

St Peter's & St Gildas' Weekly Newsletter

19th July 2024

Message from Mr O'Shannessy

Wow, what a busy week with so many things to celebrate!



Sports Day

Firstly, a huge thanks to everyone for participating in Sports Day. The children had an amazing time and the photos suggest that the parents and teachers did too!

Congratulations to **FINSBURY** who were the overall winners on the day. Fantastic team effort! We will be holding another sports day in the first half term to welcome everyone back and to welcome new families. It's a perfect opportunity to bring our whole community together and hopefully to introduce a few new events!



St Peter's and St Gildas' Mini Ballers FC

Another success has been the introduction of Mini Ballers FC for 2-4 years olds. It has been attended by some of our current and new Reception children, who have been having lots of fun developing their football skills! This will continue next term Saturday mornings 9:30am - 10:15am.

Year 5

This week Year 5 were working with our ICT support provider, Turn IT on. Mr Black took the children on a journey through programming in the first session. The second session had the children using an AI generated programme to produce illustrations from written descriptions. Absolutely amazing!



Year 6 Performance



The year 6 production of Lion King was nothing short of a masterpiece of acting and singing. The performance concluded to rapturous applause and a standing ovation. Congratulations to all the children and staff involved. I think some of year 6 are destined for the red carpet. Thanks to all those that attended and for your generous contributions. A special thank you to Karen Kiely who supported the children and staff to produce a performance that took our breath away. All the money raised will go to The Noah's Ark Children's Hospice in Barnet.

Working Bee

A massive **thank you** to all the parents that have come to help with the *Working Bees* over the past month. The main focus has been moving from St Peter's to St Gildas'. Volunteering your time on the weekend is much appreciated by the staff and children. We will have our final working bee on Saturday 20th July starting 10:15am and finishing 1:00pm. All adult volunteers will be welcome. We will be doing anything and everything from gardening, painting, DIY and some good old-fashioned lifting and carrying. Hopefully see you on Saturday.



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Monday 22nd July 9:30am the whole school will be attending Mass at the parish church to celebrate the progress we have made throughout the year. Our focus will be on our year six class who will be graduating to secondary school. All parent and carers are invited to join us at the end of year Mass.

Exciting New projects for September

We are working to make our school the best it can be for our pupils and so will be introducing projects to extend their skills, knowledge and confidence! We will begin in September with an engineering project where we will be building 'racing cars'! Some of you may have already noticed our first model in St Gildas' hall. If not come in and take a look!

Karate

Karate has also made a huge impact. Ashraf's assembly for the children was really inspiring. He demonstrated discipline, strength and positivity and so we intend to include more regular sessions with him as part of our PE curriculum. We will have an afterschool Karate club on Tuesday beginning in September. For children in year 6 we will also be hosting a Karate club on Friday afternoon from 5:00pm – 6:00pm for secondary school age children.

We aim to prepare our pupils for the future and as that future is constantly changing our best approach is to provide opportunities for our children to develop resilience and adaptability. We want them to be confident to take on challenges. Next year will therefore include more STEM, Computer Science and Film and Media projects! We hope to have a film making club next year as part of the schools extended provision. And as always as much sport as possible!

Finally, I wish everyone a happy and safe summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September. For our year six cohort and others who are moving on to different schools we pray God will bless you and keep you safe. We will be waiting with a welcome and a smile for you if you have an opportunity to visit us again in the future.

Thank you for all the support you have given our school this year.

Mr O'Shannessy



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Message to Year 6

Dear Super Stars,

What an amazing performance you gave last night, I was spell-bound throughout. The entire evening was yours, you behaved impeccably as you awaited your audience to settle, looking very much like actors!

As the story unfolded your captivating performances held the audience completely, everyone played their part with great talent and humour. I loved the singing and the various dance moves were just brilliant. One of the great strengths was the amazing team work and support for each other, how you have grown as a class. A special mention goes to the staff and parents who supported you so well, not only last night but throughout your time at St Peter's and St Gildas'.

The Circle of Life is now taking you to a new chapter and you are more than ready to go, taking your gifts and talents, your personalities and your qualities to enrich a new school community.

It has been lovely to know you. I wish each of you every happiness and success and thank you for your kindness in welcoming me into the school community.

Onwards and Upwards
Frances Booker

Working Group Update

Firstly a big thank you to everyone who was able to join the meeting on Wednesday, the enthusiasm and creativity was amazing.

A Taster of what is to come!

We are all looking forward to being on the one site in September, it marks a new chapter, a new beginning. We will need your support as parents to make our school more widely know in the area, our publicity campaign will include distributing posters to local play-groups, community notice boards, libraries and nurseries.

We would love to hear from you if you have a particular skill that you would like to share with others, it would be wonderful to be able to offer a range of gatherings ,where skills can be shared and friendships forged.

