



St Barnabas' School Newsletter



A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after half term. I hope you all enjoyed the holiday and the recent spell of good weather. It has been a good first week back in school and I was delighted to report to governors about the progress of the children being made in every class.

We have many events planned for this term culminating in an Easter Egg Hunt and lunch at Belgrave Square on the last day of term. Weather permitting, it should be a great chance for our school community to come together to eat together and reward the children for their hard work this half term. We will give you more information nearer the time but I wanted to make everyone aware as soon as possible that the event was happening.

Finally, I would like to wish the Year 6 families and children good luck with their secondary school choices, which will be released at 5pm, and remind everyone that the main driver of academic achievement will always be the attitude and commitment of the student, regardless of which school they attend.

Yours sincerely,

Brendan Shanahan

Diary Dates

Monday 4th March—Bikeability—Year 3
 Monday 4th March—Years 1&2 Victoria Library Visit
 Tuesday 5th March—Shrove Tuesday
 Wednesday 6th March—Ash Wednesday—Lent begins
 Wednesday 6th March—WE Day—Year 5
 Wednesday 6th March—Year 4 Swimming
 Wednesday 6th March—Parents' Evening
 Thursday 7th March—World Book Day
 Thursday 7th March—Parents' Evening
 Friday 8th March—2:45—Celebration Assembly
 Monday 11th March—Year 4—Bikeability
 Friday 15th March—Comic Relief
 Friday 5th April—Easter Egg Hunt
 Friday 5th April—2:00pm Break up for Easter

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance:

Year 6 - Belgravia —98.1%
 Year 4— Knightsbridge—97.7%
 Year 5 — Sloane — 97.5%
 Year 2 - Ebury —96.8%
 Year 3 - Eccleston — 96.5%
 Reception - Pimlico —93.3%
 Year 1 - Chelsea —92.9 %
 Nursery — Ranelagh—88.3%

Punctuality:

Year 5 - Sloane — 100%
 Reception - Pimlico —100%
 Year 6 - Belgravia — 98.5%
 Nursery —Ranelagh —98.4
 Year 4 - Knightsbridge — 98.2%
 Year 2 - Ebury — 97.7%
 Year 1 - Chelsea — 96%
 Year 3 - Eccleston — 95.5%



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:

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 Year 3 - Nour Year 4 - Tilly-Rose Year 5 - Jeraicei Year 6 - Noor

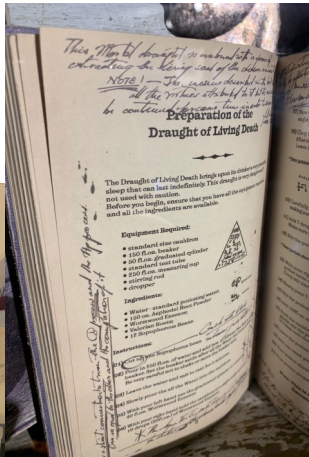


House of MinaLima

Last Tuesday, some members of Year 6 visited the house of MinaLima in Soho. The house is a collection of the artwork and props made for all the Harry Potter films. It is an amazing collection of materials for any fan of the books and is completely free to enter.



Thank you to Mrs Cunnington for organising the visit.



Swimming Gala

Yesterday, Miss Bittermann and Mrs Colburn took our squad of swimmers to compete in the annual swimming gala at Queen Mother Sports Centre.

I am delighted to report that we came home with seven medals, including 4 golds! Well done to every member of the squad, it sounds like a great event and you should all be proud of your performances. Thank you to all the parents who helped us and supported the team throughout.

The team was: Leon, Henry, Nana, Montasir, Jesus, Jay, Nathan, Emma, Mirabella, Elsa, Henrietta, Leona, Mari & Tilly-Rose.

Nursery—Church Hall

The Church Hall refurbishment is now finished but there has been an issue with the boiler and the central heating, which is causing a delay.

Our Nursery children have been across to the new facility to use it and get used to being there but we will still be officially based in the current setting until the Church and Grosvenor (the landowners) reach an agreement about the installation of a new boiler.

Fr John is keeping us well informed and we hope for a quick resolution. As soon as the boiler is installed and we have central heating we will move across officially