



Monday 29th April 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you all were able to spend some quality time with your families over the Easter break and took the opportunity to make some wonderful memories together. It has been lovely to welcome back many families at the school gates over the past two weeks and I have also taken the opportunity to talk to the children about what they have been up to during their holidays. Those I have spoken to clearly had a great time!

The children have settled back into school life extremely well and are fully immersed in their learning journeys. With so much learning planned, I am sure that this will be the most exciting term yet!

Curriculum Coverage Sheets and Spelling

Please note that Curriculum Coverage Sheets and spellings for this half term were emailed to parents during the first week back. These can also be found on our school website.

- **Curriculum Coverage Sheets** – This document outlines the key topics and areas of learning across the curriculum for the first part of the spring term.
- **Spellings** - Children's weekly spelling lists for the half term have been outlined in one document for parents. Children that have personalised spellings will be given these to take home.

Achievement Assembly

It is always a pleasure to celebrate our children's achievements, and our recent Achievement Assembly enabled us to do just that! Children from each class were identified for demonstrating our core values, and their wonderful learning outcomes were then shared with friends and family. Thank you to all the parents and carers that made the occasion so special for the children. Below are some of the pictures from the presentation.

Isabella - Acorn

Isabella is a quietly confident member of Acorn Class, who actively participates in her learning environment. She loves to learn and develop her skills and knowledge. Isabella demonstrates an array of strong characteristics, preparing her well for future learning.

Brody - Pippin

Brody shows excellence in all areas of learning, especially reading and phonics. Brody is always keen to participate in class discussions and share his amazing ideas. Although he was not keen on writing at the start of the year, he now chooses to write and produces fantastic sentences.

Harriette – Quince

Harriette has been trying extremely hard in her English learning. She has shown excellence by taking her time with her presentation and checking it all makes sense.

Harriette produced a beautiful poem during Book Week.

Amina - Walnut

Amina shows so many of the school values every single day. She shows resilience and responsibility when completing her learning. Her handwriting has improved considerably since September. She is compassionate and caring to her classmates and the wider school community.

March 2024 What a great role model!

Joshua - Teak

Joshua always shows excellence in his maths, by completing his work to a high standard, including the 'diving deeper' questions. He has also demonstrated excellence in his history, geography and science lessons this year.

Nina – Oak

For always showing excellence, respect and resilience in everything she does and for being a fantastic role model to the class, Nina has produced some lovely writing in English and has worked hard to improve in maths. Her contributions to class discussions are always thoughtful and helpful. She is also a fantastic Sports Leader and Buddy to Year R!

Year 2 Dress Up Day

Year 2 looked rather different recently, as they came to school dressed as Native Americans. This formed part of their 'stunning start' to their history topic, which focuses on *significant people in history* (Pocahontas). The children learnt how to gather historical evidence through studying different artefacts, whilst they also made dream catchers and Native American jewellery.

Thank you to all parents, children and teachers for your efforts in making the day so memorable.



Pupil Voice: "We learnt about how Pocahontas helped to stop the war between England and the Powhatan tribe. It was fun!" (Alina and Frank – Y2)."

British Science Week Video Highlights

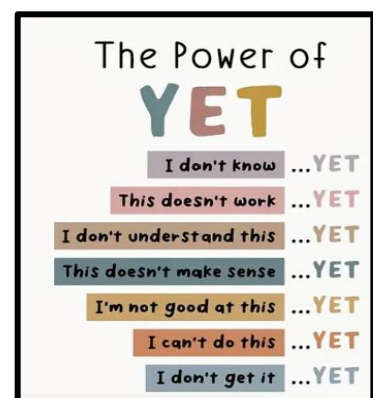
Please click on the [link](#) to watch a short video highlight reel, that captures some of the children's learning throughout British Science Week. This occurred shortly before we broke up for the Easter holidays.



Assemblies

In my recent assembly, I used the magical book 'Quiet' to convey the message that we shouldn't underestimate what we and others are capable of. We discussed that we should never limit ourselves and thought carefully about the phrase 'Not Yet', which we related to our school values of **resilience**, **responsibility** and **excellence**.