Please send any ideas to admin@st-gildas.haringey.sch.uk

We discussed how we can improve our Open Mornings, and reach out more to the local community and beyond.

A full plan will be sent to all parents / carers in week one of the new term.

Kind regards, Anna and Frances



Little Recyclers

Thank you to all who dropped off bags to be recycled. This is an easy way to raise funds for school and also helps avoid waste going to landfill. There will be collections in the Autumn term.

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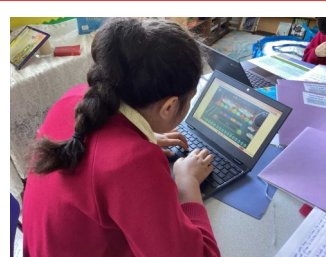
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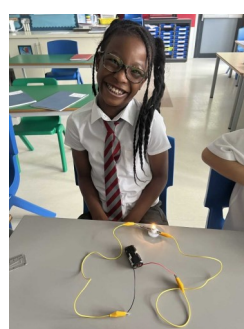
Reception and year 1 were delighted to find pea pods on the pea plants they have been growing. They can't wait to taste them!



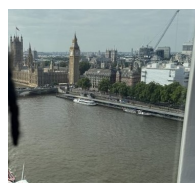
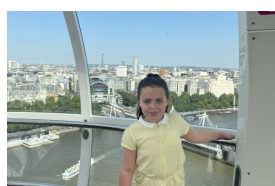
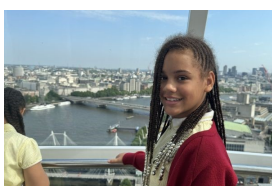
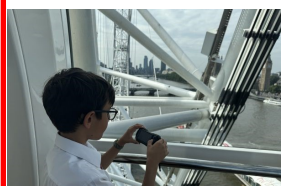
Year 2 worked with Year 3 to present their production of Tattybogle to parents and carers on Monday.



This week, Year 3 have been working on their typing skills. They have really enjoyed improving their skills and feel more confident in using typing in other areas of the curriculum.



Year 4 had a great day learning about electricity, building circuits, and investigating which materials are conductors or insulators of electricity.



Y5 enjoyed a visit to the London Eye. We were inspired to visit this popular tourist attraction by Siobhan Dowd's gripping detective story- The London Eye Mystery, which we have been reading as part of our English lessons. We had a great time riding the 'Eye' and picnicking in Jubilee Park on the South Bank. The weather was stunning and London looked fantastic! We were even able to spot our beloved 'Ally Pally' in the distance! Looking at the breath-taking views over our beautiful city made us feel incredibly proud and privileged to be able to live in London. It was a super day.

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Fri 19th July: Karate Taster Session 5-6pm at STG via office

Sat 20th July: Mini Ballers FC. 9.30 -10.15 at STG via office

Sat 20th July: Parents working group 10.15 –12pm St Gildas'. All help welcome.

Mon 22nd July: End of Term Mass 9.30am at St Peter's Church. All Welcome.

Tues 23rd July: Transition morning. Meet new teacher.

Tues 23rd July: Class Parties. Non-uniform Day

Wed 24th July: End of Term. 2pm dismissal

Mon 2nd Sept: Inset Day. School closed to pupils

Tues 3rd Sept: Inset Day. School closed to pupils

Wed 4th Sept: Autumn Term begins

School Attendance



Whole School Attendance 93.1%

Congratulations to Year 5

for achieving first place with 99.1% attendance

Well done to Year 6

who came second with 95.8%



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



This week's & holiday Birthdays

**Sofia (Y1), Grace (Rec), Oren (Y3), Santiago (Y3), Aiyarrah (Y6), Jasmine (Y3),
Luca (Y6), Naylah (Y5), Amelia (Y3), Paris (Y5), Anna (Y6) & Levi (Y5)**

Wishing our birthday children a very Happy Birthday!

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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

First Half	Monday 2 nd September 2024	Friday 25 th October 2024
Half Term	Monday 28 th October 2024	Friday 1 st November 2024
Second Half	Monday 4 th November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024

SPRING TERM 2025

First Half	Monday 6 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025
Half Term	Monday 17 th February 2025	Friday 21 st February 2025
Second Half	Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025

SUMMER TERM 2025

First Half	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025
Half Term	Monday 26 th May 2025	Friday 30 th May 2025
Second Half	Monday 2 nd June 2025	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025

Teacher Training Days (5 in total) – School closed to pupils

Monday 2nd September 2024
Tuesday 3rd September 2024
3 more days to be confirmed

Bank Holidays – School closed

Monday 5th May 2025

School will close at 2.00pm on 20th December 2024, 4th April 2025 and 22nd July 2025.