

St Peter's & St Gildas' Weekly Newsletter

29th September 2023

Message from Mr O'Shannessy

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another wonderful week at school. Last week we had children visiting the library and completing their cycling proficiency. This week the exciting learning has continued with a second group of children completing their level 2 cycling proficiency

The Year 5 and 6 boys played well in their first football tournament of the year. The tournament started well with the team taking the lead in the first three games, however unfortunately we were not able to hold on and drew each match. Then we were confronted by tougher opposition in the second part of the day and lost our remaining 4 matches. Regardless of the result the boys represented the school well and we look forward to more competitions in the future.

On Friday girls from Year 5/6 represented St Peter and St Gildas' in a football tournament, at St Thomas Moore Secondary school. They ended second in the group with 4 wins, 2 losses and 1 draw and finally being knocked out on penalties. Mr O will message Mrs O'Brien this weekend with bragging rights as the girls defeated St Michael's Highgate their new school. Thank you to Chris and Craig, Mrs Bligh and all the parents who support the football teams.

This **Saturday 8:00am to 12:00pm** any parents or carers who have some time to volunteer, there will be a 'working event' at St Peter's to paint and sand benches, cut back hedges and complete a general tidy up. Next week we will move to St Gildas'. Unfortunately children will not be able to attend due to the work we will be doing. Please don't worry if you cannot attend this week as we will have more working events throughout the year.

Coming soon...we are delighted that we will have a new after school activity starting soon. A Karate class will be held at St Gildas' on a Monday 3:15 - 4:15pm for those children in KS2. Please email the office admin@st-gildas.haringey.sch.uk to register your interest and to receive further information.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr O'Shannessy

A Message from the Chair of Governors

At the recent meeting of the Governing Body I was elected as the new Chair of Governors and Anna Alger was elected Vice Chair. We are both honoured and excited about our new roles and will do all we can to help Mr O'Shannessy and the staff to move our school forward.

I would like to express my thanks to the outgoing Chair, Brid Daly and the Vice Chair, Joe Hall. They have done tremendous work during the challenging times of Covid and the process leading to the Federation of our two schools. Although stepping down from their posts, they will remain on the Governing Body and will continue to support the school.

My background is that I have thirty years' experience as headteacher of Catholic primary schools. I also served as a Primary School Advisor to the Diocese of Brentwood.

I have a passion for primary education and look forward to working with all stakeholders at our schools. Some parents may recognise my name as I have been working with our Chaplaincy Team over the past year.

My professional motto has always been "Onwards and Upwards" and this remains my guiding principle at St Peter's and St Gildas'.

Kind Regards

Frances Booker

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Reception have been learning the nursery rhyme Jack and Jill. They decorated their own Jack and Jill characters, and painted some pails of water.



Year 1 have been learning and exploring their sense of smell, this week. They had fun playing a 'Guess the smell' game and making their own lavender smelly bags.



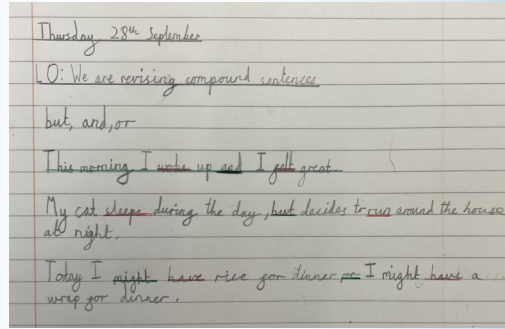
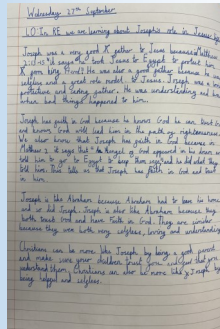
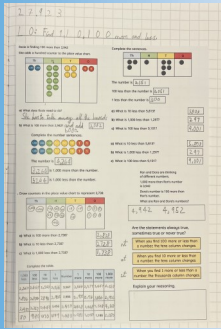
Year 2 have been very busy doing lots of work inspired by the book 'Dear Daddy'. Come and see their stories, letters and art work which are displayed in the classroom.



