



Year 6 Mass

On Tuesday, we celebrated Mass with Fr John and our Year 6 classes who led us in worship and prayer. Our Year 6 children sang and spoke so confidently, coherently and passionately as they encouraged us to live our lives as God wants us to. A key message throughout Mass was to let our light shine for all to see and know that we are following the Gospel values in our everyday lives. Thank you to Miss Sonenfeld, Miss Sykes and Miss Yates for preparing and leading the children so well and to the parents who joined us for the first time in 2 years!

PTA Christmas Trees

Once again this year the PTA have arranged for Christmas Trees to be available for sale to our parents with some of the proceeds going to the PTA. If you are thinking of a real tree and wish to support your PTA at the same time, please see the flyer attached to the newsletter email this week for further details.

Family Contribution to Resources via ParentPay

Thank you to everyone who has continued to contribute to this item on Parentpay. For new parents, this covers the additional purchases across the school which can't be covered by our funding. For example we are currently hoping to buy a fantastic box of specialist diversity books for our library and this would be funded from your contributions. There are small projects like this planned across the whole school so we would like to encourage parents to please give whatever they feel able to give at any time during the year. Thank you.

Odd Socks Day

All of the children at St Catherine's have really enjoyed celebrating Odd Socks Day, Friendship and Children in Need this week. Odd Socks Day was designed to be a fun opportunity to encourage the children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes them and all of us unique! We learnt about what our protected characteristics are and how it is very important to respect people's differences and not make fun of them- being different is what makes us all special and interesting! The children designed their own socks with keywords and illustrations of hobbies that describe them. We have also thought about what makes a friendship balanced and how we can effectively deal with unkind behaviour. Our theme this year was 'One Kind Word' and we have all thought about the power of kindness and how it can positively affect others.

School Council Meeting

The school council will be meeting next week to discuss what values summarise PE at St Catherine's, what we know about Road Safety, what we enjoy about our playtimes and lunchtimes, how our teachers help us to learn and what we enjoyed about Maths Week. Our school council representatives will bring their class agenda sheets and we will discuss the questions raised. The minutes of the meeting will then be shared the following week with all of the children.

Music Update:

Are you a budding trombonist?

As it is time to book up music lessons for next term with Beat, if anyone is a budding brass player and would be interested in learning the Trombone we have 3 Pbones available to hire.

These trombones are an ideal instrument for younger learners as they are lightweight (plastic) and produce an excellent sound.

This would be an ideal opportunity to learn without a big financial outlay for the instrument. We would hire these out at a cost of £15.00 a term, which is below average hire rates. The cost of these instruments is around £150.00.

Please contact the school office if you would like to take up this fantastic opportunity.

Calling Year 4 Parents

Your children's Recorder lessons will finish at the end of the Autumn Term, if your child is interested in continuing or learning a woodwind instrument, please get in contact with [BEAT \(Barnet Arts Educational Trust\)](#).

Class Photo Reminder

All children should wear their normal school uniform into school on Monday and bring their PE kits with them if it's their PE day.

**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.

Just One Tree Day Success

We were delighted to receive a certificate this week from Just One Tree informing us that the money we raised means 284 seeds will be chosen and planted by their partners in one of their nurseries. Once the next rainy season is upon us, our seedlings will be transported to their carefully selected new homes, where they will be planted and nurtured over the coming years. Our school's 'forest' of 284 trees will remove approximately 87.47 tonnes of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere over the next 25 years.

Text Messages

We now have a restricted number of characters in our text messages, so please bear with us as we get use to abbreviating our messages. We apologise in advance if the messages appear brief and to the point.

Parent Survey

We sent a link out via text this week for this year's parent survey. We would be grateful for all responses to be in by Friday 3rd December. Thank you in advance.

Online Safety – Apple Update

Apple has recently launched a new operating system for the iPhone and iPad. Online safety company, Ineqe, has looked closely at the new iOS 15 and has found that the new FaceTime call features could leave children vulnerable. In iOS 15, the user can create a shareable link that could be joined from a web browser, rather than directly calling someone on FaceTime. If someone were to share this link on a public platform, it could mean that any stranger could join the call. It is important to ensure that your child is not sharing FaceTime links unless you know about it and can supervise who and where they are sending the link to.

Christ our King, help us to be like you, to listen to your truth and to see that all people are important, no matter who they are or where they come from. Amen.

Children in Need

It was lovely to see the children and staff wearing their one item of yellow today. We hope to be able to share the total raised next week. If you haven't yet made a contribution on behalf of your child, you can still do so [here](#).

Attendance for W/C 8th November

Our target attendance is 97%

This week's winners are:

EYFS: RN

KS1: 2W

KS2: 5MG

RG	93.10%
RN	99.32%
1F	90.41%
1Y	92.47%
2F	92.62%
2W	94.70%
3B	98.99%
3G	98.99%
4B	98.65%
4N	95.10%
5C	98.38%
5MG	100.00%
6S	96.67%
6Sy	99.31%



John 18: 33-37

Pilate went back into the palace and called Jesus. "Are you the King of the Jews?" he asked him.

Jesus answered, "Does this question come from you or have others told you about me?"

Pilate replied, "Do you think I am a Jew? It was your own people and the chief priests who handed you over to me. What have you done?"

Jesus said, "My kingdom does not belong to this world; if my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish authorities. No, my kingdom does not belong here!"

So Pilate asked him, "Are you a king, then?"

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this one purpose, to speak about the truth. Whoever belongs to the truth listens to me."

Sunday 21st November 2021

House Stars

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

Gabriel	343
Michael	540
Uriel	436
Raphael	413

The Week Ahead: W/C 22nd November 2021

Monday 22 nd	Tuesday 23 rd	Wednesday 24 th	Thursday 25 th	Friday 26 th
Class Photos Y4 Swimming	9:30 Parent Partnership Yr 1 Superhero Day		St Catherine's Day Mass 9:30am Years 3/4 10:15 Years 5/6	



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