

Academy Newsletter

Friday 25th November 2022
Autumn Term
Issue: 10



Well, what a week it has been! Year 3 and Year 2 held their Free Range Assembly; we celebrated our whole school advent Mass and had a two-day inspection from Ofsted. I would like to thank parents and carers for their support through the inspection process, from responding to the questionnaire to the small words of support that I received. We still need to wait a few weeks to receive our final report; however, I would also like to extend my thanks to the children and staff who were amazing as always.

This weekend we enter the season of advent, which is our season of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ. This is one of my favourite times of the year as the preparations begin for our Nativities, Carol Concerts and Christmas activities. It was wonderful to share the start of advent in our Mass today with Fr Cyriacus and those parents and carers who could attend. It would be lovely to see more parents attending our school Masses so you can join in the celebrations with the pupils.

Apologies to those parents who may have brought gifts for Miss Selay today. There was an unforeseen last minute change in circumstances on Thursday, which means she will now be staying until at least Christmas.

I hope you all enjoy a restful weekend, I know that I certainly will!



Christmas Raffle & Fair

If you would like any more tickets to sell, please contact the Academy office and they will send your child home with an additional book.

The draw will take place on 15th December, after the KS1 Nativity, giving children a month to sell as many tickets as they can.

There will be a prize for the class that sells the most tickets!



PTA Donations Day – Friday 3rd December 2022

A letter was sent out on 17th November appealing for help with donations for the Tombola stall at the Christmas Fair.

We are asking every child to bring an item from the list below and in return, your child is invited to wear their own clothes.

During these hard financial times, please don't feel it necessary to spend more than a few pounds and shop from bargain stores such as Poundland, Bargain stores or Home Bargains.

Please refer to the list below to see what your child's class is down for donating.

EYFS	Stationery e.g. small book / pencil case / pens / pencils / stickers
Year 1	Chocolate treats e.g. box or pack
Year 2	Something Christmassy e.g. decoration / game / novelty gift
Year 3	Pack of biscuits or savoury crackers
Year 4	A Christmas condiment e.g. mustard / cranberry or mint sauce / chutney
Year 5	Jar filled with sweets
Year 6	Toiletry or cosmetic item for male or female

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ayda – Nursery
 Nana – Nursery
 Milo – Year 4
 Jessica – Year 4
 Cove – Year 5
 Erika – Year 5
 James – Year 6



Nursery	Nana
EYFS	Seth
Year 1	Isabella
Year 2	Yevheniia
Year 3	Poppy
Year 4	Maddison
Year 5	Madison
Year 6	Caleb

Drop in Session - EYFS

The next session will be held on

1st December 2022



Does your child have a chance of being successful?

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but.....

If your child misses....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 Days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 Days	8 weeks	Over <u>2.5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 Days	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>	Equal to finishing at grade 4

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Attendance

EYFS	90.72
Year 1	96.0
Year 2	98.67
Year 3	88.75
Year 4	96.25
Year 5	96.43
Year 6	96.18
Whole School	94.8

The winning class this week was **YEAR 2** gaining **2** stars in the space race. Unfortunately, no other class gained a star as they did not achieve over 97%.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Free Range Assembly

Our next Free Range Assemblies will be led by **Year 6 on Tuesday 29th November and Year 5 on Wednesday 30th November 2022** at 9am. All parents and carers are welcome to attend.



Festive Menus

Next week, week commencing 28th November, Harrison would like to take us on festive adventure, where the children will be given different deserts from around the world.

Additionally, on Wednesday 14th December 2022, Harrison will be serving our Christmas lunch to the pupils.

Please see both menus later in this newsletter.



Doing Christmas Shopping Online? Don't forget EasyFundraising

With just one extra click, when ordering online, retailers will donate a percentage of the value of your order direct to the PTA. Simple! If you are not already signed up, it only takes a couple of minutes, and then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway. Simply shop online as normal.

This will be an enormous help to the school, at absolutely no extra cost to yourself. Visit our easyfundraising page to get started:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/tpstpprimarypta>



Parent Communication

Please note that when the academy send you an email it comes from

SC3053505a@schoolcomms.com

A few of you are reporting this as SPAM, which then means you are not receiving any of our communications.

Here are some instructions about how to add addresses to the safe sender list for some of the more commonly used email programs.

If you are still experiencing issues despite following the below, we would advise you to contact your email provider for further assistance.

[Outlook/Hotmail/MSN](#)

[AOL](#)

[Yahoo Mail](#)

[Gmail or Googlemail](#)

[Apple/iCloud](#)

[Tiscali/TalkTalk](#)

(scroll down to 'Setting up filter rules' section)

[BT Internet/Mail](#)

[Sky](#)

I hope this information helps.

