

Black History Month

To celebrate Black History Month this year each class will be learning about the following people: Ella Fitzgerald (EYFS), Walter Tull (Year One), Rosa Parks (Year Two), Martin Luther King (Year Three), Sarah Parker Remond (Year Four), Chadwick Boseman (Year Five) and Baroness Lawrence (Year Six). Each class will create a short video to share with their key stage to tell them about what they have learnt. Please look out for these at the end of the month, as we hope to share them on Purple Mash.

London Mini Marathon 2020

To celebrate the recent London Marathon 2020, our key stage 2 pupils took part in their very own mini marathon last week. Pupils were challenged to run 2.6 miles over three days last week to qualify for a certificate of achievement. The challenge was met with great enthusiasm and proved to be a great success with 183 of our key stage 2 pupils achieving the milestone. We look forward to setting new challenges and goals throughout the year to keep physical activity at the heart of St Catherine's.

Online Safety

Ensuring our children are able to engage and use mobile technology and apps in a safe secure and age appropriate way is a high priority for us. Please watch this video for some useful tips and guidance on strategies and starting points for thinking about how to support your children with mobile phone use.

<https://lgfl.planetstream.com/View.aspx?ID=3337~4q~qNPaepUQ>

School Street Closure Area

We ask that all parents are vigilant when outside the school and ensure that your children are kept with you. There is still some traffic movement within the road and especially outside the closed area and we need to ensure everyone's safety.

NEXT WEEK: Walk to School Week

Each class will be keeping a record of how many walking journeys are completed each week, with children receiving badges and stickers. The class who completes the most walking journeys will receive a trophy! Who will be the most active class?!

Even if walking the whole way to School isn't possible, perhaps park further away from the School gates or get off at an earlier bus stop (park and stride), these extra steps will count towards your walking to School journey. Why not check out Google Maps this weekend and plan your journey.

It would be lovely to see photos from your walk that we can share with our School community. Please Tweet us @StCatherinesEN5 or email the office.

WHY THE WALK TO SCHOOL MATTERS

HAPPIER CHILDREN

It's been proven that children who do some form of exercise, especially a walk before school, do better in class because they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn.

LESS CONGESTION

During morning peak traffic times, one in five cars on the road are taking children school, contributing to congestion, air pollution and carbon emissions.

CLEANER AIR

The school run alone is responsible for generating half a million tonnes of CO₂ per year (which is more than some small countries!). Imagine what we could achieve if we began converting some of these rides to strides?

**Safeguarding is
our TOP
priority**

Safeguarding and Child Protection at St Catherine's is EVERYONES responsibility and is taken extremely seriously. Leaflets for parents and visitors outlining the school guidelines on safeguarding are available outside the school office. We also have a dedicated Safeguarding page on our website with a number of associated policies and details of our designated Safeguarding team. Please contact one of the team at any time if you have concerns.



Gospel: Matthew 22: 15 - 21
Sunday 18th October 2020

The Pharisees went off and made a plan to trap Jesus with questions. Then they sent to him some of their disciples and some members of Herod's party. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you tell the truth. You teach the truth about God's will for people, without worrying about what others think, because you pay no attention to anyone's status. Tell us, then, what do you think? Is it against our Law to pay taxes to the Roman Emperor, or not?"

Jesus, however, was aware of their evil plan, and so he said, "You hypocrites! Why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin for paying the tax!"

They brought him the coin, and he asked them, "Whose face and name are these?" "The Emperor's," they answered.

So Jesus said to them, "Well, then, pay the Emperor what belongs to the Emperor, and pay God what belongs to God."

Year Group Emails

We would like to remind you that the year group emails are no longer being monitored. If you would like to make contact with your child's class teacher or another member of staff please email office@stcatherines.barnetmail.net

Reporting Absence

Please ensure that you report your child's absence from school before 9am, there is an answer machine on the phone line for you to do so. If your child is an independent traveler, then any absence should be reported by 8:30am. Please note, we still require a written reason for absence on your child's return to school, otherwise this will be an unauthorised absence and will affect their attendance figures.

***For the promise of harvest
 contained within a seed,
 we thank you.***

For the oak tree within an acorn.

The bread within a grain.

The apple within a pip.

***The mystery of nature, gift wrapped
 for us to sow,
 we thank you.***

House Stars

Well done to all of our children who have earned stars this week!

Gabriel	576
Michael	636
Uriel	557
Raphael	601

Harvest Contributions

Please see last week's newsletter for details.

The Week Ahead:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yr 4 Swimming Rec and Y6 Harvest Contributions 5CM Parent Consultations (Zoom)	Y1 and Y5 Harvest Contributions 5C Parent Consultations (Zoom)	9:30 Parent Partnership Meeting (Zoom) Y2 and Y4 Harvest Contributions	9.30 Reception Curriculum Meeting Nursery and Y3 Harvest Contributions	9:30 Nursery Curriculum Meeting Yr 6 Meditation with Fr John Flu Vaccinations 5CM Parent Consultations (Zoom)