

Academy Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023
Autumn Term
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We are edging closer to Christmas and the sound of carols and Christmas songs are resounding through the school. Don't forget to check our diary dates for the numerous Christmas events we would love to share with you.

In between rehearsals the school has been very busy. Year 6 visited the Horniman Museum on Monday where the children explored the world gallery, gardens, and butterfly house.

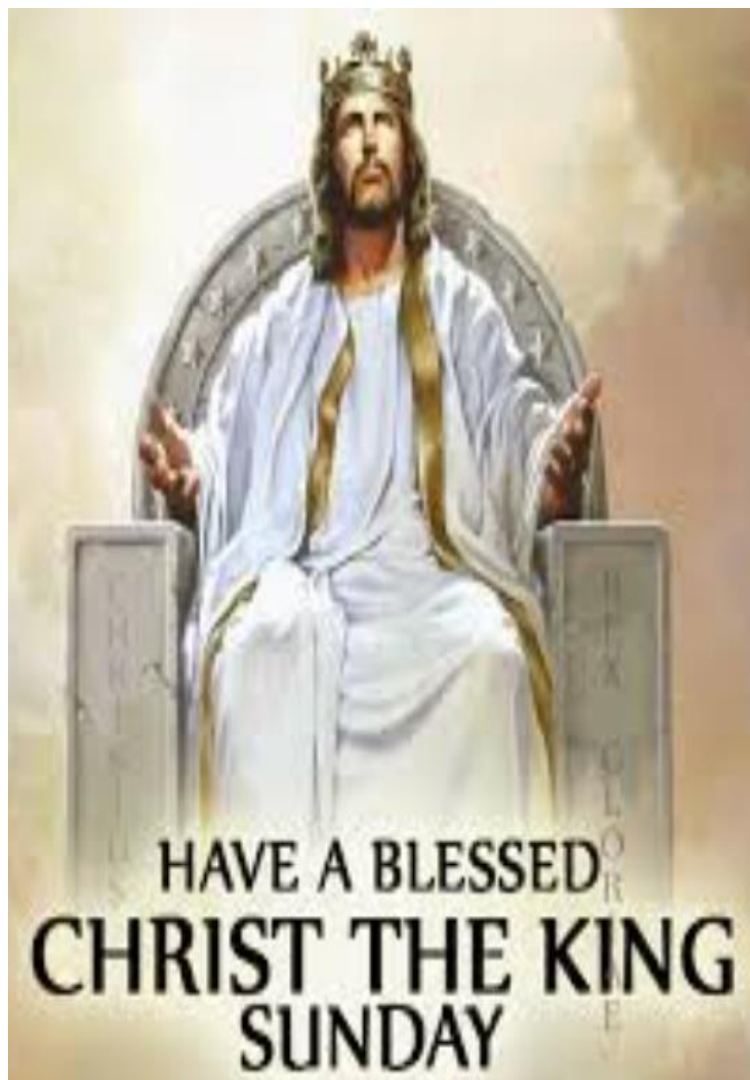
On Tuesday, many of our children had their nasal spray flu vaccine. If you missed signing up your child, then please contact your doctor.

One of our Governors paid us a visit to look at English across the school. Mr. Coffin enjoyed seeing some of our classes hard at work with their reading and writing and also enjoyed eating lunch with them.

Today, Fr Cy helped the children in Year 4, 5 and 6 to carry out the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is an important moment for the children to reflect upon what they have done wrong and ask for forgiveness.

Next Friday we will be celebrating the start of advent with our advent Mass at 10:45am. Year 5 will be leading and all parents from any year group are invited to attend.

Have a wonderful weekend!



Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 8th December

Although the National Christmas Jumper Day is 7th December, we will be celebrating this year on the 8th as this will be the same day as our Enterprise Sale and Christmas Fair. Donations will be collected on SchoolGateway in aid of Save the Children.

The PTA will be having another Christmas Jumper sale on Friday 1st December 2023 and if in the meantime you have noticed your child's jumper is too small, you could donate it to the PTA and come along to the pop up shop!

Please do remember that your Christmas jumper does not have to be shop bought and you can make one at home if you are feeling creative.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Aayda - EYFS

Nana - EYFS

Penelope – Year 5

Milo J – Year 5



Attendance

EYFS	97.6
Year 1	97.6
Year 2	95.2
Year 3	97.1
Year 4	97.2
Year 5	93.1
Year 6	95.6
Whole School	95.39

The winning classes this week were **EYFS and Year 1** gaining 2 stars in the space race for having the highest attendance. **Year 3 and 4** gained 1 Star for achieving over 97%.



