

Just One Tree Day

Next Friday is 'Just One Tree' Day where we will be raising money for the Just One Tree charity. For every pound that is donated, Just One Tree will plant a tree. Over 150 schools from around the world will be participating and it should be a wonderful event to help our children to learn more about climate change and how they can be responsible citizens who look after our environment. In addition to the £1 donation, we would encourage the children to wear one item of green clothing to help us raise awareness. The £1 donation can be made via ParentPay.

Mobile Phone Reminder

We would like to remind you that the use of mobile phones isn't permitted on the school premises (including the playground), this includes through the use of headphones. Please ensure this information is passed onto anyone else who may collect your child/children. Thank you for your cooperation.

Black History Month

To celebrate Black History Month this month, the children are being introduced to a variety of different black history heroes throughout the month. From next week we will be particularly focussing on South African history and more specifically on the Anti-Apartheid Movement in Barnet. In EYFS and KS1 the children will be introduced to Nelson Mandela and how he fought for fairness for all. In KS2 the children will have an assembly from the Anti Apartheid Legacy. They will learn about Barnet's specific role in helping to end Apartheid. The children in KS1 and KS2 will be looking at local sources from the time and learning about how we all can make a difference.

Space Drama Workshops

On Monday we welcomed Perform to work with our Nursery, Reception and KS1 children. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of Outer Space and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills.

Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering **a special introductory discount** to all parents of St Catherine's Primary School if you go along for a free trial session before Monday 25th October.

To claim your discount, just call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **SCRA251021** or book online at <http://www.perform.org.uk/free>

Be Bright, Be Seen!

This week, our new Year 5 JTAs (Junior Travel Ambassadors) launched a competition as part of the Be Bright Be Seen Road Safety campaign this Autumn and Winter. Children in Years 1 -6 are invited to design a high-vis jacket that people can wear to ensure they are safe and can be seen while travelling. What material would be best? What colours would be best? Draw your design on a plain A4 piece of paper. Write your name and class on your entry. Make sure your high vis jacket can be easily seen in the dark. It also needs to have the St Catherine's badge or name displayed on it. It is a good idea to label the design, highlighting the key features. Winners will be announced the first week back after half-term. Winning entries for each year group will receive a certificate and badge. The winning entries will be put on display. Hand in your entries to a JTA or Ms Groom by Friday 22nd October.

This week's School Council meeting:

Miss Sonenfeld met with our 2021/2022 school council representatives on Thursday 7th October and it was brilliant to meet as a collective group to have a productive discussion. We talked all about our classroom environments, what we are enjoying about being back at school, how we can look after our physical and mental wellbeing and if we are worried or concerned about something or someone what we would do. The school council representatives are really excited to share the points raised in the meeting with their classes.

Year 6 Drug and Alcohol Drama Workshop

As part of our PSHE curriculum and to develop all of the children's understanding about drugs, alcohol, peer pressure and their transition from primary to secondary school, Year 6 took part in a fun and educational workshop. Through drama, we focused on the physical and psychological effects of drug use; the role of legal and illegal drugs; the causes and effects of drug use; peer pressure; and addiction. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating freeze frames showing the effects of peer pressure.

**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.

Online Safety

Pokémon GO is a free game that can be downloaded to smart phones. The aim of the game is to catch Pokémon to add to your collection. To do this, you must physically travel around different locations where you can 'find' Pokémon. The game is rated as 13+ and children under 13 need parental permission to download the game. www.net-aware.org.uk rated the game as average in terms of safety. This is due to the location settings and difficulty in blocking. Location sharing must be switched on to access the game and your nickname will appear on a public map when you're near other players. Although users will then need your game pin to add you, children should ensure that their nickname is something unidentifiable (e.g. not their real name or date of birth). Visit <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/pokemon-go/> for further information.

God of light, show us how we can answer your call. Inspire us to share all that we have with others, so that all people around the world may live free from poverty. Amen



Attendance for W/C 4th October

Our target attendance is 97%

This week's winners are:

EYFS: RG

KS1: 2W

KS2: 3B

RG	96.60%
RN	95.17%
1F	96.62%
1Y	92.33%
2F	94.41%
2W	100.00%
3B	99.33%
3G	99.32%
4B	93.96%
4N	98.97%
5C	96.76%
5MG	92.86%
6S	95.58%
6Sy	95.77%



Mark 10: 17-30

Sunday 10th October 2021

As Jesus was starting on his way again, a man ran up, knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to receive eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not commit murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not accuse anyone falsely; do not cheat; respect your father and your mother.'"

"Teacher," the man said, "ever since I was young, I have obeyed all these commandments."

Jesus looked straight at him with love and said, "You need only one thing. Go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have riches in heaven; then come and follow me." When the man heard this, gloom spread over his face, and he went away sad, because he was very rich.

Jesus looked round at his disciples and said to them, "How hard it will be for rich people to enter the Kingdom of God!"

The disciples were shocked at these words, but Jesus went on to say, "My children, how hard it is to enter the Kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is much harder for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle."

At this the disciples were completely amazed and asked one another, "Who, then, can be saved?"

Jesus looked straight at them and answered, "This is impossible for human beings but not for God; everything is possible for God."

Then Peter spoke up, "Look, we have left everything and followed you."

"Yes," Jesus said to them, "and I tell you that anyone who leaves home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and for the gospel, ³⁰ will receive much more in this present age. He will receive a hundred times more houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and fields—and persecutions as well; and in the age to come he will receive eternal life."

House Stars

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

Gabriel	324
Michael	289
Uriel	388
Raphael	283

The Week Ahead: W/C 11th October 2021

Monday 11 th	Tuesday 12 th	Wednesday 13 th	Thursday 14 th	Friday 15 th
Harvest Festivals Y4 Swimming	KS2 New Year Masses KS2 Black History Month Assemblies			One Tree Day



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