



St Barnabas' School Newsletter



A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy week here at St Barnabas' with the release of KS2 Results, parents' evenings, class learning visits, interviews and open mornings.

It has also been a successful one as the results and Nursery staffing updates overleaf and attendance at open mornings show.

The staffing update also informs you of changes to the structure of the office for next year.

Celia McDuell, our Business Manager, has agreed, with great sadness, to take early retirement due to the post being made redundant. I would personally like to thank her for all the support and care she has given the community here at St Barnabas' and all the hard work and effort she has put into the development of the school. She will be missed and we all wish her well for the future.

We also have Sports Day to look forward to next week, a personal favourite of mine. The forecast is sunshine so don't forget sunscreen.

Yours sincerely,

Brendan Shanahan

Diary Dates

Monday 15th July — **Year 5 to Year 6 Expectations Meeting at 2:45pm (all current Year 5 parents to attend)**

Wednesday 17th July—2:00pm **Year 6 performance—All welcome.**

Friday 19th July - 8:30am — **Sports Day**

Tuesday 23rd July - 9am — **Thanksgiving Assembly (all are most welcome to celebrate and give thanks for this year)**

Tuesday 23rd July - 2:00 pm — **Last day of the Summer Term and academic year**

Wednesday 4th September—**First day of the Autumn Term for students.**

Head Lice

Can all parents please be vigilant and check for head lice and treat them. We have had an incident reported in school and as we all know early treatment helps to stop them spreading further. Thank you.

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance: well done to Reception and Year 1 for 100% attendance!

Year 5 - Sloane — 100%
Year 3—Knightsbridge—100%
Year 4 - Eccleston — 98.9%
Year 1—Pimlico—98.3
Year 1 - Chelsea — 97.5%
Year 6 - Belgravia— 96.6%
Year 2 - Ebury — 95.3
Nursery - Ranelagh — 89.8%

Punctuality:

Year 5 - Sloane — 100%
Year 3 - Knightsbridge — 98.3%
Year 2 - Ebury — 97.2%
Year 1 - Chelsea — 97%
Year 4 - Eccleston — 96.2%
Reception - Pimlico — 95%
Nursery - Ranelagh — 94.4%
Year 6 - Belgravia — 93.2%



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— George Reception— Dina Year 1— Teo Year 2 - Celia
Year 3 - Raquel Year 4—Ahmed Year 5— Asad Year 6—Maham



Key Stage 2 Results

On Tuesday we received our KS2 SAT Exam Results. We were delighted with the grades that the children worked so hard for over the last academic year and throughout their time at St Barnabas'. As a school we improved upon our results from last year in every area and are also above the national average in every area.

This is great news for the school and I would like to thank Miss Dolan, Mrs Faith, Mrs Cunnington and all the teachers who have helped to secure these positive outcomes for our students, especially in reading and maths where results rose by 23% in each subject.

Our GPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) results continue to be very high, this is due to not only excellent teaching but also the grammatical structures learned during Latin with Dr Smith-Laing.

Subject	School 2018	School 2019	National 2019
Reading	61%	84%	73%
Writing	83%	84%	78%
Maths	72%	95%	79%
R/W/M Combined	56%	68%	65%
GPS	95%	100%	78%

Staffing

It is with great sadness that I inform you that our School Business Manager, Celia McDuell, is taking early retirement at the end of August due to the budget constraints that our school is under. Celia has been instrumental in developing relationships with parents and in the opening of our new nursery in the church hall building. There will be a collection with Mrs Colburn at the gate for any parents who want to contribute to a leaving gift for Celia.

Mrs Colburn will cover the office in September as the governors and I look at how the office will be structured in next academic year.

I can also announce that we have taken on two teachers for our Nursery Class next year. Ms O'Neil is a very experienced Nursery teacher who is returning to the country after teaching abroad and Miss Pellow will be teaching alongside her. Mrs Figulio will continue to work in our Nursery Class alongside other support staff and volunteers.

LMM Violin Concert & Voices Foundation Assembly

Thank you to all the parents that came to our Violin Concert and Voices Foundation Assembly. All the children performed amazingly well and the progression in skills is obvious to see.



Thank you also to all the staff at London Music Masters and The Voices Foundation for all the work they do in making the curriculum at St Barnabas' strong and successful across all areas.