VIRTUES AWARD – VIRTUES TO LIVE BY



"You should give what you have decided to give, not grudgingly or because you are made to, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

EYFS	Florence
Year 1	Jessica
Year 2	Josiah
Year 3	Kane
Year 4	Zach
Year 5	Juan
Year 6	Madison

Nursery Star of the Week



Leila



SENDCO Appointments

If you would like to book an appointment to see Mr O'Dwyer the school SENDCO, please scan the QR Code below to book an appointment. Please note that Mr O'Dwyer has teaching responsibilities on a Wednesday and Thursday. Appointments are available at the start of the school day on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday as well as the end of the school day on Tuesdays and Fridays.





Christmas Card Project

This year we have signed up to 'The Christmas Card Project 2023'. Loneliness can affect people of all ages; however, this feeling can be more prevalent at Christmas time.

As a school we can help bring some joy to people who may be on their own this Christmas.

Children will be making an extra Christmas card in class for this project. If you would like to make any cards at home, we would welcome more to donate. Please send them into school by Wednesday 6th December.

Cards can be any size you choose.

Children can write in the cards if they want to. Messages of 'Thinking of you at Christmas time' or 'wishing you a merry Christmas' would be lovely.

If you would like to put which school the cards have come from in them, then please do.

The cards can have as much decoration on them as possible (Christmas is a time for more).

Christmas Tree

If you are looking to buy a real Christmas tree this year, please consider buying from Beck Evans Farm in Sidcup. You simply have to take the leaflet we sent out on Thursday with you, which has the name, address and post code of the school written on the back of the leaflet. If you hand this over upon payment for the tree, the school will receive £5. If you have lost your leaflet, please ask for a new one from the office.



Early Years Foundation Stage Admissions

If you were unable to make our Open Morning dates please contact the Academy Office, 01689 828208, for information and to make an alternative appointment to visit us.

Online applications for Bromley residents for places in September 2024, are available at <http://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>.

Applications can be made from **1 September 2023**.

The closing date for applications for places in September 2024 is **Monday 15 January 2024**.

National offer day - **Tuesday 16 April 2024**.

Children will be admitted to our Reception Class in line with our Admissions Policy. Up to 30 pupils are admitted each year via the London Borough of Bromley Co-ordinated Admissions Process. This process ensures that all children have equal and fair access to a school place without reference to ability, aptitude, or additional educational need (including SEND).

A Supplementary Information Form should be completed and returned to the Academy with the appropriate documentation at the same time an application is made to Bromley.

The Big Ambition

The Big Ambition aims to hear from children across England about what they think is important!

In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel De Souza, wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England.

I would like to encourage as many children as possible to have their say and complete the survey. The link has been added to Google Classroom for every year group. It will be open until Friday 15th December. Please help your children complete the survey. Alternatively, scan the barcode below.



Donations Day - 1st December.

Year 1: **Stationery** e.g.: small book / pencil case / pens / pencils / stickers
 Year 2: **Stationery** e.g.: small book / pencil case / pens / pencils / stickers
 Year 3: **Stationery** e.g.: small book / pencil case / pens / pencils / stickers
 Year 4: **Stationery** e.g.: small book / pencil case / pens / pencils / stickers
 Year 5: **Stationery** e.g.: small book / pencil case / pens / pencils / stickers
 Year 6: **Stationery** e.g.: small book / pencil case / pens / pencils / stickers

Year 2 Something Christmassy e.g.: decoration / game / novelty gift

Year 4 Christmas condiment e.g.: mustard / cranberry or mint sauce / chutney

Year 6 Toiletry or cosmetic item



Christmas and Enterprise Fair - 8th December

Can you spare some a bit of time on the day please? Help on a stall, help set up or pack away? The PTA are looking for volunteers and would appreciate any time you can give even if it's 30 minutes.

Alongside the Christmas fair, each class will become a business and will be selling items they have made during Enterprise week. If you would like your child to help on their class stall, please email the Academy Office to give your permission.

It's going to be a fun event for children and parents alike!

Raffle Tickets

A big thank you to local businesses and parents for their donations. The PTA will gladly accept further prize donations up until the draw date.

The Christmas and Enterprise Fair will be held on 8th December.

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CHRISTMAS DRAW		
1st Prize: Luxury Christmas Hamper 2nd Prize: Drinks Hamper 3rd Prize: Christmas Turkey Plus many more prizes		
The draw will take place at the school Christmas Fair on Saturday 14th December 2002 at 4 o'clock.		
<small>Prizes must be claimed, signed receipt must be shown. No cash prizes. Regulations under the Gambling Act 2005 will be in force for County Council events.</small>		
		Tickets £1.00

Years 5 and 6 Cross Country Race at Crystal Palace

Saturday 18th November 2023

By Mr. Rowe
PE Lead

On a cold, wet, windy Saturday morning, 8 brave runners (along with their endlessly supportive parents) met on the top field of Crystal Palace Park, along with over 1,000 other runners from 61 Primary schools across Bromley (this is the greatest number of schools represented at any Bromley cross-country event!) and competed in the Years 5 and 6 annual cross-country event.

