He always listened and gave wise advice. At the Year 3 Mass on Thursday we were honoured to have his wife and daughter with us. We keep him and his family in our prayers.

Next week is Walk and Wheels Week where children are encouraged to walk, scoot or cycle to school to inspire them to make active journeys and improve air quality.

In assembly we explained to the children that on Saturday it is Global Recycling Day. We explained that we must think about what we throw away – seeing not waste, but opportunity. There is no doubt recycling is on the front line in the war to save the future of our planet.

Good luck to the Year 3 and Year 4 children who are taking part in the Crystal Palace Cross Country Race on Saturday morning. We look forward to hearing all about it on Monday.

God bless.

Happy Mother's Day for Sunday!

Mrs Weeks

Dates for your diary

March

Saturday 18th Crystal Palace Cross Country
Tuesday 21st World Poetry Day
Tuesday 21st HSBC Reception Money Workshop
Wednesday 22nd Y4 visiting Dulwich Picture Gallery
Wednesday 22nd Y3 HSBC Money Workshop
Thursday 23rd Bank of America talk to Year 6
Thursday 23rd Year 2 HSBC Money Workshop
Friday 24th Oscar Romero Feast Day
Friday 24th Y6 HSBC Money Workshop
Friday 24th KS2 Reading Passports in
Friday 24th Reception Class Visiting Petts Wood Library
Tuesday 28th Reading Passport Assembly KS2
Tuesday 28th Year 5 HSBC Money Workshop
Wednesday 29th Year 4 HSBC Money Workshop
Wednesday 29th Rec and Y6 NHS Health Screening
Thursday 30th 9:15 Year 5 Passion Play (Parents welcome)
Thursday 30th Year 1 HSBC Money Workshop
Thursday 30th Year 5 and Year 6 Bromley y Workshop
Friday 31st PTA KS1 Easter Egg Hunt
Friday 31st End of spring term at normal time

April

Monday 17th Children return for summer term

Word on Wednesday

This Week's Word is HEALING. In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about how Jesus brought healing to a man who was born blind. We explained to the children that difficulties, worries and sickness can sometimes be part of our lives but we know that Jesus is always there for us. Jesus is the light of the world. At differing times and in differing ways, we all need the healing touch of God. We asked the children to think about who brings healing to them, bringing comfort when they are ill, hurt or upset. We said that it is good to be a 'healer'. We can hurt people by unkind words, by a look or by refusing to speak to them. But we can heal people by a smile, by a greeting or even by asking for their forgiveness.

Safeguarding

There are also lots of free education resources available on THINK! site, that can help remind children about road safety tips such as:

[Hazard Spotting](#) - interactive game

[Be Bright Be Seen](#) - interactive game

[Take the Lead](#) - interactive game

The Holy Club

The Holy Club reflected on the Gospel of the blind man that could now see. The children discussed this miracle. They asked God to help us see the things that we do not always want to see. The Holy Club took part in spontaneous prayer and shared with each other who they would like to pray for. The Holy Club takes place on Friday lunchtimes and is lead by the RE Ambassadors who are Xanthe, Harry, Ashley, Emilia and Ed.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

This week the children have enjoyed playing with loom bands to make bracelets, necklaces and rings. There has also been colouring, cutting and sticking, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed.

Next week we will start Easter arts and crafts, so look out for some eggcellent creations!

Oakie Dokie



Library News

Y1 visited the library this week and chose some wonderful books.



Other News

STEP INTO SPRING

This new and exciting competition is asking pupils to design spring themed footwear which can be used to walk to school – will they be comfy? Will they be shiny? We can't wait to see! Please create some unique and colourful designs on the attached sheets.

If you would like to enter can you please give your entries to Mrs Pearce by Friday 21st April.

The JTAs will choose one winning design from each Key Stage to be sent to Bromley to be entered into the prize draw. Bromley will then choose one Overall Borough winner from each Key Stage who will receive an Amazon voucher.

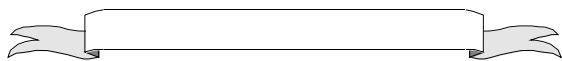
Bromley Y Wellbeing Service

Bromley Y Wellbeing service have partnered with BFB Labs to offer free access to Lumi Nova; a digital therapy in the format of a mobile app to help children learn to self-manage, reduce symptoms of anxiety, build resilience and thrive.

<https://www.bfb-labs.com/ln-by>

AWARDS

Headteacher Awards



Year	GOOD MANNERS
Rec	Amelie
Year 1	Phoebe
Year 2	Alistair
Year 3	Rory
Year 4	Delphine
Year 5	Chetty
Year 6	Isabelle



KS1 AWARDS

Year	Gold Sticker Award		Golden Promises
Rec	Isabella	Alexander	India
Year 1	Leonard	Tarran	Clara
Year 2	Lorenzo	George	Mia

KS2 AWARDS

Year	Respect in class	Pride in work
Year 3	Emilia	Jack
Year 4	Daniel	Florence
Year 5	Rosie	Julia
Year 6	Heidi	Flavio

Congratulation to **Noah** in Y6 who won the Courtesy cup this week.

ATTENDANCE

Class	Attendance (%)	Occasions Late
Rec	98.98	0
Y1	96.67	0
Y2	99.67	0
Y3	100	0
Y4	94.06	0
Y5	98.44	0
Y6	94.69	0

Congratulations to Y3 who had the best attendance last week.

WEEKLY WINNERS

Year	Number of wins
Rec	
Y1	2
Y2	3
Y3	3
Y4	1
Y5	
Y6	1

It is very close between Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 and the winner will be announced next week!

PTA NEWS

Happy St Patrick's Day everyone!

We are excited to mark the occasion by inviting you to our first Irish Music night, which will be held on Saturday 20th May in the school hall.

Book your babysitter and spread the word to family and friends for what promises to be a fantastic evening.

Booking info is attached.

We are planning to close ticket sales by Friday 31st March so secure your tickets today!

Best wishes and thank you for your continued support.