

Newsletter

# St Catherine's

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## Thanksgiving Mass



It was wonderful to welcome so many family members and catechists to our 'Thanksgiving Mass' last week. Thank you to Father John for sharing this very special occasion. It was the first opportunity for all our First Holy Communicants to gather together in a Celebration Mass. At the end of the Mass Father John blessed the crosses and each child was presented with his/her own special cross as a memento of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

### House Stars for this Week

*Gabriel*

443

*Uriel*

408

*Raphael*

498

*Michael*

453

### The Week Ahead

Events Diary Link: <http://st-catherines.barnet.sch.uk/events/>

#### Monday

4<sup>th</sup> July

- 9am 1G Prayer Service
- Travelling Book Fair

#### Tuesday

5<sup>th</sup> July -**STRIKE**

- 3V, 3C, 5H, 5C & nursery in school
- Y5 Synagogue
- Travelling Book Fair

#### Wednesday

6<sup>th</sup> July

- 9am EYFS Sports Day
- Travelling Book Fair

#### Thursday

7<sup>th</sup> July

Travelling Book Fair

#### Friday

8<sup>th</sup> July

- PTA Disco Y1-6 from 3:30-5:30
- Travelling Book Fair

\*\*\*ParentPay LIVE Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July\*\*\*

## Class 1K Prayer Service



Thank you to Mr Kutner and Class 1K for leading the Prayer Service on Monday. They reminded us of the meaning of ‘mercy’ and the message Pope Francis was giving us during this very special ‘Year of Mercy’. When we call on God to have mercy, we are calling on God in the only way we know him—as one who responds with compassion to those in need. When we show mercy to others, we are responding as God responds, with compassion.

The children were amazing! They spoke so clearly and confidently. At the end the children sang a beautiful song. Their voices were so powerful- giving a powerful message! It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members attend. They looked so proud of their children and rightly so. Mr Kutner was extremely proud of his class too!

## Reception to Year 1 Transition Meeting

It was lovely to see so many parents attend on Monday. It was an opportunity to give an overview of the journey to year one. We ‘painted a picture’ of the school day with what would be the same and what would be different. It was important to ensure that the transition would be smooth. The children will have further opportunity to visit their new class and interact with the children who will be in their year one class. There will be another meeting in September to inform parents of the New Curriculum.

“Every school must offer a curriculum which is balanced and broadly based and which:

- promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils at the school and of society, and prepares pupils at the school for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.
- The school curriculum comprises all learning and other experiences that each school plans for its pupils.”
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-primary-curriculum>

## Year 6 School Journey 2016



Last week the Year 6 children had an amazing time at PLG Osmington Bay. Through the wide range of activities they discovered new strengths and talents about themselves. Every single child was a credit to their families and to St Catherine's. Many thanks to the staff who gave up their time to look after the children for this week. Both children and adults would have slept soundly Friday night!

## KS1 Sports Morning

A great day was had on **Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> June**. Our Years 1 and 2 children took part in their annual Sports Morning. The children travelled around a carousel of activities and the points they accumulated on each activity contributed to their houses overall score. The children were all in good spirits and showed great sportsmanship. It was fantastic to see the event being supported by so many of our families and we thank you for taking the time to share the morning with us. A big thank you also goes to the staff, the Year 5 children and Miss Carrick for organising such a successful event, as without them it wouldn't have run so smoothly. The final count up of scores revealed that Raphael were the winners, but all the children did amazingly and tried their best!



## Barnet Athletics



St Catherine's had a fantastic day this year at the Copthall Athletics competition! The rain held off for what was a thoroughly enjoyable day for all of the children and schools involved. Years 3 - 6 participated in a range of field and track events; from ball throwing to long jumping and from the javelin to the relay. Every competitor showed great sportsmanship. In the end, St Catherine's finished *Second Place* overall for their field and track events and the children should be extremely proud of

themselves. Well done St Catherine's!

There was a professional photographer taking photos throughout the day to view those photos please visit:

<http://www.dephoto.biz/pages/ordering/Default.aspx?Path=Schools\Barnet Schools Sports Partnership>

Event Code: **barnetssp**



Congratulations! This weeks Stars of the Week are:

*Lucy 1G and Zebby & Ryan P 1K*

*Roisin 2C and Ankith 2Y*

*Cara 3C, Dexter 3W and Mateusz 3V*

*George 4C and Stephanie 4D*

*Scarlett & Helena 5C and Winona & Andrew 5H*

*Antony & Pierre 6D and Ronnie & Izabella*

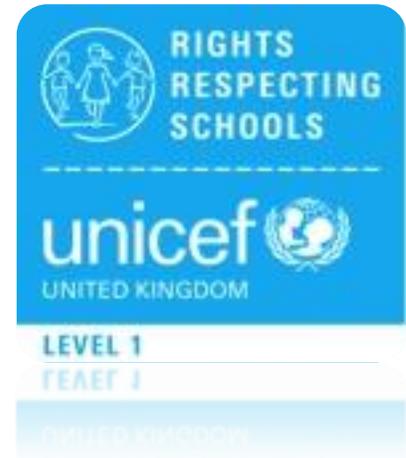
## RRS Level 1 - Congratulations

As you know we welcomed Gillian Roberts on **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> June** (Open Day) to assess the work we had completed towards Level 1. We are delighted to have achieved Level 1. Our journey begins towards Level 2 once we have received the action plan.

