

# Academy Newsletter

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023  
Spring Term  
Issue: 7



It has been quite a week with our celebrations for book day, a Year 1 trip to Orpington library, a visit to Year 4 from Mr. Egypt and the secondary schools announced for Year 6.

It was fantastic to see so many parents attend our book day parade, I was worried we wouldn't fit you all in! Reading is an area we are trying to develop further in the academy and by promoting World Book Day we hope it will inspire children further with a love of reading. We have another parent event on Monday, as we have our first coffee morning since the lifting of restrictions. Myself, Mrs. Baines and Mr. O'Dwyer will be available for an informal chat, along with other parents. It will be great to have a similar turnout to the parade. For those parents in Year 5, we also look forward to seeing you at their Free Range Assembly on Thursday morning.

In this week's liturgy our focus was 'Jesus, be my path'. The Gospel this week shows Jesus resisting temptation and putting God's way above all things. We learnt that, during the time of Lent, it is especially important to resist temptation and make good choices. By trusting in Jesus to be our path and the Holy Spirit to be our guide it will lead us to God the Father.



## World Book Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

It was so lovely having all the parents back into the Academy, it was a pleasure to see you all. I would like to thank all of the children (and parents) for their efforts and making this year a year to remember.

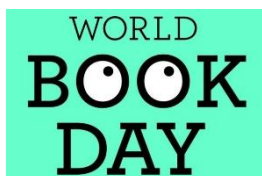
The children looked fantastic dressed as their book characters and we were able to get some great photos. Please enjoy looking through the newsletter at some of the great costumes!

In addition to the above, sadly we were only able to pick two winners from each class.

Please see below the list of winners.

### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Nursery	Ivy and Jessie
EYFS	Eren and Sienna
Year 1	Amayra and Jenson
Year 2	Maya and Theo
Year 3	Zach and Kianna
Year 4	Noah and Chloe
Year 5	Violet and Harry
Year 6	Gwayne and Mark
Staff	Mr Rowe and Mrs Sanford





## VIRTUES AWARD – VIRTUES TO LIVE BY



*“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.” (John 15:9)*

EYFS	Sienna and Joel
Year 1	Grace
Year 2	Isabella
Year 3	Harper and Hope
Year 4	Lucy
Year 5	Freya
Year 6	Isobelle

## Attendance

EYFS	97.32
Year 1	94.67
Year 2	99.31
Year 3	98.39
Year 4	95.63
Year 5	96.92
Year 6	95.76
Whole School	96.63

The winning class this week was **Year 2** gaining **two** stars in the space race. **EYFS** and **Year 3** won **one** star, as they achieved over 97%.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Danny	2
Nathan	2
Arthur	4
Chloe	4
Soleil-Abigail	5

## Nursery Star of the Week



Jesse



## Industrial Action – Strike days

Although there was no strike action this Thursday, I am aware that staff members of the NEU are considering future strike action on either 15th or 16th March as they still feel strongly about the dispute between the unions and the government over teacher pay and school funding.

I will inform parents as soon as possible about these days.

## Lost Uniform

There has been a number of reported lost uniform over the past few days. Please can you check your child's uniform at home and return it to the school if you happen to have someone else's. *Thank you*

## 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 are back on the calendar; please see our first date later in the newsletter! We would 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!**



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WEDNESDAY  
12.30-2PM**

Charity no. 1187291  
Community Centre, South Street, Bromley, SE1 1HR

## PTA – Mini-Olympics

Lots more fun and games, and three more academy medalists - that was again the school's Mini-Olympics after-school club on Wednesday. Under the guidance of British International athlete and Coach Aidan Syers, this PTA initiative continues to offer a unique opportunity for children to develop their PE skills. Medals are awarded weekly for the best triers and good behaviour throughout the session.





## Year 1 Trip to the Library

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit, listening to stories, reading books, learning a poem about a chicken on the roof and doing the actions. Most of all we loved choosing a book to take away and read.



## Lent Appeal

This year, during Lent, are supporting the Catholic Children's Society's appeal - Building Bridges. It is inspired by Pope Francis' call to 'build bridges, not walls' and find ways to connect and help others in their time of need.

During Lent, we ask for any small change to be put in the box your child came home with, this can be from pennies to pounds. Every single penny that we raise will go into the Catholic Children's Society's Southwark Crisis Fund to help local children across the Archdiocese who are facing a crisis in their lives. **Please keep adding to these over Lent, we will collect the boxes in after the Easter break.**

## ST PETER AND ST PAUL CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMY

# Parents' Coffee Morning

**6th March 2023**

After morning  
drop off

School Gym



## Coffee Morning

The first coffee Morning of the year will be on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

These are great opportunities to come and have coffee and a natter, get to know some of the new and old parents and chat with Academy staff.

Parents have reported that they have missed the mornings and therefore we are super excited to invite you all back in.

If there are any parents that would like to help or bake (or donate) some cakes, this would be also greatly appreciated.

There is no cost for these morning, we simply just want to see you all there, even if it is for 5 minutes ☺







## Egyptian Day – Year 4

What a day to remember, one I know the children will talk about for a long time after! Children were immersed in a full and interactive day that was inspiring from start to finish. Instead of just looking at artefacts behind glass in a museum, the children handled Ancient Artefacts up to 5000 years old whilst learning from 'Mr Egypt', a real Egyptologist and Archaeologist who himself has found over 100 tombs in Egypt!





# ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Michelle Reader

1975 - 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 27th March 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 - Jenson Yr 1

March -



April -

May -



June -

July -

Will your name be  
joining them this  
year ?



## Spring Term Events

### Red Nose Day

The House Captains have decided that on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding a crazy hair day and own clothes in support of Red Nose Day. Donations will be accepted on School Gateway.



### PTA Easter Event

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, after school, we are hoping to hold a PTA Easter event for our families. This will take place outside (weather permitting) and consist of an Easter egg hunt, a refreshments stand, an Easter egg raffle and an Easter bonnet parade. We would love it if the children could create an Easter bonnet so they can join in the parade. Further information will be sent out next week.



### Eggshibition

This year's eggshibition will be themed '**Eggstinction**' in recognition of our responsibility to care for the environment and therefore the habitats of the animals of the world. We would like you to represent animals that have become extinct or that are risk of becoming extinct using real blown eggs or pretend ones. Prizes will be given for the best entries and all entries will receive a small token for taking part. Entries need to be brought in school on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, ready for judging. I am sure you will have some eggcellent ideas!





## 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 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Coffee Morning - Parents welcome after morning drop off
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 3 Our Lady of the Crays
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 5 Free Range Assembly (parents/carers welcome)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Holi Festival Assembly
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Circus Science – Whole School Performance (Science Week)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 4 Free Range Assembly (parents/carers welcome)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 3 – Educational Visit to the British Museum
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 2 Free Range Assembly (parents/carers welcome)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Crazy Hair and Own Clothes Day – Red Nose Day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Year 3 Free Range Assembly (parents/carers welcome)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Year 2 Parents SAT's Meeting at 3pm (Year 2 classroom)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023	Year 6 Free Range Assembly (parents/carers welcome)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2023	Year 6 Parents SAT's Meeting at 3pm (Year 6 classroom)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	PTA Easter Event – After School
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 1 Free Range Assembly (parents/carers welcome)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Eggshibition to be in for judging
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Year 3 and 4 Easter Passion TBC
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	KS1 Bunny Run (more information to follow)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Easter Mass TBC
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	<b>Last Day of Term – finish at 2pm – NO STARS</b>

## Important date reminder!

**BANK HOLIDAY** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023.  
Please ensure your child is in school.