

Newsletter

# St Catherine's

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## Very Special Visitor!

On Friday Eileen came back from KL to visit everyone at St Catherine's. The children and parents were truly surprised to see her walking into the classroom and into the playground at the end of the day. Eileen has asked me to send this message to you all:

**Parent Governor Results**  
 Congratulations to *Jasmeet Fyfe* and *Rosana Hermosa* who are elected. Thank you to all who came forward.

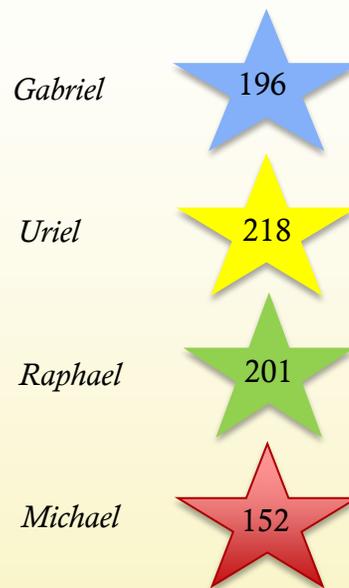
### House Stars for this Week

Dear Parents

It was truly lovely to be back at St Catherine's on Friday and to meet the children and many of the parents. St Catherine's has such warmth and a "special" feel. Seeing the children, staff and parents made me realise just how much I had missed everyone. It felt so normal to be back and I honestly felt that I should just pop back up to "my" office to finish off some work! The children were so welcoming and I enjoyed many "group hugs"! It was clear that the school had enjoyed yet another successful year under the leadership of Mrs Ainger, Miss Carrick and Mrs Van den Abbeele. I can see that they and the staff have worked incredibly hard to provide the very best for the children. I have every confidence the school will go from strength to strength next year when Miss Kelly takes over as the new headteacher.

You are all very much in my thoughts and prayers and I wish you and your families a very happy and restful summer holiday break.

God Bless, Eileen



### The Week Ahead

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

#### Monday

11<sup>th</sup> July

2pm Reception  
 Mass – Main Hall

#### Tuesday

12<sup>th</sup> July

- Y5 to Kew Gardens  
 - 7pm Year 6  
 Leaver's Concert

#### Wednesday

13<sup>th</sup> July

- 11am KS2 Intra-  
 House Sports Day  
 - 11:30am Nursery  
 End of Year Family  
 Service & Picnic

#### Thursday

14<sup>th</sup> July

#### Friday

15<sup>th</sup> July

9am Parent  
 Partnership Meeting

## A Very Special Visitor!

We wish Eileen every happiness and success in her new school which opens at the end of August and we look forward to forging links. Here are just some of the photos I took whilst Eileen was back 'home.'



## Reception EYFS Sports Day

We started the day with a talk given by Miss Carrick about the importance of physical exercise from an early age.

*"For the developing child the ability to move the body and explore the environment influences intellectual, social and emotional development. It leads to knowledge and understanding about the world and how we fit into it. It also helps us to develop and formulate concepts and ideas which later are shown through drawing and writing. We learn to move and move to learn." Do & Discover*

Thank you to Miss Carrick and the staff for organising such an amazing morning full of different activities. The children loved the opportunity to go around the circuit as a team and participate in a range of activities from football dribbling, obstacle course, beanbag balance and so much more! Thank you to the Year 2 sports leaders and the year 5 children who also helped. It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents attend.



## Class 1G Prayer Service

Thank you to Mrs Gill and Class 1G for leading the Prayer Service on Monday. They told us about the importance of Article 31- 'The Right to Play'. They also used the beautiful story of 'The Rainbow Fish' to explain the importance of friendship.

The most beautiful fish in the ocean is asked to share one of his shining scales with a little blue fish, to which he refuses. All the other fish in the sea leave him alone, and he wonders why. He goes to the wise octopus for advice, and she tells him to give away his scales. Rainbow Fish

reluctantly does so, except for one. In the end, he is less beautiful than he was before, but he has new friends and is now the happiest fish in the sea.

The children were amazing! At the end the children sang a beautiful song. It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members attend. They looked so proud of their children and rightly so. Mrs Gill was extremely proud of her class too!

## Congratulations!

We are extremely proud of all the Year 6 children and the amazing progress they have made throughout their time at St Catherine's. They should be extremely proud of their SATs which went out this week. Well done to you all!

Congratulations! This weeks Stars of the Week are:

*Elliot & Indie 1G and Jhy Vyk 1K*

*Luca 2Y*

*Deidre & Gabriela 3C, John 3W and*

*Zuzanna & Malachy 3V*

*Kieran & Iona 4C and Leondio & Victoria 4D*

*Joanna 5C and Nicky 5H*

*Charlotte & Olympia 6D and Nicole & Jerome 6M/B*



## 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.



### School Council Celebration!

I would like to thank all the representatives on the School Council for their amazing contribution this year. They have approached each meeting with great enthusiasm. I look forward to meeting with them before the end of term for a special celebration.

### RSS Level 1 – New Steering Group

Next week Mrs Ainger will be meeting with the children in years 4 & 5 to discuss the new steering group in September. The year 6 children will lead the session explaining the work they have undertaken this year to ensure we reach Level 1.

