

Academy Newsletter

Friday 26th November 2021
Autumn Term
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The weeks seem to be flying by this half term and December is just around the corner. The corridors, classrooms and halls have been filled with the sound of Christmas carols and songs, with the children practising for their Christmas performances. It is really lovely to hear Christmas being celebrated together after the restrictions of last year. We have sent out tickets and guidelines for the Key Stage 1 and Upper Key Stage 2 Nativity today, please look out for this to help us to be as safe as possible.

This Sunday marks the start of Advent, The Advent Season is all about reflecting on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth in the world as it is today. It is a time our Academy community to remember, through prayer, reflections and good deeds what the true meaning of Jesus' birth is. The children have brought home an Advent and Christmas calendar today and we hope that you can share them as a family in this special time of year.



Harrison Christmas Lunch

DEADLINE

This year our Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 15th December. Due to supply issues within the food industry the children's Christmas lunch will need to be pre-ordered by 1ST DECEMBER after this date we will be unable to book a lunch for your child. Please book on School Gateway or emailing the Academy office.



Seedlings Nursery

Places still available!

Please email the office for details and to secure your child's place





Star of the Week

Nursery	Espen
EYFS	Jane
Year 1	Amelia
Year 2	Malachi
Year 3	Matilda
Year 4	Logan
Year 5	Aisswarya and Krishna
Year 6	Emma



Milo J – Year 3

Jessica – Year 3

Erika – Year 4

Cove – Year 4

James – Year 5



Sports News and Information

Look out in the future for information regarding football and mini-tennis lunchtime clubs. Mr. Rowe will be organising this soon. We are also hoping to hold an inter-house football tournament in the future, where KS2 pupils from each house will be able to compete against each other.



Winter Weather

Please do make sure that the children come to the Academy wearing suitably warm clothes as the weather is now getting colder. They will be outside and do need a coat each day. Please make sure that your child has their name in their clothes for school. It makes it so much easier to return any lost items to their owners.



Bank Holiday - Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Next year is the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and an extra Bank Holiday has been granted. As this falls in the half term holiday, we will be taking Friday 27th May as a substitute. **The Academy will be closed on Friday 27th May 2022.**



Bromley Primary Schools Cross Country Event – Report by Mr Rowe

It was a bright but crisp morning. The date was Saturday 20th November 2021 and a squad of cross-country runners, representing our Academy, made their way to Crystal Palace to compete in the Bromley Primary Schools Cross Country Event, where everyone had to run just over 1 mile (1700 m). On the day, 1,067 children were involved in this event and although we had carried out a little lunchtime training, we certainly hadn't been to a high altitude training camp like Mo Farah, so it was going to be quite a challenge! I am both pleased and proud to say that all our runners worked their socks off, showed considerable resilience and combined well as a great team.

Our squad consisted of the following pupils along with their results:

Year 5 girls – Grace (Place = 47th); Jasmine (Place = 246th); Khloe (Place = 251st).

We came 27th out of 33 schools competing with 276 girls taking part.

Year 5 Boys – Fraser (Place = 26th); Caleb (Place = 36th); James (Place = 114th).

We came 11th out of 40 schools competing with 334 boys taking part.

Year 6 Boys –Declan (Place = 20th); Kesinachi (Place = 78th); David (Place = 132nd); Jayden (Place = 216th).

We came 14th out of 29 schools competing with 255 boys taking part.

Unfortunately, Ronnie in Year 6 and Alfie in Year 5 were unable to attend on the day due to unforeseen circumstances.

One for the diary – there is due to be a similar event for Years 3 and 4 next year.

If you are interested in running, why not try Parkrun, which offer weekly free runs for adults and children. Click [here](#) for more information.





PTA – Citizen Course

Children of the 'Sports and Young Citizen' course this week were treated to a fun but informative visit from the Fire Brigade. Firefighters from Orpington fire station explained what to do in the event of a fire, and demonstrated how a lot of their equipment works. Finally, each child was allowed to help work the powerful fire hose carried by the engine. Presentations will be made to the children after the successful completion of the 5-week course. A new course will take place beginning Wednesday 12th January- Correspondence has been sent out regarding this.



Diary Dates

Please note the lists of dates below are subject to change and we encourage you to look each week for any changes.
Amendments are in **Blue** and Cancellations are in **Red**.

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 1 st December 2021	Deadline for booking Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 8 th December 2021	Key Stage 1 Nativity 9.30am TICKET ONLY
Thursday 9 th December 2021	Year 5/6 Nativity 9.30am TICKET ONLY
Friday 10 th December 2021	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 10 th December 2021	Deadline for raffle tickets to be handed in
Tuesday 14 th December 2021	EYFS Nativity
Tuesday 14 th December 2021	Raffle draw after EYFS Nativity
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	Christmas Lunch (Pupils Only)
Thursday 16 th December 2021	Year 3 and 4 Caroling Event Outside
Friday 17 th December 2021	Advent Mass (Pupils Only) and Christmas Party Day
Friday 17 th December 2021	Last Day of term – Stars close at 4:30pm

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Start of Spring Term – INSET DAY – Pupils not required
Wednesday 5 th January 2022	Pupils Return
Friday 11 th February 2022	Last day of half term – Stars finish at 4.30pm
Monday 21 st February 2022	Pupils Return
Friday 1 st April 2022	Last day of term – Stars finish at 4.30pm



KS1 and KS2 Nativity Tickets

Tickets have been sent out today.



Please note there is no charge for these, however there will be an allocation of 2 tickets per family.

Please see further information attached to the tickets.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

The Local Authority have a range of exciting activities available through the Bromley's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme this Winter 2021, including nutritious meals, free to all children that are eligible for free school meals.

Please book your child's space by visiting visit Bromley Council's website at [Bromley holiday activities and food programme](#) and choose the activities your child would like to take part in. Please book as soon as possible in order to get a space with the preferred activity, provider and location.

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