

Academy Newsletter

Friday 27th January 2023
Spring Term
Issue: 4



Next week we will move from looking at the virtue of **FAITH** to our new virtue **SIMPLICITY**. We held our Liturgy around this theme on Wednesday and the children all thought of a simple task they could do to make the world a better place. There were some excellent suggestions, such as doing a litter pick or not using transport to get to school. We are looking forward to recognising this virtue in the children and presenting our new certificates.

Year 5 visited Orpington library this Monday. I hope that these library visits are helping the children develop their love of reading even more. As with the Year 6 visit, the pupils had an opportunity to talk with an author to enhance their visit.

On Wednesday, the NEU has called strike action. This is affecting our school with a partial closure. Please see the information later in the newsletter. I communicated this information to you at the earliest convenience, however making arrangements may prove difficult. Please speak to me regarding your own situation if necessary.

Have a lovely weekend.

Parent Helpers

We totally understand that all of you live very busy lives with work and other commitments. However, with lockdown now lifted and life being a bit more 'normal' we would like you to get you involved again.

Coffee mornings will be back on the calendar, please keep an eye out for dates! We would also love for any parent volunteers to help on these days.

In addition to the above, would any parent/carers like to come and in and volunteer their time? This would be to either hear readers or assist in a Year group for a morning or afternoon.

We understand that all your time is precious and valuable but if you are able to offer some of your time it would be much appreciated.

Looking for **Parent**
Volunteers!



Cold Weather

Please ensure you are sending your children to school dressed appropriately. It has been very cold outside, and providing the playground is not iced over or it's not raining heavily outside, the children still go out at break times.

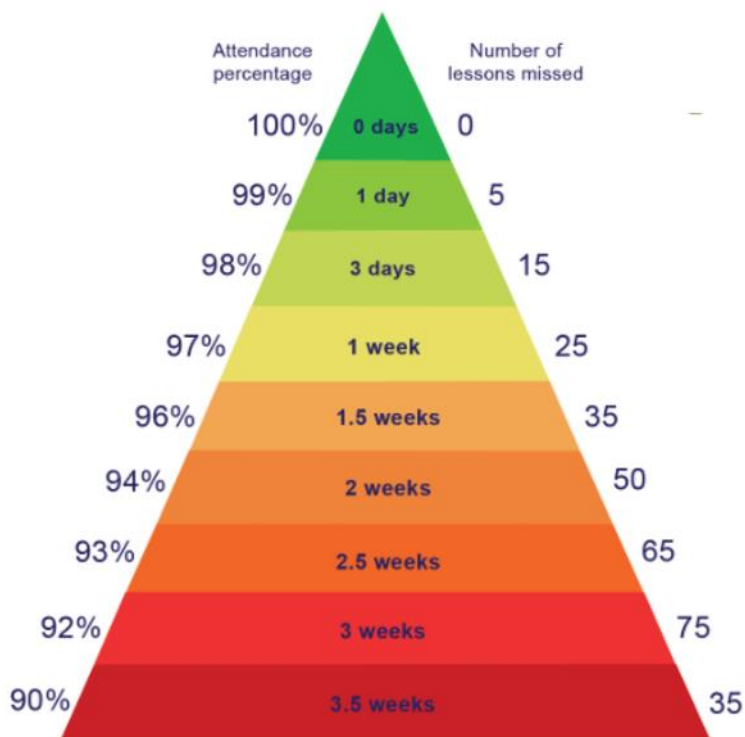
Please also bear in mind when choosing footwear, it should be sturdy and weather resistant as some shoes are letting water in and causing socks to get wet.

We want our children to remain healthy and by providing them with suitable clothing will ensure they are kept warm and dry.

Reminder: all trainers/shoes worn with school uniform must be all black. No white soles or logos. NO BOOTS ALLOWED.



Every Day Counts!