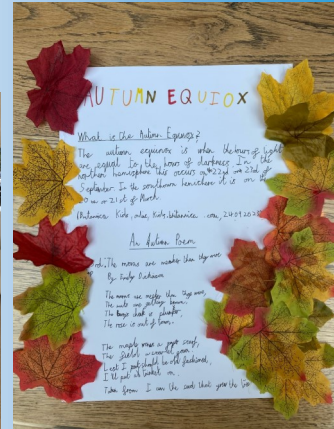
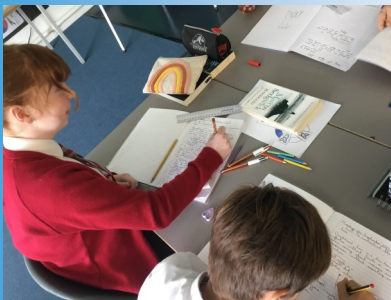
Year 3 have been working together on creating a sequence of movements together.

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This week in Year 4 has been another eventful one, filled with activities and learning. We have been continuing our learning into Jesus' family tree, finding out about Joseph and how he was a good father. Our work into our understanding of numbers up to 10,000 has been stellar too, and we finished off the week revising compound sentences, by knowing how to both write them and how to explain them.



This week in 60, we have continued our Shakespeare unit – moving on to look at the plot of Macbeth, acting out scenes using the playscript and giving our opinions on who we think is at fault for the events that take place. We have also continued our new RE topic, Loving - focusing on developing our understanding of “unconditional love” and how we can show this through our daily actions. In computing, we have started our Internet Communications unit, looking at different search engines and how to refine searches to get the most accurate and relevant results.

It's been another busy week in Year 5. Here we are making models of the Earth, Sun and Moon as part of our Science lesson and one of the fabulous posters that were made for homework about the Autumn Equinox.



WOW! Another busy week in 6M.

As a class we continued exploring the works of Shakespeare and studied the tragedy of Macbeth. Alongside that, some students have participated in Cycle Confident a boys football tournament and a girls football tournament. Oh and no time for rest when there is fun to be had as Mr.O joined us for an exciting game of Four Square! Guess who won?!?

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A big thank you to the **Cycle Confident** Team who delivered the cycling training to Y5 & Y6 over the past 2 weeks. It was well attended and the children really enjoyed it and learned some very valuable skills along the way!



Well done to both the boys and girls football teams who gave it their best shot. Fantastic teamwork and comradery, unfortunately the penalty shoot out went against us!

We have signed up to the Haringey schools sporting programme so we will have plenty more opportunities to showcase our sporting skill!



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GOLD AWARDS

EYFS- Sebastian & Jesiah

Year 1- Melonay & Freddie

Year 2 - Evie & Ethan

Year 3 - Aamiya & Jacob

Year 4 - Chiara & Nolan

Year 5 - Aarya & Jack

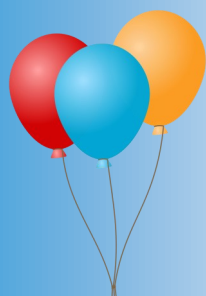
Year 6M - Aoife & Noah

Year 6O - Finnley & Shakai



Weekly Attendance

97.2%	Whole School attendance
100%	Congratulations to Reception for achieving first place with their attendance
99.04%	Well done to Year 4 who came second



This week's birthdays
Archie (Y3) & Nylah (Y4)

Wishing our birthday children a very Happy Birthday!

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 2nd Oct: Theatre Workshops. Rec - Y3

Wed 4th Oct: School Tours. Prospective Parents. 9.30am St Peter's.

Fri 6th Oct: Y5 & Y6 Mixed - Haringey 6 a side Football Tournament. New River Stadium.

Fri 6th Oct: Whole School Awards Assembly - 2.30pm St Gildas' Hall. All welcome.

Wed 11th Oct: The Friends' AGM 6.30pm St Peter's Hall.

Fri 25th Oct: Break Up Half Term

Tues 31st Oct: Secondary School Transfer Deadline

First Communion

Parents of children in Year 3 or above wishing to make their first Holy Communion next year please collect a First Communion Form and return it to Fr David by October 1st.



200 Club July Winners

- 1st - May Doyle £300
- 2nd - John Moule & Clare McEvoy £50
- 3rd - Ingrid Pilkington-Wright £50
- 4th - Jennifer Buchannan £50

200 Club August Winners

- 1st - John McGlynn £300
- 2nd - Lisa Flowers £50
- 3rd - Sarah Bolton £50
- 4th - Bryan Connor £50

Congratulations to all our winners!

If you would like a chance to win a cash prize and support our schools, please contact the office for an application form.