



# St Catherine's

## Catholic Primary School



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### Class RY Prayer Service

Thank you to RY and Miss Yates for leading our prayer service this week. They told us that May is the Month of Mary. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is a very important lady. We know that God chose Mary. Mary was brave and trusted God. She said 'Yes' to all that God asked of her.

The children sang a beautiful song called 'As I kneel before you'. This was such a beautiful prayer service to be a part of prior to the May Procession today. We are very proud of the children. Well done!



### First Holy Communion



On Sunday 12th May some of our Year 3 children received the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Congratulations to **Zoe Morris, Anouska DeMercado, Rhianne Downes, Catherine Ezeife, Imogen Roper, Sam Warrick, Georgia Daly, Nael Mudunkothge, Daniel Fayemi, Jack Dyer, Thomas Cooney-Aves, Evie Miller, Tom de Souza, Alfie Melia, Riley Glynn and Joseph Urtone.**

We thank all the people involved in helping the children and we ask you to keep these children in your prayers over the coming months.

### The Week Ahead

Monday 20th May	Tuesday 21st May	Wednesday 22nd May	Thursday 23rd May	Friday 24th May
		Year 3 Trip to British Museum	9a.m. RG Prayer Service	Year 5 Enabling Enterprise Day
		6.30p.m. Drama Production	6.30p.m. Drama Production	

### School Council



The children talked enthusiastically about their learning during the spring term. As we look ahead to the summer term there are more exciting opportunities to learn about Neil Armstrong, King Arthur, Geography of Europe and Macbeth (to name just a few!). The children are also excited about the 'Family Learning Afternoon' on Friday 5th July.

### Global Learning : CLEAN AIR DAY

The UK's biggest air pollution campaign, **Clean Air Day**, is fast approaching on Thursday 20th June 2019.

On this day, hundreds of organisations and thousands of members of the public will come together to raise awareness of the dangers of toxic air and what we can all do to tackle it. Visit [www.unicef.org.uk](http://www.unicef.org.uk) for further information about how you can get involved. Last year, Clean Air Day events and activities reached more than **1.2 million people**. This year we need your help to get that number even higher!



### Rights Respecting Schools– Our Next Steps!!

Next half term we are hoping to visit another Barnet school that has been awarded the Gold Award. We are also hoping to welcome Martins school to St Catherine's. This is such a wonderful opportunity to exchange ideas and look around another school. It is also an opportunity to celebrate our hard work.



**kooth.com**

This service provides confidential, safe, online counselling and advice for 11 to 26 year olds who may need support or advice about a range of topics. Kooth are running 3 workshops starting next Wednesday for our Year 6 boys in order to help them with: male attitudes towards seeking help and support; anger management skills and emotional resilience/stress management skills. This will be carried out in small groups in a very supportive and nurturing manner by Kooth's experienced representative. For further information please visit their website.

### Gospel reading for Sunday 17th May

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him God will in turn glorify him in himself and will glorify him very soon. 'My little children I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you -you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

John 13: 31-35



### May Processions

It was wonderful to see the joy and excitement on our children's faces as they presented flowers to our statue of 'Our Lady' in the memorial garden.

We held three 'May Procession Services' across the key phases. Our journey of prayer and song began in the playground, up to the main hall and then into our memorial garden. The children sang some of their favourite hymns to Mary- Ave Maria, Immaculate Mary and Mary Queen of May. The children read beautifully and it was lovely to welcome our parents to these very special services.

### Medication

If your child needs to have medication during the school day please make sure that you complete a form which you can get from the rack in the reception area outside the school office.

Medication should only be taken into school if it is required **4 times a day**, medication required 3 times a day does not need to be given during the school day.



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.

### Drama Show

Don't forget to order your **FREE** tickets for the Years 5 and 6 Drama Club production which will be performed next **Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup> May)** and **Thursday (23<sup>rd</sup> May) at 6:30 p.m.** To get your ticket please email Mrs Van de Abbeele directly on [jvandenabeele@stcatherines.barnetmail.net](mailto:jvandenabeele@stcatherines.barnetmail.net)

The children have been working so hard all year and would love a 'full house' on both nights! We welcome all our families and friends from across the whole school.



### Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school please call the school office and inform them. There is an answerphone which is on 24 hours a day so you can leave a message there. You need to call the school by **8:30am**. We are having a number of parents not calling in to school or calling in during the day. If you do not call into the school you will 'first response' contact, as we need to know the children are safe. If we don't hear from you this would be a Safeguarding issue, and dealt with accordingly.



Please **DO NOT** email into the school as these emails may not be picked up until later in the day.

If your child is late please make sure that they sign in at the office, otherwise you will get a first response text from us and this will cause unnecessary stress to you and us at the school.

Thank you for your understanding and compliance with the above.

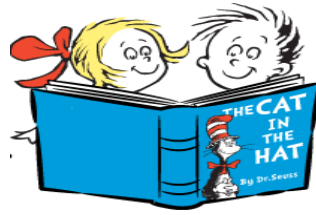
### Fundraising for Cancer Research UK



*On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May Beatrice, Lois, Lily, Lucy and Jessica E from Year 5 will be fundraising for Cancer Research UK. They will be selling bracelets, bands, pens and pins. The children have organised this event. Please come along at the end of the day and support them. Thank You*



# St Catherine's Reading Week



As part of our drive to maintain, promote and engage pupil interest in reading, we will be celebrating St Catherine's Reading Week from the **3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June**.

During this week the children will be participating in lots of exciting activities, such as sharing their own favourite books from home, sharing teacher's favourite books, learning poems, and writing book reviews for their friends. Reading different books every evening in preparation would be great!

## Dress Up Day

On **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** we will be celebrating reading with a dress up day. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite storybook character, and bring in the book they are from to share. At St Catherine's we challenge the children academically and creatively, and we would really like to invite you to get as creative as you can with costumes. The dressing up possibilities are endless: Postman Pat, Oliver Twist, Fantastic Mr Fox, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach, Danny- Champion of the World, Matilda, Goldilocks, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Twits, Cinderella, Gruffalo, Elmer the Elephant, Three little Pigs, Harry Potter etc. Costumes can be as simple as a decorated hat or t-shirt or can be a whole outfit. Please note that the children need to be able to carry out their usual school activities in their outfits, including going outside at break and lunchtime. There will be a prize for the most creative and inspiring costume in each key stage.

## Can you help?

Do you have a reading related job, such as working for a newspaper or publishing house? Could you come in and read a story in another language?? If you would like to take part in our Reading Week please email [office@stcatherines.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@stcatherines.barnetmail.net) by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of May

**We look forward to celebrating our first St Catherine's Reading Week with you!**

## How is your Class Attendance?

Class	% Attendance
1G	97.59
1P	92.76
2H	93.33
2R	98.00
3M	98.00
3W	96.33
4A	97.86
4B	97.33
5S	97.67
5Sy	98.96
6C	98.67
6S	97.74
6V	98.28



### House Stars