Please click on the [link](#) to access the assembly presentation.



This week, we are delighted to invite Saad Dastagir to St Katherine's, who will deliver an assembly to Years 1 to 6 about life as a Muslim. During the presentation, he will be talking about his faith, places of worship, traditions and celebrations.

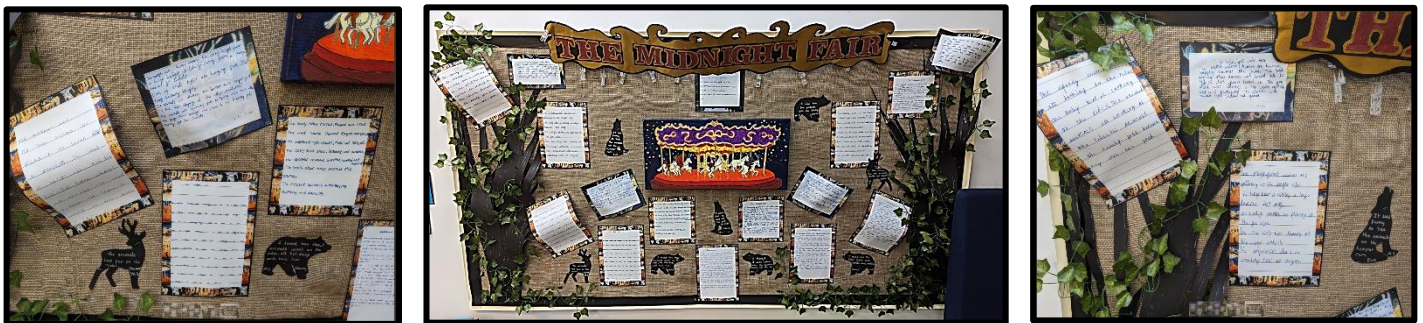
This is the first assembly of many, where we will be inviting people of different faiths to St Katherine's to talk to the children about what it is like to walk in their shoes. This will consolidate children's RE learning and further develop their understanding of the wider world.



Dazzling Displays

At St Katherine's, we believe that our displays play a key part in celebrating children's success and provide an inspirational learning environment for all to thrive in. I am delighted to share with you two of our latest displays, which now sit proudly within the school.

Our new library display celebrates children's outcomes from Picture Book Week, where the wonderful book *'The Midnight Fair'* was used as a stimulus to develop children's understanding of verbs. Children then applied their learning to write some beautiful poems.



Our second display shows the progression of children's art skills throughout the school. It gives examples of the broad curriculum we offer and also celebrates the wonderful art outcomes that the children have produced, in a range of different mediums.



Pupil Voice: *"I enjoy the displays as they are very powerful, colourful and show people what we have learnt. (Louis - Y4)."*

E-Safety

This week's online safety guide for parents explores the potential pitfalls of shopping apps, offering advice on how to use these services more safely. Please link on the [link](#) to access the document.



Charitable Book Nooks

We have recently restocked our book nooks with some exciting titles, which our Reading Ambassadors would like to share with you below. We would like to further replenish the KS1 book nook, so if families have any books at home that they would be able to donate, we would very much appreciate this. Please can all book donations be handed into the school office.



A reminder that when children/ families have finished with a book, they should return it to the book nooks for others to enjoy.



Fundraising Champion

Huge congratulations to Miss Enston for running the London Marathon. She managed to complete the course in 5 hours, 39 minutes and 26 seconds, which is very respectable! Miss Enston clearly demonstrated all of our school values through her training, fundraising and completion of the marathon and she was rightly celebrated in school this week.

Well done also to Teak class, who ran a parent coffee morning last week, in order to raise money for Barnardo's - Miss Enston's choice of charity. Through the event, which was brilliantly attended by the school community, we were able to **raise over £200**. Thank you to everyone that planned, prepared, ran or attended the coffee morning, which has enabled us to make an impact beyond the school.



