



The Shell

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A message from the Headteacher

Diary Dates

Dear parents,

We are an inclusive community here at St Barnabas' and it has been great to see how the many new starters we have had in school this week have integrated into our community so well. Any change is always difficult, especially starting a new school but the feedback from all staff members has been unequivocally positive.

A big thank you to Francis Holland School who invited our Year 5 & 6 students up to their school to watch a live performance of the Tempest. It was very interactive and all the students enjoyed it immensely.

We have a lot of school visits coming up and I want to thank all the parent helpers that volunteer in advance. Without you, these visits would not be able to take place.

Yours faithfully,
Brendan Shanahan

Monday 27th January—Year 2 Bikeability

Monday 27th January—Y5/6 Boys Football

Wednesday 29th January—Year 4 visit to Tate Britain

Wednesday 29th January—Year 5 Swimming

Wednesday 29th January—Reception Class Library Visit

Friday 31st January—Y6 LDBS Service at St Paul's Cathedral

Friday 31st—Reception Class Vision screening test

Monday 3rd January—Girls Football Competition

Monday 3rd January—Year 3 Learning Visit—Science Museum

Monday 3rd January—Year 4 Victoria Library Visit

Friday 14th February—Last day of half term

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance: Well done to Belgravia who scored 98.3%

Year 6 — Belgravia — 98.3%
Year 2 - Ebury — 97.6%
Year 5 - Sloane — 97.4%
Year 1 — Chelsea — 96.2%
Year 5 —Knightsbridge—90%
Nursery - Ranelagh — 90%
Reception - Pimlico — 90%
Year 4 - Eccleston — 89.4%

Punctuality:

Year 1 - Chelsea — 94.8%
Reception - Pimlico — 94%
Year 2 - Ebury — 93.5%
Year 6 - Belgravia — 100%
Year 3 - Knightsbridge — 98.8%
Year 5 - Sloane — 96.7%
Nursery - Ranelagh — 95%
Year 4 - Eccleston — 93.1%



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— Alexander Reception— Hudson Year 1— Jenayd Year 2 — Charlotte
Year 3 — Tyanna Year 4 — Iman Year 5 — Amy Year 6 — Abubakir



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New School Phone Number

We have successfully installed our new phone system in school. We are going to start using it from next Monday which means our new number, **0207 186 0152**, will be able to be used for incoming and outgoing calls. We will also continue to use our old number next week. This is to ensure a smooth transition, giving our community time to make the change. It will also mean that if for any reason the new number is not working, the old one will still be available.

If next week goes well, the old number will not be in use from Monday 3rd February. It will have a message on it which informs callers of our new number.

Year 6 at Westminster Archives

Yesterday, Year 6 was lucky enough to meet Paul Canoville, the first black Chelsea player. He explained to us how his mother came to England on the Windrush to become a nurse. He described some of the racist abuse he suffered as a Chelsea player and how he overcame it. His presentation was extremely inspiring! While we were there, we also got to go into the archive rooms and look where all the artefacts from Westminster are kept. We even saw some photos of our houses straight after they were destroyed by bombs in the Second World War. It was interesting to see the extent of the damage and how they have been rebuilt.



Year 3 Archaeology In School

Year 3 had a visit from a real-life archaeologist this week. Sarah works at UCL and kindly brought five precious objects from 500BC for the children to study as part of their Ancient Greece topic.



After learning how to handle the delicate objects, the children were invited to work in groups, answering questions about each piece's look, feel, material, and design before predicting what it may have been used for. Sarah revealed the stories behind each of the items which gave us clues about how the people of Ancient Greece lived, including their food and drink choices, their alphabet and even some links to the Olympics!