*“We also received this message in an email from Gillian Roberts the Assessor this week.*

*Dear Mary*

*Thank you so much for hosting my visit in June . I really enjoyed meeting you and your pupils and staff and it was a privilege to see the pupils perform their rights based dances and particularly the whole school dancing together surrounded by the parents!*

***Congratulations to all the pupils and adults of St Catherine's Primary School on achieving the Level 1 Rights Respecting School Award”***



## Year 6 Enabling Enterprise Pop-Up Stalls

On **Friday, 15th July** Year 6 will be running a series of pop-up stalls in the playground after lunch. There will be a variety of products and services that the children have researched and developed in teams, on sale to Years 3, 4 and 5. Each of the classes in years 3-5 will be invited come down, and children from these classes may **bring up to £2.00** to spend at the stall that appeals to them the most.

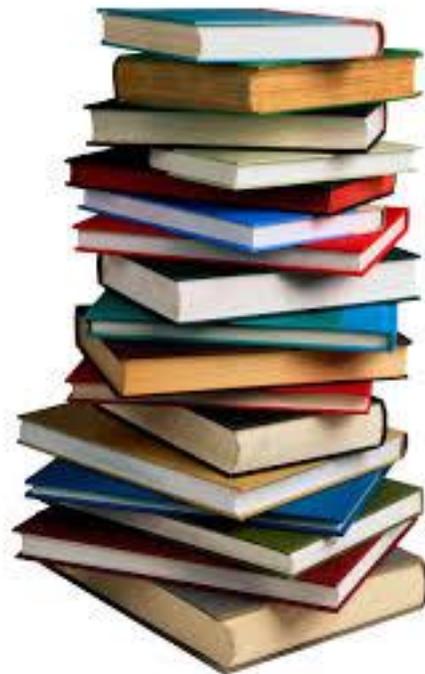
Any profits generated by the event will be donated to one of our school's selected charities.

The PTA will also be running cupcake decorating for the whole school that day, so if your child wishes to bring money for both events then it may be advisable to bring them in separate labeled envelopes.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Every year Barnet Libraries hosts the Reading Agencies Summer Reading Challenge. This year the Reading Agency is working with the Roald Dahl estate to celebrate his centenary year – and so the theme is *The Big Friendly Read*.

The idea is to encourage the children to read 6 books over the summer holidays. The children will receive incentives such as certificates, wrist bands or collector cards. Please sign up to help encourage your child to continue to develop their reading over the holidays! See attached posters for more details.



## Year 4 Bookmark Sale

Some of the children in year 4 have been extremely busy designing bookmarks to sell on **Friday, 15th July** for Great Ormond Street Hospital. They will be 50p each. If you would like to support the children please visit their stall at the end of the day in the playground.



## Outstanding Library Books

We have recently audited our Library and a number of our school books are still outstanding. If your child has an overdue library loan he/she will have received a letter with a reminder to bring in their books by **Monday, 11th July**. Please could we ask all families to have a look at their book collections at home for any books that may belong to the Library. School library books will be indicated by a barcode on the inside of the cover and a school stamp. Thank you.

## Peripatetic Instrumental Lessons

As you know St Catherine's has recently migrated on to a new online payment system - ParentPay. Payments for music lessons starting in September will now be made through ParentPay.

### Existing Students

Existing students will have payments already available online to make payment before **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July**. If you wish to change the length of the lesson, under the advisement of their teacher, please contact Mr Bell through the school office.

### New Students

If you are in Year 3 and would like to study any of the instruments listed here, please contact Mr Bell ASAP to check availability. If there are places available then a payment will be set up on ParentPay for you to make payment before **Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July** to secure lessons. *Mr Bell*

## ParentPay and Online Club Bookings

We have been experiencing a couple of teething problems with the online breakfast and after school club (extended day in the dining hall) bookings facility in ParentPay. To reassure you these issues are currently being resolved by ParentPay. Those that have already managed to book successfully your booking is secure. If you have been unable to book we will record your child's name at the club and charge your account retrospectively.

For future bookings:

Select: Bookings/Make or View Bookings/

You will now need to select your Booking type from the drop down menu:

- Breakfast (for breakfast club bookings)
- Afternoon (for SESSION 1 after school club)
- After School (for SESSION 2 after school club)

### Instruments

#### Woodwind

Flute  
Recorder  
Clarinet  
Saxophone  
Oboe  
Bassoon

#### Strings

Violin  
Viola

#### Brass

Trumpet

**Trombone (4 school instruments available for use at no charge)**

#### Piano/keyboard

#### Drum Kit/Percussion

Other than the Trombone, piano and drum, all other pupils will need to provide their own instruments for their lessons.

Child's page >	Booking type: Breakfast
Bookings	Week commencing: 11 Jul 2016
Make or view bookings >	Make or view bookings
Unpaid bookings >	

Please ensure you select the correct booking. Please don't forget to book your clubs in advance. We will advise you when all booking issues at ParentPay have been resolved. Thank you.

## How is your Class Attendance?

Attendance return from 4<sup>th</sup> July to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016

Class	% Attendance
1G	100.00
1K	98.33
2C	82.50
2Y	93.33
3C	96.67
3V	96.67
3W	97.50
4C	98.39
4D	98.28
5C	96.67
5H	95.67
6D	97.92
6M/B	98.33

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



## Fantastic Attendance!

Congratulations to KS1, 1G with 100% and KS2, 4C with 98.39% - these are fantastic class attendance figures. Let's aim for 100% again next week! Trophies will be awarded to 1G and 4C.

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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



## Pope Francis' Five Finger Prayer for Children

Using the fingers on your hand, start with the thumb and pray these intentions in this order:

1. The thumb is closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "Sweet Obligation."
2. The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.
3. The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. This is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.
5. And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. It should remind you to pray for yourself.

Pope Francis' Five Finger Prayer

