



St Peter's and St Gildas'

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Headteacher's Message

Another lovely week at school, the Year 1 children looked amazing for their Victorian day on Monday - I hope you saw their photos on Twitter/Instagram. Unfortunately their visiting Victorian teacher was unwell so Miss White and Miss Ormonde had to step up and managed to create a strict Victorian classroom complete with cane and dunces hat! We hope to rearrange another day with the teacher/actor soon...another chance to wear those outfits! All the children enjoyed welcoming the Year of the Tiger with a delicious Chinese themed lunch on Tuesday... . The children have talked about the Lunar New Year celebrations continuing for two weeks and ending with a Lantern festival for the full moon. Tuesday also marked Candlemass- The celebration of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, the absolute end of the Christmas season, time is passing so quickly we turn our thoughts very soon to the beginning of the season of Lent and the journey towards Easter.

Next week we have a few highlights: It is Children's Mental health week, feelings and emotional well being will be a discussion topic in every class, and we will have a virtual assembly focusing on Kindness, Growth and Resilience. There is a poster attached called 'Be a star of your emotions' good advice for all of us if we are feeling anxious, no matter what age . There are lots of resources and information available to Parents, Place2Be has a Parents and Carers section please see:

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/news/children-s-mental-health-week-2022-resources-available-now/>

Tuesday 8th is Safer Internet Day, all classes will be marking the day with work on the many aspects of safety in our digital world. There are lots of resources for parents, see page 2 for more information.

On Thursday we are very lucky to welcome Teddy Keen a local adventurer and compiler of two lovely books. He is coming to school to give a workshop to Years 5 & 6, he will tell them all about his adventures in the Amazon and the strange discovery of a chest full of manuscripts and illustrations which led to the production of his books, find out more at the following link. <http://www.theunknownadventurer.com>

You were sent some information this week about events that Haringey are facilitating in the half term holiday, please take the time to look through the information as lots of the activities need to be pre-booked.

Have a lovely weekend
Miss Robertson

Attendance

As we near the mid-point of the school year, we have been looking at current attendance and punctuality and as a result we are going to be having a real drive to ensure that children are in school everyday (Covid and general illness permitting) and on time.

When pupils have high levels of absence they miss out on vital learning opportunities and persistent lateness disrupts the learning for the rest of the class. Letters are going out today to those with high levels of absence and lateness and we will be monitoring all pupil's attendance going forward.

Best wishes
Mrs O'Brien



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Safer
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8 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

Safer Internet Day 2022 is on Tuesday 8th February! Safer Internet Day is coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre. It is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.

This year's theme is '**All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online**'. From gaming and chat, to streaming and video, young people are shaping the interactive entertainment spaces they are a part of. Safer Internet Day 2022 celebrates young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers.

We will be marking this day with the children at school and will have lots of fun activities to celebrate the day. The link below has some top tips that have been written for parents and carers, to share and talk about with children, at home. Please feel free to explore these resources.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/top-tips-for-under-11s>



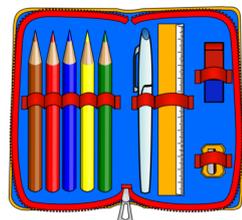
Parent Zone is also hosting a free 30 - minute virtual Safer Internet Day event on YouTube on Tuesday 8th February at 4.30pm – exploring everything parents need to know about supporting their child's online gaming. Their expert trainer Sophie will cover which games may be suitable, effective boundaries, and what to do if they are worried about excessive gaming. There's no need to register: to join, they simply click this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4keZKmxIUSA>

Pencil Cases

Please make sure that your child has a fully stocked pencil case at school, including handwriting pens (Y3-Y6), white board pens, pencils and glue sticks.

Remember handwriting pens, white board markers and glue sticks can all be purchased on ParentPay (Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6) or through the school office (Y1 & Y2).





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This week's highlights



Chestnut class made noodles for Chinese New Year



Year 1 had fun playing the role as Victorian school children for the day! They learnt maths using an abacus and even been taught about the cane and the strict punishment that school children in the olden days came across!



4C have been exploring fractions this week. Our focus has been exploring equivalent fractions.



This week 3P have been working on multiplying 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers. We have been using place value counters to help us.



In Science, Ash Class have been learning about materials and their properties.



We celebrated Chinese New Year in 4P this week with these funky tigers. We used coloured flow markers and instructions from "Draw with Rob".



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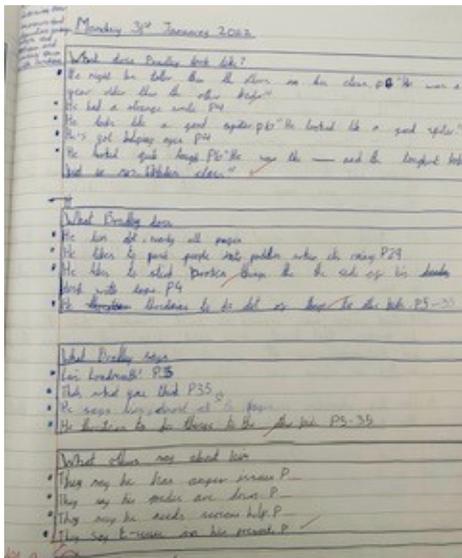
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We have been loving our new class novel "There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom" and have enjoyed discussing the interesting characters!

This week, 5A have rolled up their sleeves to grapple with fractions and they have been amazing! We've also been focusing on friendships and completed these 'hands of friendship' for our class display.



We've been a small team this week in 6F, however, the children approached the week with their usual tenacity and have produced some fantastic work.



6W have been writing mood poetry linked to our class text, 'Varmints'. Final edits are due this afternoon!



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Dates for the Diary:

Fri 11th Feb: End of Term

Mon 21st Feb: Inset Day - School closed to all pupils

Tues 22nd Feb: Spring Term 2 starts

Thurs 24th Feb: Sword in the Stone - Theatre production at St Gildas'

Fri 25th Feb: Sword in the Stone - Theatre production at St Peter's



Our Schools on Social Media

Please follow us, like and share our posts.

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This week's birthdays:

**Dominic (Y1), Roveena (Y5), Charlotte (Y6)
& Dominik (Y6)**



Wishing our birthday children a very Happy Birthday!

AWARDS - ST PETER'S



Chestnut - Ruby & Alex

Beech - Isabel & Jasmine

Ash - Ava & Micah

AWARDS - ST GILDAS'



3P - Matthias & Isleah

4C - Donovan & Harry

4P - Christopher & Maci

5A - Conor & Maria

5S - Jevaun & Milo

6F - Charlie & Maya

6W - Sam & Sophia