VIRTUES AWARD – VIRTUES TO LIVE BY



“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

(2 Corinthians 5:7)

JJ and Amelie	EYFS
Amayra	Year 1
Enzo	Year 2
Fina-Rae	Year 3
Jessica	Year 4
Poppy	Year 5
Grace	Year 6

Attendance

EYFS	94.24
Year 1	95.33
Year 2	96.67
Year 3	96.13
Year 4	91.88
Year 5	91.85
Year 6	95.45
Whole School	93.56

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Chelsea – Year 1
 Archie – Year 1
 Lars – Year 2
 Kyle – Year 3
 Alfie – Year 5

Nursery Star of the Week



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Christmas Jumpers and Decorations

Thank you for all of your donations, we will continue to collect Christmas jumpers and decorations through the month of January!

We look forward to hosting our very first Christmas Jumper Sale at the end of the year!



PUPIL PREMIUM

PARENTS WITH EYFS AND KS1 PUPILS AUTOMATICALLY GET FREESCHOOL MEALS, BUT YOU DO NEED TO APPLY TO GET THE ADDITIONAL GRANT. IF YOU ARE RECEIVING ANY OF THE BENEFITS LISTED, CHECK YOUR ELIGIBILITY.

We could receive £1385 to support your child's learning.

IS YOUR CHILD MISSING OUT?

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers
- Child Tax Credit
- Asylum Seeker
- Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

The process is easy. Go to www.bromley.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals-1

Successful applicants will receive: Free school meals in KS2; food vouchers during the holidays; a £50 supermarket voucher or credit in their school account and a reduced rate for extra curricular clubs held at our academy.

Rural Track

Your children could be in danger when they are not walking with you outside of the school gate. Although we are a school and very minimal traffic uses our track, we do share our site with the Education Commission. This week, a moving vehicle narrowly missed a child, as they were not being suitably supervised.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILDREN ON THE PATH AND WATCH THEM AT ALL TIMES



EYFS

Drop in session
on

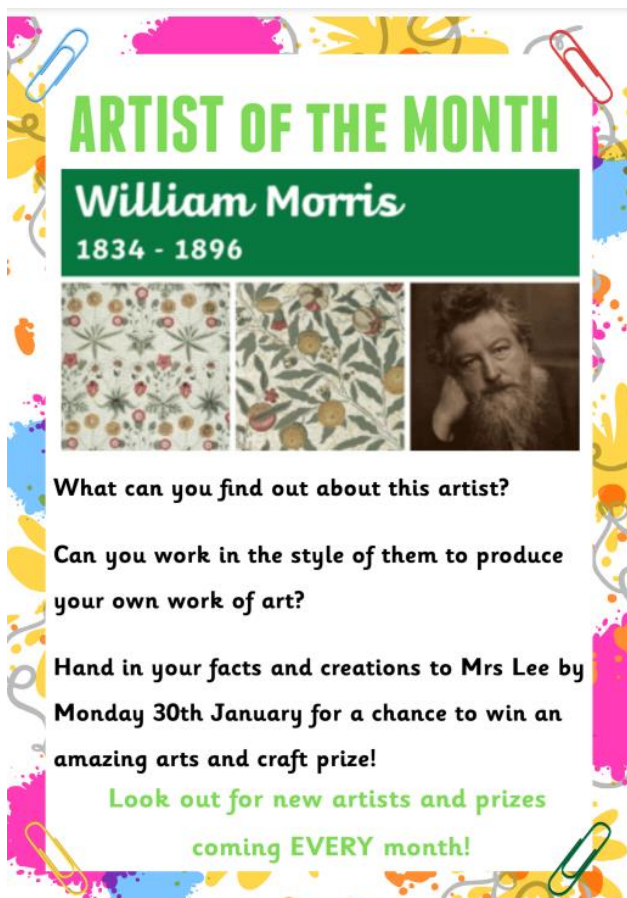
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Library Visits





ARTIST OF THE MONTH

William Morris
1834 - 1896

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 30th January for a chance to win an amazing arts and craft prize!

Look out for new artists and prizes coming EVERY month!

