



St Barnabas' School Newsletter



A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It is great to see so many of you every morning and evening on the playground. If you ever do want to clarify anything or speak to me, or Mrs Cunningham, we will always try to be available.

Communication is key and on that subject we have sent out the survey about school dinners again as we want to get comprehensive feedback from as many families as possible, apologies if you are asked to fill it in again, if they are handed in to class teachers, the teachers will then note down everyone who has returned them.

It has been a really positive term academically, with internal and external observations of teaching showing real progress, which is then reflected in the outcomes for children. As the days get longer and the weather brightens we will continue to push so that this momentum is not lost and we strive to ensure that every child at St Barnabas' is given every opportunity to reach their potential.

Yours sincerely,
Brendan Shanahan

Diary Dates

Wednesday 13th February—GBR

Thursday 14th February—9:00am—Year 6
Class Assembly

Friday 15th February— 2:45pm—Celebration
Assembly

Friday 15th February—Break up for half term

HALF-TERM 18th - 22nd February

Monday 25th February — Return to school.

Monday 25th February — Oral Health Work-
shop for EYFS

Wednesday 27th February—Year 4 Swimming

Thursday 28th February—Year 4/5/6 Swim-
ming Gala

Wednesday 6th March—Parents' Evening

Thursday 7th March—Parents' Evening

Friday 5th April—2:00pm Break up for Easter
Holidays

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance:

Congratulations to **Sloane**, who topped the table with
100%.

Reception - Pimlico —100%
Year 1—Chelsea—100%
Year 6—Belgravia — 100%
Year 5 - Sloane —98.3%
Year 4 - Knightsbridge — 96.2%
Year 3 - Eccleston —92%
Year 2 - Ebury —88.3%
Nursery—Ranelagh—86.2%

Punctuality:

Reception - Pimlico —99%
Year 4 - Knightsbridge — 98%
Year 6 —Belgravia —98.6
Year 5 - Sloane — 98.2%
Year 1 - Chelsea — 98%
Nursery - Ranelagh — 97.4%
Year 2 - Ebury — 97.2%
Year 3 - Eccleston — 97.7%



**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 - Ibrahim **Reception** - Tamara **Year 1** - Rama **Year 2** - Kia
Year 3 - Jamal **Year 4** - Genis **Year 5** - Henrietta **Year 6** - Montasir



London Music Masters Composition Workshop

The children worked with 3 musicians to create a composition piece about the Vikings. It was a whole day devoted to composition which is a tall order for Y3 and the musicians were very impressed with the children's focus.



The children selected 4 areas to focus on- battle, travellers, King Alfred and hunting. From this they composed dance, songs and musical pieces to reflect their ideas. The violinists then performed in front of parent (s), Year 3, Year 2 and Year 1, even teaching them the Viking song.



Student Teacher Update

We are going to have a new face around school for the next three weeks as we have a student teacher, completing her PGCE, who is going to be working with Miss Bittermann in Year 3. Both parties gain from this as Miss Bittermann will get another adult working with her class and the student, Elizabeth Bartlett, will be able to learn a huge amount from the excellent teaching methods and robust systems Miss Bittermann uses in her class.

Nursery Building Update

Unfortunately the Church Hall is not going to be finished on schedule. All the main body of work is done but we are waiting for two parts from a supplier to finish it off completely. This means our proposed move in date in the first week back after half term will be delayed. We will keep you informed of any other developments as soon as we know about them. The delay should be a matter of weeks, not months.