Teacher Voice: "Running the marathon was the hardest but most rewarding challenge I have ever completed – bring on next year! I raised £3095 for Barnardo's, with St Katherine's contributing £600! Thank you to everyone for their support " (Miss Enston)

Football

Over the Easter holidays, three of our Year 6 football team (Mason, Ted and Mason) represented their local football club in France, where they participated in a Mediterranean football tournament. Their team played 3 games, winning three and losing three, which meant that they finished 4th out of 16 other teams - all from different countries. What a great achievement!



Parking

Regrettably, I am writing to inform parents/ carers once again of the ongoing issues surrounding dangerous and inconsiderate parking outside the school. This topic was raised at the recent Parent Voice meeting, where the committee voiced their concerns about the dangers this poses to the community.

Additionally, I have also been contacted by neighbours of the school, who have informed me of their frustrations where parents continue to park over their drives or block safe parking points (see picture below). I have informed our neighbours that if parents continue to park irresponsibly, they should photograph the car's number plate and send it to the local authority.





Last week, I asked a parent to move their car on, as they had parked across the school entrance. This caused difficulties for drivers entering and leaving the school premises, put our children's wellbeing at risk and would have blocked access to the emergency services if they had been required.

Please note that all parents should park courteously and responsibly **at all times**, to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of our families are not compromised.

Your cooperation in this matter is now a necessity.



Easter Competition

Congratulations to Faith and Miley for winning the Easter competition run by Snodland Food Market. Their creations were extremely creative and detailed – both were worthy winners. Well done!



Beginners2Runners

Beginners2Runners are super excited to be settled into our new venue, here at the school - meeting every Monday & Thursday at 7:30pm. We welcome all, from non-runners to existing runners, to join our fun, sociable club!

Our newest Beginners 0-5k course started last week and there's still time to jump on board to start your running journey. We can't wait to welcome you to Team Green!!

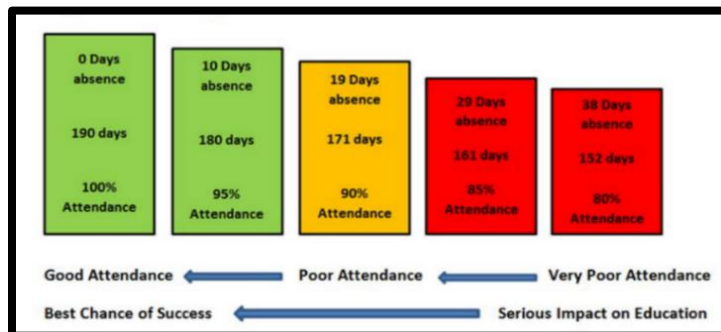


Farewell

We said goodbye to Mrs Brace on Friday, who has worked as a Learning Support Assistant at St Katherine's for over fifteen years! I would like to thank her for the dedication and commitment she has shown to our children, for so many years. We wish you all the very best of luck for the future.

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Attendance Matters!



Weekly Attendance

Year	Classes		
N	Acorn 100%		
R	Bramley 89.6%	Gala 98.7%	Pippin 95.8%
1	Peach 97.1%	Pear 86%	
2	Cherry 96%	Quince 91.7%	
3	Almond 95.2%	Hazel 94.6%	Walnut 93%
4	Spruce 97.4%	Pine 93.2%	
5	Cedar 94.2%	Teak 94.4%	Mahogany 97%
6	Ash 96.3%	Oak 94.3%	

School Target: 95%



Key Dates

EVENT	DATE
Drama Workshop KS1	Monday 29 th April
Year 5 Trip to Dover Castle	Tuesday 30 th April
Year 1 Phonics Parent Workshop	Tuesday 30 th April (2:45pm)
Year 3 Trip to Kent Life	Thursday 2 nd May
Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May
Year R trip to British Wildlife Centre	Thursday 9 th May
KS2 SATS	W/B Monday 13 th May
Reception Community Read	Tuesday 14 th May (2.45pm – 3.10pm)
SEND Coffee Morning	Tuesday 21 st May
Year 4 and Year 5 Coppice Athletics Event	Tuesday 21 st May
Last day of term	Friday 24 th May

Have a great week!

Mr. Lang
Headteacher