



St Barnabas' School Newsletter



A message from the Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parents,

First of all, a big thank you to parents for enabling your child to come to school in something red and donating £1 for RED NOSE DAY. We also hope you weren't too 'joked out' after children were set the task of bringing in their favourite joke. We will let you know what we have raised for Comic Relief in next week's newsletter.

Following our brilliant swimming gala results, we have had another fantastic sporting success. Our Basketball team came 3rd in the Tri-Borough Basketball. Well done to the children in Years 5 and 6 who took part - again showing great sportsmanship. Thank you to Miss Bitterman for organising this event.

This week I have had the pleasure of having extra special visits to our Nursery and Reception classes. Both are learning about the lifecycles of different animals. There was a fantastic frog frenzy in Nursery and cheeky chick happenings in Reception. The children are progressing so well and it's always wonderful to see the children so happy in their learning environments. I look forward to further special class visits next week.

Yours sincerely,
Catrin Cunnington

Diary Dates

Monday 18th March—Year 2 Bikeability
 Monday 18th March—Peter Daniel Project in Year 6
 Monday 18th March—Voices Foundation visit to classes
 Monday 18th March—Year 5 visit to Victoria library
 Wednesday 20th March—Year 1 to Eaton Square Gardens
 Wednesday 20th March—Year 5 RIBA Architecture Project.
 Friday 29th March—Mother's Day Service
 Friday 5th April—Easter Egg Hunt
 Friday 5th April—2:00pm Break up for Easter Holidays

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance:

Year 5 - Sloane — 97.3 %
 Year 4 - Knightsbridge — 96.9 %
 Year 6 - Belgravia — 96.2 %
 Reception - Pimlico — 92.0 %
 Year 1 - Chelsea — 91.9 %
 Year 2 - Ebury — 91.1 %
 Nursery - Ranelagh — 87.2 %
 Year 3 - Eccleston — 88.5 %

Punctuality:

Nursery - Ranelagh — 100%
 Reception - Pimlico — 100%
 Year 1 - Chelsea — 100%
 Year 3 - Eccleston — 100%
 Year 5 - Sloane — 100%
 Year 6 - Belgravia — 100%
 Year 4 - Knightsbridge — 98.5 %
 Year 2 - Ebury — 97.9%



Attendance Matters
 ...every school day counts!

Please make sure that your child is on time for school every day, as being late seriously affects their learning. Thank you.



Star of the Week



This week's stars of the week are as follows:

Nursery - Rodina Reception - Sienna Year 1 - Teo Year 2 - Yusra
 Year 3 - Iman Year 4 - Demeter Year 5 - Mirabella Year 6 - Raiyan



Red Nose Day



We all know what a brilliant cause Comic Relief is and today our school community came together, once more, to help contribute to this wonderful charity.



Since 1985, Comic Relief have invested over £1 billion, supporting vulnerable people and communities in the UK and overseas. Through humour and stories of hope, they've shown that people can make a massive difference.



We all wore red, in some way or another, and told as many jokes as we could to provide lots of comic relief! Our contribution may not be the biggest but it's given with the biggest compassion and humility - two of our school's Christian values.



Our donations will go to supporting vulnerable people and communities in the UK and internationally. We share the charity's vision to create a just world free from poverty by funding amazing organisations doing amazing things.



St. Patrick's Day



It is St. Patrick's Day on Sunday, 17th March. Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland and it's said he brought Christianity to the Irish people. The event started as a religious holiday, but over time it's also become a celebration of Irish culture. The most common St Patrick's Day symbol is the shamrock. The shamrock is a leaf from the clover plant. It's a myth that the shamrock can only grow in Ireland - the three-leaf clover grows all over the world!

Selection of Jokes!

Q: Have you heard the secret about the butter?
A: I'm not going to tell you - I don't want it to spread.
(Mohammed in Year 6)

Q: What do you call a broken can opener?
A: A can't opener! (Bayan in Year 4)

Q: What's a rabbit's favourite music?
A: Hip-Hop! (Layla in Year 1)

Q: Where does the Queen keep her armies?
A: Up her sleeves! (Idrees in Nursery)



Year 1's Value Assembly

Well done to Year 1 and Miss Luthra who did a wonderful job of showing us how seeking help is often a good idea, we can't do everything by ourselves. However, we need to remember the way in which to seek/ask for help - with humility.



Maths Workshops

Mrs Cunnington will be leading Maths workshops concentrating on addition and subtraction on **Friday 29th March**. To try to make this available to as many parents as possible Mrs Cunnington is going to run the workshop in the morning and the afternoon, with the morning workshop starting at **9:45am** and the afternoon workshop starting at **1:45pm**.