New Dates for Your Diary

Please note the below dates for your diaries:

BANK HOLIDAY Monday 8th May 2023 – King's Coronation

This falls within the year 6 SAT's week and therefore the first set of set of tests will be on Tuesday 9th May 2023.

Please ensure your child is in school.



INSET Day Friday 21st July 2023 (None Pupil Day)

**INSET
DAY**

Music Lessons

3 Flute/Clarinet/Recorder spaces available

I am pleased to inform you that there are spaces available for Woodwind lessons this term. You have the option to have 1-1 lessons or in a small group. The cost for group lessons is **£6.83** per lesson (shared lessons are subject to availability at the school) and 1-1 lessons start from **£10.25** per lesson. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

The recorder is available to pupils in year 1+, the flute to years 2+ and the clarinet to years 3/4+ (adult front teeth needed).

Hiring an Instrument: Instrument hire is available through BYMT at **£55** per term. Recorder pupils are asked to supply their own recorder (which can be bought for under £10), I can give advice on this.

If you're interested, please apply using the link: <https://ukbromley.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

Or if you would like to contact the school's woodwind teacher directly to discuss lessons you can email Lois on lois.nicoll@hotmail.co.uk.

Industrial Action on 1st February – Partial Closure

You may be aware from recent media coverage that the NEU have declared strike action, which will take place on Wednesday 1st February. The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over teacher pay and school funding, and not because of any issues at our school.

While employees are not required to tell employers whether they intend to take action, some members of the NEU at St Peter and St Paul have informed me that they will strike on 1st February and thus, the school will be partially closed.

The following classes should **NOT** report to school on 1st February:

EYFS

Year 2

Year 4

All other classes will be open as normal, as will Stars and school clubs. Parents of children in the affected classes are therefore asked to make alternative arrangements for 1st February.

If your child's class is not affected by strike action, they are expected at school as normal.

I am sorry that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child at short notice and that they will experience disruption to their education. I understand that this situation may be frustrating, and ask that all members of our school community continue to treat each other with respect. St Peter and St Paul remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high quality teaching.

The NEU has called for three further days on industrial action on Thursday 2nd March 2023, Wednesday 15th March 2023 and Thursday 16th March 2023 and I will write to you nearer these dates to let you know if St Peter and St Paul is affected.

I have tried to notify you with as much warning as possible so you will be able to make alternative arrangements.

If you would like to discuss your individual situation with me, then please get in touch.

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.

Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 31 st January 2023	Year 5 Horniman Museum Visit
Friday 3 rd February 2023	Year 3 Orpington Library Visit
Monday 6 th February 2023	Year 4 Orpington Library Visit
Monday 6 th February 2023	Start of Children's Mental Health Week
Thursday 9 th February 2023	Year 6 Our Lady of the Crays
Friday 10th February 2023	Last day of half term
Monday 20 th February 2023	Back to school
Monday 20 th February 2023	Year 2 Orpington Library Visit
Monday 20 th February 2023	Parent Consultation Meetings (more information to follow)
Wednesday 22 nd February 2023	Ash Wednesday (more information to follow)
Wednesday 22 nd February 2023	Year 5 Swimming restarts
Friday 24 th February 2023	Oliver Twist Theatre Company (more information to follow)
Monday 27 th February 2023	Holi Festival Assembly
Monday 27 th February 2023	Year 1 Orpington Library Visit
Monday 27 th February 2023	Parent Consultation Meetings (more information to follow)
Tuesday 28 th February 2023	Year 4 Ancient Egypt Day (more information to follow)
Thursday 2 nd March 2023	World Book Day (more information to follow)
Thursday 9 th March 2023	Year 3 Our Lady of the Crays
Monday 13 th March 2023	Circus Science – Whole School Performance (Science Week)
Friday 29 th March 2023	Year 3 and 4 Easter Passion TBC
Friday 31 st March 2023	Easter Mass TBC
Friday 31st March 2023	Last Day of Term – finish at 2pm