

Academy Newsletter

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This Sunday we will light the second candle on the advent wreath in church. We have been thinking about how we can live like Jesus during this period of advent and some of our thoughts are on display in the foyer.

One focus has been to do something for those that are less fortunate than us. Our Christmas cards have been collected and we will be told next week where these will be going. Thank you to the staff and pupils for making such an effort to give someone who may be lonely or in a need a special card for Christmas.

Next week is a busy week in school. We have our Nativities from Key Stage 1 and Upper Key Stage 2. We also have our Year 3 and 4 Caroling event and our Christmas lunch. Please come along to our performances and celebrate this special time of year with us.

It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and ex-pupils at our Christmas Fair today. It seemed to be a great success. The classes did a great job of selling their products and hopefully raised some money for something special for their class. Well done to the PTA for their organisation.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.



School Dinners

Wednesday 3rd January 2023

Please note that when the children return to school on the 3rd January, the menu choices will be:

Sausages
Quorn sausages
Jackets with a choice of toppings

This is in place of the usual roast chicken/vegan sausage roll option. The rest of the week will follow Thursday and Friday of week 4 as usual.

Thank you for your understanding.



Winter HAF Club

Is your child in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals (FSM) or living in Bromley as a refugee?

Bromley is offering a Winter HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme, offering free holiday club places, including activities and healthy meals. The programme will run from 20th December 2023 – 3rd January 2024. Examples of the activities on offer include film-making, bush craft activities, creative fun, tennis, football, trips out to pantomime shows, and much more!

If you think you are eligible go to: [Holiday activities and food programme – London Borough of Bromley](#)

If you have any questions, please contact the Bromley HAF Team via HolidayActivitiesandFood@bromley.gov.uk.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tife – Nursery
Markus – EYFS
Clay – Year 2
Stefan – Year 2
Ava – Year 3



Attendance

EYFS	97.82%
Year 1	96.67%
Year 2	93.33%
Year 3	94.19%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	94.55%
Year 6	99.26%
Whole School	95.01%

The winning class this week was **Year 6** gaining 2 stars in the space race for having the highest attendance. **EYFS** 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	Greg
Year 1	Patsie
Year 2	Stanley
Year 3	Sophia
Year 4	Jolicia
Year 5	Jessica
Year 6	Esme

LATENESS

How much time can you lose?

IN ONE SCHOOL YEAR

5 minutes

late each day



Nursery Star of the Week



Tanaka



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.



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.

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/stpstpprimarypta>



Punctuality

I would like to emphasise the importance of being in school on time as there have been numerous incidents of some families routinely arriving at school after registration or later.

Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of lessons. This means that they are often unsettled and confused about tasks. Additionally, the EYFS and Key Stage 1 pupils do their phonics sessions at this time and are missing out on vital phonics learning.

It is also very important that children establish good routines and habits in preparation for the rest of their lives. Punctuality is a life skill that they need to develop whilst they are young.

High levels of unauthorised absences or poor punctuality can result in a referral to the Educational Welfare Service or other agencies which have a duty to investigate further and could result in legal action being taken against you.

If you are experiencing difficulties with punctuality and would like to talk to us about it, please make an appointment.

Football Tournament

Boys Football Match Report

St Philomena's Catholic Primary School v St Peter and St Paul Catholic Primary School

By Mr. Rowe

PE Lead

On a dank Thursday afternoon, after two false starts due to rain and ice, the SPSP Boys Football team took to the pitch along with some very enthusiastic parents cheering them on from the side-lines. We took on St Philomena's at their school and, with very little training as a unit, the boys did really well – trying to move the ball into space and working hard for each other. Our goalie made some great saves, there were some lovely passages of play and, as the darkness and rain fell, we were awarded a last minute free-kick to equalise, but it was not to be and we lost by 3 goals to 2! Onwards and upwards though, the boys enjoyed the experience and gelled well as a team, so the next school we play better watch out! Weather permitting, the girls' team take to the pitch against St. Philomena's next Thursday - go get them girls!

The Team (in alphabetical order):

- Adebayo (goal scorer)
- Jason
- Joey
- Juan
- Kai
- Logan
- Makai
- Nathan
- Thanos (goal scorer)
- Zahav



PTA Christmas Announcements

Year 4 and Year 5 visited Metro Bank this week as part of Enterprise Week.



Christmas Dates



Tuesday 12th December 2023

9:30am KS2 Nativity (Year 5 and Year 5) – Families and friends welcome



Wednesday 13th December 2023

Christmas Lunch – pupils only

Thursday 14th December

9:30am KS1 Nativity (Year 1 and Year 2) – Families and friends welcome

Friday 15th December 2023

3:00pm Year 3 and Year 4 Caroling Event - Families and friends welcome

Monday 18th December 2023

Class Christmas Parties (suitable party clothes and extra snack)

Tuesday 19th December 2023

EYFS Nativity at 9:45pm – Families and friends welcome

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM



DESIGN A BAUBLE

DECEMBER'S ART CHALLENGE

Your challenge is to design a bauble to hang on the Christmas tree. You can use anything you like to create your design, paint, pencils, coloured paper, pastels or perhaps even create a 3-D design using papier mache, fabric or an old sock!? It's up to you, so get creative!



Hand in your creation to **Mrs Lee**
by **Monday 18th December** 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.

Autumn Term

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.

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 at 9:45pm - Parents/Carers welcome
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	Finish at 2pm
Friday 5 th January 2024	Epiphany Mass Led by Year 4 – 10:45am – Parent/Carers welcome





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>

We will be closing the form on Monday 4th December.

Thank you.

