

Academy Newsletter

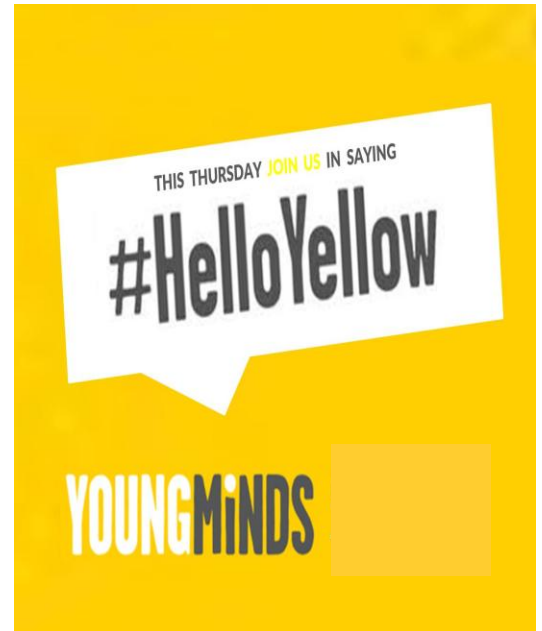
Friday 1st October 2021
Autumn Term
Issue: 4



As autumn has now formally arrived and we are on the first day of October, there has been a definite change in the weather. Please make sure your child brings a coat into the Academy as the weather can change dramatically through the day and we would hate for the children to be playing out or walking home without the appropriate clothing.

We have a few charitable events coming up, so please keep an eye on the diary dates at the end of the newsletter, especially our Harvest collection of rice and sauce which will be donated to Bromley food bank.

We have also added in the dates of our upcoming open mornings for parents of children due to begin in EYFS in September 2022. If you have a child who is due to begin school in September 2022, please register for one of the open mornings or if you have any neighbours or friends who would be interested, do let them know.



The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly

The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly is back this October with The Big #AntiBullyingAssembly 2021. This special film will be shown to our pupils on Monday which is created in collaboration by Nationwide Building Society and The Diana Award charity. It features inspiring stories and advice from some big names, and aims to help tackle bullying in primary schools across the country.



#Hello Yellow

We all struggle with how we're feeling sometimes and it's normal to have ups and downs. This year might have felt a little more down than up. But it's the little things that have got us through it like the morning walks, singing in the shower and the perfect cup of tea.

On Thursday 7th October we will be taking part in #HelloYellow and raising vital funds. So dig out your neon socks, custard scarf and banana hat - let's show young people they're not alone with their mental health! Saying #HelloYellow this World Mental Health Day is a little thing we can do to make a BIG difference to young people's mental health.

Wear yellow and donate £1 or £2 to YoungMinds this World Mental Health Day. Because a little yellow goes a long way.

Donations can be made via the School Gateway from Monday until Friday.





Star of the Week

EYFS	Onashe
Year 1	Evie
Year 2	Cass
Year 3	Melody
Year 4	Harry
Year 5	Oliviiia
Year 6	Ava H



Isabella – Year 1

Sheldon – Year 4

Caleb – Year 5

Ann-Marie – Year 6



Harvest Collection – We Scare Hunger

We will once again be accepting donations for Bromley Food Bank as part of our Harvest collection. This year we have been allocated **Rice (500g packs preferably) and Cooking Sauce**. Donations should be brought to the Academy on **Friday 15th October** where there will be containers to collect them in near the gates. On this day we encourage the pupils to attend the Academy as a superhero – to scare hunger away – this helps to raise awareness on the issue of food insecurity and helps create a world where no one goes hungry.

Illness



When reporting your child's illness please could you state the symptoms, rather than just saying they are unwell as this will help Mrs Baines when looking at attendance.