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.

Schoolgateway

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PE Kit

Could we please remind you that leggings or skins are **not** part of our PE uniform. The PE uniform consist of the following:

- Academy gold t-shirt
- Academy green shorts
- Bottle green Academy tracksuits

As we are moving into the colder weather, pupils should be wearing the tracksuit on their PE days, as this is the warmer option.

PTA Mini-Olympics

Children continue to enjoy the Wednesday afternoon Mini-Olympics after-school activities and another three medalists were rewarded for their efforts this week. The course has two more weeks to run, but places are now available for children to be registered for next term. Numbers are strictly limited, so it is strongly recommended children are registered via the Gateway app' as soon as possible. A letter with full details has already been circulated, but any further information can be obtained from either the office or PTA Chair John Powell.



Year 2 and Year 3 - Free Range Assembly

Thank you to all the parents that attended the Free Range assemblies this week. It was lovely seeing you all, please see attached some of the photos we were able to capture of Year 2 and Year 3.





Celebrate 

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food with thought 

**Harrison Bear's
Festive Adventure** 

**Monday 28th November to
Friday 2nd December 2022**

Monday 28th November
Stop No. 1: Ireland
Blarney Stone Bar
(Irish Sticky Toffee Cake Bar)

Tuesday 29th November
Stop No. 2: Iceland
Hálfmánnar
(Icelandic Half Moon Biscuits filled with Jam)

Wednesday 30th November
Stop No. 3: Sweden
Chocolate Kladdkaka
(Swedish Sticky Chocolate Cake)

Thursday 1st December
Stop No. 4: Greece
Vasilopita Cake
(Greek Orange Infused Cake with Orange Flavoured Icing)

Friday 2nd December
Stop No. 5: Switzerland
Basler Brunsli
(Swiss Chocolate Spiced Star Shaped Cookie)

Celebrate The Festive Season

14th December 2022

Roast Turkey (contains none of the 14 most common allergens)

with Pork Sausage (contains wheat, sulphites)

& Stuffing (contains wheat)

or

Vegetable Pinwheel with Cheddar Cheese & Sage

(contains wheat & milk)

served with

Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots, Brussels Sprouts

(contains none of the 14 most common allergens)

followed by

Festive Frosted Chocolate Cake

(contains wheat, milk & egg)

Or **Mincemeat Slice** (contains wheat)

Or **Christmas Pudding** (contains wheat, eggs, milk, soybeans, sulphites)

Orange Squash

(contains sulphites)

Alternative dishes available for those with allergies & special dietary requirements (gluten, dairy, egg, vegan):

Butternut, Carrot & Parsnip Parcel

(contains none of the 14 most common allergens)

followed by

Chocolate Orange Cupcake with Orange Buttercream

(contains none of the 14 most common allergens)

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****Jacket potato will also be served with a choice of toppings.**

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Henri Matisse

1869 - 1954



What can you find out about this artist?

Can you work in the style of them to produce your own work of art?

Hand in your facts and creations to Mrs Lee by Monday 28th November for a chance to win an amazing arts and craft prize!

Look out for new artists and prizes coming EVERY month!

Diary Dates

Amendments are in **Blue** and Cancellations are in **Red**.

Please note the lists of dates below are subject to change and we encourage you to look each week for any changes.

Tuesday 29 th November 2022	Year 6 Free Range Assembly at 9am – all parents/carers welcome
Wednesday 30 th November 2022	Year 5 Free Range Assembly at 9am – all parents/carers welcome
Friday 2 nd December 2022	PTA Donations Day (own clothes)
Monday 5 th December 2022	Enterprise Week (more information to follow)
Friday 9 th December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 9 th December 2022	Enterprise Sale (more information to follow) PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 13 th December 2022	KS2 Nativity at 9:30am - Year 5 and Year 6 (all parents/carers welcome)
Wednesday 14 th December 2022	Christmas Lunch (pupil only event)
Thursday 15 th December 2022	KS1 Nativity at 9:30am Year 1 and Year 2 (all parents/carers welcome)
Friday 16 th December 2022	Year 3 and Year 4 Carolling Event at 3pm (all parents/carers welcome)
Monday 19 th December 2022	Christmas Party Day (more information to follow)
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	EYFS Nativity at 9:45am (all parents/carers welcome)
Tuesday 20 th December 2022	Last Day of Term – School finishes at 2:00pm
Wednesday 21 st December 2022	INSET Day