



St Barnabas' School Newsletter



A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

On Thursday I attended the memorial service for Saba Almedom in North London. It was a beautiful ceremony and I have never seen so many people at a funeral before, which is testament to the kind, caring nature of Saba.

Having spoken to Fr John we are going to hold a brief service ourselves at 3:10 next Friday in the church.

Choir events are also starting to come thick and fast. Miss Dolan will be sending out a letter with all the performances next week. There are a lot and it is something we will look at next year, after getting your feedback too, before committing to events next year.

Please do support us wherever possible as the act of performing in front of people is something that is valuable in later life and the children always love to see familiar faces when they look out.

Brendan Shanahan

Diary Dates

Monday 19th November—Year 3 Tower of London Learning Visit

Tuesday 20th November—Year 5 & 6 Library Visit

Wednesday 21st November—Year 5 & 6 Swimming

Friday 23rd November—Thanksgiving for Saba

Monday 26th November 10:00—12:00—Open Morning for prospective parents

Sunday 2nd December—Choir—Elizabeth Street Market

Friday 7th December—the very first

St Barnabas' Christmas Market for all

Tuesday 18th December—KS2 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 19th December—EYFS&KS1 Christmas Performance

Friday 21st December—2:30pm End of Autumn Term

Tuesday 8th January 2019—Spring term starts

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance:

Congratulations to **Eccleston class** who topped the table with **98.5%**.

Year 3 - Eccleston — 98.5%

Year 5 - Sloane — 98.2%

Year 6 - Belgravia — 97.6%

Year 4 - Knightsbridge — 97.1%

Reception - Pimlico — 96%

Year 2 - Ebury — 95.6%

Year 1 - Chelsea — 92.5%

Nursery— Ranelagh— 89.1%

Punctuality:

Year 5 — Sloane — 98.2%

Reception - Pimlico — 98%

Year 3 - Eccleston — 97%

Year 1 - Chelsea — 96.9%

Year 6 - Belgravia — 96.7%

Year 4 - Knightsbridge — 95%

Year 2 - Ebury — 94.4%

Nursery - Ranelagh — 89%



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 - Zain Reception - Samaa Year 1 - Abubakir Year 2 - Yasmina

Year 3 - Raquel Year 4 - Joseph Year 5 - Fahad Year 6 - Samuel



Travelling Books

From Monday next week we will be selling books from The Travelling Book Company in the school hall. We believe that reading is crucial to development in children and encourage as many parents/carers as possible to buy literature for their child and celebrate the importance of reading. This event also helps the school as we get to stock up our library depending on the amount of books we sell.

The very best
children's books



Reading Workshop

On Wednesday there was the first session of our reading workshop led by Westminster Education Service. The workshop compliments our whole school focus of Reading as a priority. The workshop centres on:

- How to effectively read with children
- How to develop communication and language skills with children

Next week the content of the course will be looking at:

- Make a pop-up card**
- Create a zig zag book**
- Linking maths to story and to bath time**

The classes will continue to run on *Wednesdays from 9:15 to 11:15 in the school hall for three weeks*. If **ANY** parent is interested we will be able to accommodate you as the skills being taught are applicable to any age. It would be lovely to see more parents attend.

Growth Mindset

We are embracing a growth mindset across the whole school in order to bolster motivation, confidence and achievement for all.

We are focusing on the following three areas for this year

- Resilience
- Perseverance
- Challenge

We will go into more detail about each aspect in the coming weeks and terms.

