

Academy Newsletter

Friday 3rd February 2023
Spring Term
Issue: 4



We are fast approaching the end of the half term and we have had another busy week at St Peter and St Paul.

Year 5 visited the Horniman Museum on Tuesday, where they had an opportunity to learn more about the history of Benin. The children behaved very well and enjoyed their time in their beautiful grounds.

Today, Year 3 had their turn at Orpington library. They too had a great time familiarising themselves with the library systems and hearing from an author.

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'Let's Connect' and we will be recognising this in our classes. Some activities will consider how we can make meaningful connections to support mental health. There is also support for families, with free resources, from 'Place to Be' which can be accessed [here](#).

Tuesday 7th February is also Safer Internet Day. We will incorporate this into our Mental Health Week, as we all know how being safe on the internet can also affect wellbeing.

We will be sending out booking information on Monday for the parent consultation meetings after half term. Look out for a brown envelope coming home with your child.



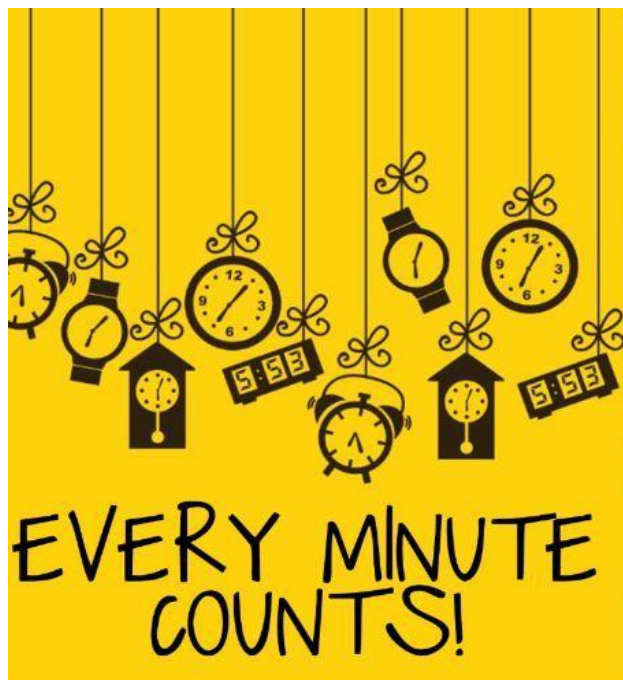
Industrial Action

Thank you for your understanding over the partial closure of the school which took place on Wednesday 1st February. The strike happened 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.

As you are aware, employees are not required to tell employers whether they intend to take action, however we will do our best to give you enough notice to arrange suitable childcare. With this in mind 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 you MAY want to plan for alternative arrangements.

I will write to you nearer these dates to let you know if St Peter and St Paul will be affected.





VIRTUES AWARD – VIRTUES TO LIVE BY



**HOLY
SIMPLICITY**

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21)

EYFS	Cameron and Jamie
Year 1	Antonia
Year 2	Clara
Year 3	Sara
Year 4	Melody
Year 5	Joseph
Year 6	Courtney and Michelle

Attendance

EYFS	95.76
Year 1	95.33
Year 2	98.28
Year 3	97.42
Year 4	96.12
Year 5	90.77
Year 6	96.36
Whole School	95.09

The winning class this week was **Year 2** gaining 2 stars in the space race and Year 3 gained 1 star as they achieved over 97%.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**

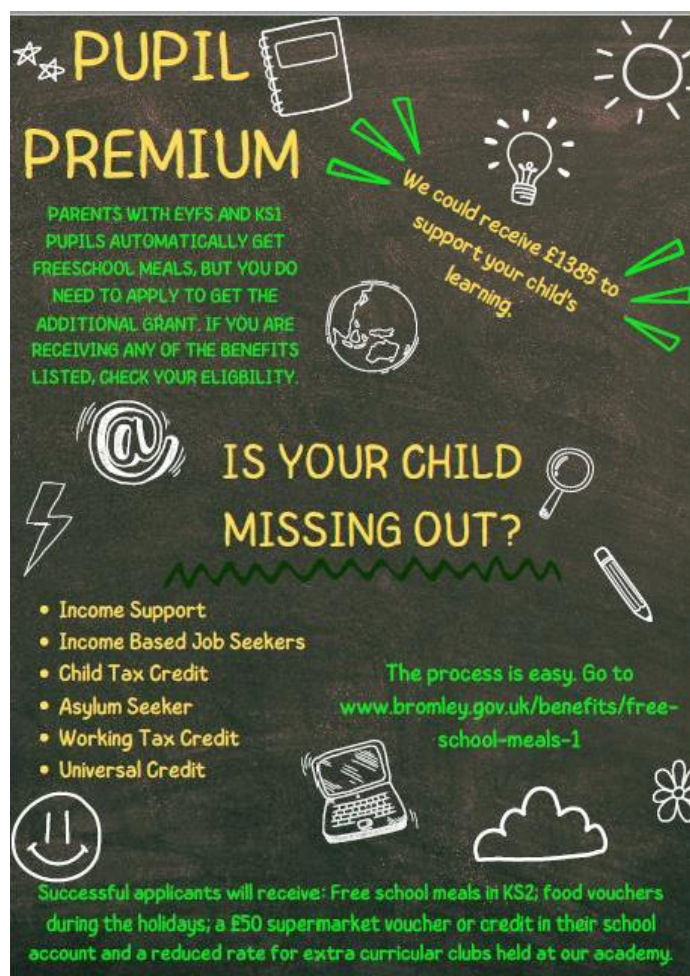
Jason – EYFS
Alice – EYFS
Zianne – Year 1
Sara – Year 3
Melody – Year 4
Matilda – Year 4

Nursery Star of the Week



Nana





Fr Cyriacus will be joining us on Wednesday 22nd February 2023 to administer the ashes to the pupils.



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!**

EYFS

Drop in session
on

9th February 2023



ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Eva Rothschild

1972 - present



**CAN YOU WORK IN THE STYLE OF THEM TO
PRODUCE YOUR OWN WORK OF ART?**

What can you find out about this artist?

Hand in your creations and facts to Mrs Lee by
Monday 20th February for a chance to win an
amazing arts and craft prize!

Look out for new artists and prizes
coming **EVERY** month!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS SO FAR...

November - Anushka Yr 3

December - Arihant Yr 4

January - Jane Yr 1

February -

March -

April -

May -

June -

July -

Will your name be
joining them this
year ?



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

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 – NO STARS

Important date reminder!

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

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

Please ensure your child is in school.