Gillian sent this message in an email earlier this week:

*“Dear Mary it was a pleasure to meet you and your pupils and staff last week. I have sent the report to UNICEF today and they have to quality assure it. Thank you for your commitment to the RRSA and your hard work in establishing it so well at St Catherine’s. Good luck with recruiting and training your new pupil steering group.”*

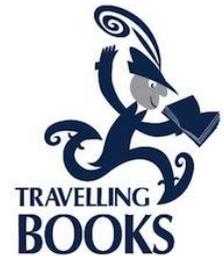
**Gillian Roberts UNICEF RRSA Assessor**



## St Catherine’s Book Fair

St Catherine’s is hosting a children’s book fair from Travelling Books. The fair will be available from **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> July until Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> July**. The fair will be in the Library and will be open before school and after school at these times:

- Before school: (Mon-Fri) 8.15am – 8.40am
- After school: (Mon-Thurs) 3.30pm – 4pm



Your child will have received a leaflet showing a small selection of the titles available. There are hundreds of titles to choose from so please come into school and browse the full selection next week!

## ParentPay Going LIVE 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> June**

**Schoolmoney is now FROZEN – do not make any more payments on Schoolmoney.**

**Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Activation letters sent home for Reception and Year 1-5 only with your unique username and password.

Nursery and Year 6 **will not receive Activation letters** and should log on to **Schoolmoney** as usual from **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> July**. However, if you are in Nursery and Year 6 and have a sibling at St Catherine’s you must **NOT** make any payments for your sibling in Schoolmoney as they will now have a LIVE ParentPay account.

## Updates

**Safeguarding** – Safeguarding and Child Protection at St Catherine’s is EVERYONES responsibility which we take extremely seriously. A leaflet for parents outlining the school guidelines on Safeguarding, together with a Visitors Safeguarding leaflet are available outside the school office. There is also a new dedicated Safeguarding page on our website where you will find a number of associated Policies. Our designated safeguarding team is: Mary Ainger, Jo Isaacs, Nicki Carrick, Judy Van Den Abbeele and Josh David is the school’s designated E Safety Teacher. Please contact one of the team at any time if you have concerns.



The School Council are planning an end of term celebration after a very successful year. I would personally like to thank all the School Council Representatives for their enthusiasm and determination to make a difference. During the course of the year they have been busy collecting the views of their class and passing them on at meetings, letting their class know what goes on in the meetings they attend and taking an active part in meetings. They have all been amazing! Thank you on behalf of all the children, staff and parents.

### PTA – Disco Time!

It's Disco time! We are having an end-of-year disco for Years 1-6 on **Friday, 8 July** from 3.30-5.30. There'll be dancing competitions, limbo and much more. So get practising your best moves and get your dancing shoes on! Tickets are £4 per child. Numbers are limited so tickets will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. We will be emailing a booking form for you to fill in and return to the PTA box.



### Reading Books

*Reading Books:* Please return your child's reading books by **Monday, 11th July**. Your child will still read in class, but will no longer be able to take books home after this date, as an audit of books will need to be taken. Thank you.

*Book Amnesty:* Every year we spend a lot of money replacing lost or damaged reading books. This is money that could be spent on other new resources for the children. Please help us by hunting around for any school books you may have at home and accidentally forgotten, and sent these back in before **Monday, 11th July**. Thank you.

## Attendance on Strike Day: Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July

Following advice from the Borough for classes 3V, 3C, 5H, 5C and nursery, registration will be treated as normal and attendance codes will be applied as appropriate for a typical school day therefore any non-attendance which is not medical or has not be authorised will be marked as an *unauthorised absence*.

### How is your Class Attendance?

Attendance return from 27<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016

Class	% Attendance
1G	99.33
1K	99.34
2C	98.00
2Y	99.33
3C	99.00
3V	97.67
3W	97.67
4C	98.06
4D	97.93
5B/C	100.00
5H	96.67
6D	92.33
6M/B	97.00



**Our weekly target is 96%**  
**How well is your class doing with their attendance?**

### Fantastic Attendance!

Congratulations to KS1, 1K with 99.34% and KS2, 5B/C with 100.00% - these are fantastic class attendance figures. Let's aim for 100% again next week! Trophies will be awarded to 1K and 5B/C.

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Interim Head Teacher Mary Ainger

Interim Deputy Head Nicki Carrick

Interim Deputy Head Judy Van Den Abbeele



St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



## Mission Rosary

The **Mission Rosary** is different from a traditional rosary because it is made up of five different colours. Each colour represents a different continent in the world and it helps us to pray for children in that continent.

**Africa** is represented by the **green** decade which stands for the forests and grasslands there.

**The Americas** are **red** representing the fire of faith.

**Europe** is **white** because it is the home of the Holy Father in Rome.

**Oceania** is shown in **blue** for the oceans surrounding the islands there.

**Asia** is represented in **yellow** as a symbol of the sun rising in the East.

This week we have been praying together using the 'Mission Rosary'.

*Let us pray for the people of our world. We pray for missionaries working in many different countries. Let their work be helpful for all. Let us try each day to find a new way to help others and show that we love all people. Amen*

