

Our wonderful PTA

Thank you so much for your help in raising funds for our IT provision. We are delighted to let you know that due to the hard work of our PTA and your generosity and kindness we have been able to purchase new Wi-Fi for the school which is scheduled to be installed the last week of July 2021 and a new set of 30 laptops with a charging trolley.

This is an amazing achievement in such a short space of time. The next stage of our plan is to update teaching hardware and curriculum resources. If you are able to spare even just a couple of pounds each time you log on to parent pay please visit the IT Item to make your donation. Your donation, no matter how small, is really appreciated. We hope that next academic year the children will experience much better computing lessons with the new resources provided.

Music Instrumental lessons for September - Online Enrolment

Since the gradual release of lockdown restrictions, St Catherine's has been able to start welcoming back our peripatetic music staff to teach individual piano, violin, woodwind and brass lessons. If your child was taking lessons but has yet to resume since lockdown, or you would like your child to start lessons, then now is the time to enrol and book lessons in school for next term.

Unlike prior years, Barnet Education Arts Trust now directly enrol and administrate lessons from their online booking portal on behalf of St Catherine's. Follow this link to their website to enrol your child:

<https://beatrust.org.uk/enrol/school-based-instrumental-lessons/>

The deadline for enrolment is midnight on 16th July. If you do not enrolled directly through BEAT then you will not secure lessons to start in September. We look forward to reviving our thriving instrumental tuition in September. More detailed instructions are provided in a flyer attached to the newsletter email.

Year 6 Leaver's Mass

Due to the delay to step 4 in the Government's roadmap, we will be unable to invite any parents on site to celebrate the Year 6 Leaver's Mass with us. We appreciate this is going to come as a huge disappointment to many of our families and therefore we have made some changes so that the children can share this special occasion with their families at a later date. Fr John has kindly agreed to celebrate mass with us at St Gregory's church where they have the facilities to record it, this will take place at 10am on Monday 12th July. The recording will be uploaded onto PurpleMash as soon as it is available. We had hoped to live stream the mass, however, many of you will already be aware from the Children's Liturgy that the church are unable to live stream masses with children in them.

The children will walk to the church accompanied by staff. On their return to school they will have a tea party where they will be presented with their keepsake gift from St Catherine's.

Can you source Balsa wood?

We are in need of Balsa wood offcuts for our Reception and Nursery woodwork bench. If you know of any contacts or work with such wood and have offcuts please get in contact with Mrs Whatley via the school office email address (office@stcatherines.barnetmail.net).

Police Visits

On Tuesday, we were very lucky to have three members of our local police force come to visit the children at St Catherines. In the morning they spent time in year 6 discussing "Being safe" and then chatted with the children in the playground. After lunch they introduced themselves to the children in Reception, Yr 1 and Yr2. The children were very excited and really enjoyed looking at their uniforms and asking them lots of questions. They are our local community officers so the children may see them out and about over the holidays. Be sure to say hello.

Year 5's trip to the Synagogue

On Tuesday, the whole of year 5 went to visit a synagogue. We sat down and were astonished by the incredible stained glass window that was made to look like different scenes that are important to the Jewish faith. We listened while a nice lady, Shoshana, taught us lots about the Jewish religion; how important the Torah is, what a mezuzah is and why Jewish people can't eat some foods. I learnt that if your mother is Jewish then you will automatically be Jewish. We are all extremely grateful for being able to go to the synagogue and learn about the Jewish faith. Written by Mirren, 5C

**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.

Break the Rules Day

It was so lovely today to see the children expressing themselves in so many different ways by 'breaking the rules' – who knew nail polish and glitter tattoos could be such fun! There were certainly some interesting hair colours in evidence too. Today raised an incredible £600.00 for our IT fundraising through the PTA. Thank you to all the children for making the day such fun, and to all the parents for helping them to 'break the rules'!

Reception's trip to Barnet Environmental Centre

Our Reception classes enjoyed a great day out at the Barnet Environmental Centre. The children were explorers as they learnt how to pond dip, hunt for mini beasts, investigate camouflage and take time to be still and appreciate the beauty of nature. The trip provided a great active outside learning experience. The highlights of the day were finding newts and watermelon slugs. Congratulations to all of the children for being so interested in their learning. When a child was asked what their favourite part of the trip was, they responded "All of it!". Thank you to all of the parents who came along to help.

Dinner Pattern Changes for Autumn Term - Reminder

Parents with children currently in year 2 to year 5 can go online to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk and use the event code **gee7b** to register a change of dinner pattern, which will start in September. **Online change requests will close on Thursday, 15th July at 4pm.** If you miss this opportunity to change your child's dinner pattern the next window will be in October to start after half term in November.

Online Safety

There are some excellent resources available to help parents keep their children safe online. One is Internet Matters, www.internetmatters.org

where there is a vast array of information and help available, including age-specific help and tips.

Also, the resources available on ECP's site:

www.ecplimited.com/resources-centre.html

may be of interest to parents looking for advice.

Mark 6:1-6

Sunday 4th July 2021

Jesus left that place and went back to his home town, followed by his disciples. On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue. Many people were there; and when they heard him, they were all amazed. "Where did he get all this?" they asked. "What wisdom is this that has been given him? How does he perform miracles? Isn't he the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters living here?" And so they rejected him.

Jesus said to them, "Prophets are respected everywhere except in their own home town and by their relatives and their family."

He was not able to perform any miracles there, except that he placed his hands on a few sick people and healed them. He was greatly surprised, because the people did not have faith.

Then Jesus went to the villages around there, teaching the people.

Prayer:

*Creator God, you made us all in your image and we are all special and loved by you. Help us to treat all people with fairness and respect.
Amen.*

House Stars

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

Gabriel	219
Michael	153
Uriel	272
Raphael	203

The Week Ahead: W/C 5th July 2021

Monday 5 th	Tuesday 6 th	Wednesday 7 th	Thursday 8 th	Friday 9 th
Y6 Activity Week Y6 RAF Museum	Y6 Macbeth Workshops	9:30 Parent Partnership Y6 Everyman Cinema Y4 & 5 Boys Football Trials 6pm New Nursery (3yo) Parent Meeting (Zoom)	Y4 & 5 Boys Football Trials	PTA Ice-Cream Friday EYFS & KS1 Roadshow Y6 Water Polo and Picnic Rec Hearing and Vision (Not all children)



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