How to Access Google Classroom

As you are aware, spellings, times tables and extended learning are uploaded onto your child's Google Classroom. Please see below a reminder of how to access this from home:

- Open a computer/chromebook/phone and open the Google Chrome web browser
- In the top right corner sign into google with the xxxxxx.305@stpstp.co.uk email
- Click on the waffle (the 9 dots arranged in 3 lines of 3) in the top right hand corner and select **Drive**
- Once in Drive, click waffle again in top right and select **Classroom**



Young Citizens Course

The new 'Sports and Young Citizen' courses have begun, and this week the children had an exciting time with a visit from the Police. Sirens and blue lights in the playground were complemented with a fascinating insight into all the equipment officers carry on patrol and how Police Officers are here to help. Future visits will include the Fire Brigade, the Deputy Mayor, and an Olympic Sprints finalist. A second of these immensely popular courses begins after half term, but children can sign up for further courses after Christmas. Worksheets on each week's topic contribute to ultimate 'graduation' which earns a certificate and free 'graduate' sports jacket.



Holiday Requests

Please remember taking children on holiday is unauthorised, therefore any requests for holidays will be submitted to the Governors and the Local Authority and may be subject to a penalty.

However, in order for us to maintain a high level of safeguarding, if you have booked to go away on holiday it is essential that you notify the Academy Office.

Please note that it will take the Academy at least 2 weeks to process your request, when submitting your form.



Covid-19 Update

What happens if my child has been in contact with someone with COVID-19 symptoms?

If your child has been identified as a close contact, you will be advised that your child takes a PCR test. They will not have to self-isolate, unless they have a positive PCR test result.

What should I do if my child has COVID-19 symptoms?

If your child has any of the main COVID-19 symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste), they should not attend school and should stay at home. You should arrange for them to get a PCR test and tell your child's school the test results. Your child should not attend school while you are waiting for test results, even if they are feeling better. If the test is negative, they should go to school as normal. If they test positive, they should continue to isolate and follow public health advice.

Academy Uniform

Academy Uniform will no longer be sold in the Academy, we have a very limited amount of uniform left in stock, if you require anything please contact the office to check with have these items then you order via the Gateway. Once stock has been sold uniform will only be available to order online using this link

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/stpeterandpaulcatholic>

Please note we will always hold Academy Ties in stock

Harrison Food Tasting Event

Thank you to those parents and children who attended the food tasting event held by the Academy caterers on Wednesday. We hope you managed to try a range of food that is served to the pupils and ask any questions to the catering team.

Congratulations to Chloe's mum for winning the beautiful food hamper, I'm sure this was enjoyed at home!



International Walk to School Month

October is International Walk to school month and it couldn't have fallen at a more apt time, with the current situation at the fuel pumps. Maybe we could all question whether all our journeys are REALLY necessary. It's also an opportunity for our pupils to join hundreds of thousands of other pupils from across the globe as they take to the pavements and walk, cycle or even scoot to school every day. Why not try a 'Walk on Wednesday' or a 'No Fuel Friday' to consider the contribution that traffic pollution makes to climate change and get fitter at the same time?



Autumn Term 2021

Monday 4 th October 2021	The Big Anti-Bullying Assembly
Monday 4 th October 2021	PTA AGM meeting 8:50am
Thursday 7 th October 2021	Hello Yellow Day – Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day *moved from Friday 8 th October 2021
Monday 11 th October 2021	Mental Health and Wellbeing Week
Monday 11th October 2021	Parents' Consultation Meetings (more information to follow)
Friday 15 th October 2021	We Scare Hunger – Harvest Collection. Dress as a superhero.
Monday 18th October 2021	Parents' Consultation Meetings (more information to follow)
Thursday 21st October 2021	Open Morning
Friday 22 nd October 2021	Last Day of Half Term – Stars close at 4:30pm
Monday 1 st November 2021	Pupils return to Academy
Monday 1 st November 2021	Inter-Faith Week (more information to follow)
Thursday 4 th November 2021	Whole Academy Diwali assembly and Year 5 Workshop
Tuesday 9th November 2021	Open Morning
Monday 15 th November 2021	Anti-Bullying Week (more information to follow)
Thursday 18th November 2021	Open Morning
Friday 19 th November	Children in Need (more information to follow)
Monday 6 th December 2021	Enterprise Week (more information to follow) TBC
Friday 10 th December 2021	Christmas Jumper Day and PTA Christmas Fayre TBC
Friday 17 th December 2021	Last Day of term – Stars close at 4:30pm