Each race was around 1,800 metres long, so approximately 9 laps of our running track, over a mixture of mud, grass and hilly gravel! They all did fantastically well in really tricky conditions and should all be immensely proud of themselves, as we are of them!

Our runners (by Year, then alphabetical order with their finishing position in brackets):

Year 5 Girls – 278 finishers	Jessica (201), Lucy (145)
Year 5 Boys – 358 finishers	Brendan-Lee (210), Kai (26), Marcel (171), Nathan (30), Noah (138)
Year 6 Boys – 276 finishers	Alfie (78)

Date for your diary - Year 3 and 4 cross country race in March 2024 – exact date coming soon!



Mini- Olympics

Our Mini-Olympians were rewarded for their hard work and much improved athletic skills this week. They got kitted out with super-smart Adidas track suit jackets, courtesy of registered charity Met-Track. Coaches Messrs. Robinson and Powell are convinced that if the children sign up for the next two terms they will clean up with medals in sports day, such is their improvement over the last few weeks!



Pudsey Colouring Competition

Last week, the House and Vice Captains organised a whole school colouring competition of Pudsey Bear in celebration of Children in Need. All entries were judged at the beginning of the week and the winners were announced in this week's celebration assembly. Take a look at our winners below:



Keith Haring

NOVEMBER'S INSPIRED BY ART CHALLENGE

Keith Haring was born 4th May 1958 in Reading, Pennsylvania, USA. He died 16th February 1990 (aged 31), New York City, USA. He had three younger sisters and his parents were Joan and Allen Haring. He went to both Pittsburgh Centre for the Arts and School of Visual Arts in New York City. During his lifetime, Keith Haring did a lot of work for the benefit of children, especially those in disadvantaged areas.

For an extra challenge why not make a 3D sculpture of your artwork using cardboard or a cereal box.



Your challenge is to create a piece of artwork that is inspired by Keith Haring. You could use shapes cut out of paper, paint or draw.

When recreating your own work inspired by Keith Haring, think about these prompt words.

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| • Vibrant | • Graffiti | • Purpose | • Simplify |
| • Energetic | • Visual | • Activism | • People |
| • Bright | • Meaning | • Colourful | • Shape |

Below are the common colours that Keith Haring uses in his artwork. Why not think about using these in your own artwork?



Hand in your creation to **Mrs Lee**
by **Monday 27th November** for a chance to win an
amazing arts and crafts prize!

Look out for the new monthly art competition in the newsletter
at the beginning of every month.



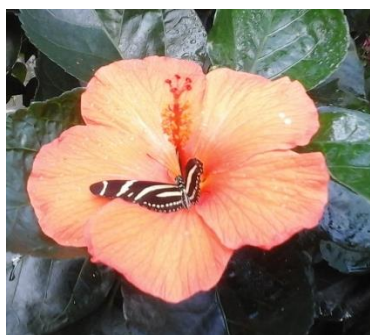
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Amendments are **highlighted** and Cancellations are in **red**.

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

Friday 1 st December 2023	Advent Mass 10:45 (led by Year 5) – All Parent/Carers welcome
Friday 1 st December 2023	PTA Donations Day
Monday 4 th December 2023	Enterprise Week begins
Tuesday 5 th December 2023	Year 4 Metro Bank Visit
Thursday 7 th December 2023	Year 5 Metro Bank Visit
Friday 8 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8 th December 2023	Enterprise Sale and Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	KS2 (Year 5 and 6) Nativity – Parents/Carers welcome 9:30am
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Christmas Dinner – Pupils only
Thursday 14 th December 2023	KS1 Nativity - Parents/Carers welcome 9:30am
Friday 15 th December 2023	Year 3 and Year 4 Caroling Event - Parents/Carers welcome 3:00pm
Monday 18 th December 2023	Class Christmas Parties
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	EYFS Nativity - Parents/Carers welcome
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Finish at 2pm

Year 6 Horniman Museum





Christmas Dinner

To ensure we have the correct numbers could you fill out the Google Form (see link below) to indicate what your child will be having for Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13th December. Please see menu attached, (Jacket Potato is also an option).

<https://forms.gle/B7zwdXDxWnxjNTKn9>

Please can you complete this form by Friday 1st December.

Thank you

