



Vita et Pax Preparatory School

NEWSLETTER No.10 *Week ending 24th November 2017*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2017/2018

Michaelmas Term

November

28th Influenza immunisation (Reception to Year 4)

December

- 1st Years 3 and 5 Chickenshed Theatre visit to see Rapunzel
- 2nd Christmas Fayre 12pm-3pm
- 4th Year 1 and 2 visit to watch Snow White on Ice
- 5th Year 2 Parents evening 4:00-5:00pm and 5:30-7:30pm
- 6th Parents evening 4:00-5:00pm and 5:30-7:30pm
- 7th Parents evening 4:00-5:00pm and 5:30-7:30pm
- 12th EYFS Christmas production 2:00pm
- 13th KS1 Christmas production 2:00pm
- 14th KS2 Carol Concert 6:30pm for a 7:00pm start
- 15th End of Term, school finishes 2:00pm

MASS at Christ the King dates:

22nd March 10:30am, 10th May 10:30am, 28th June 10:30am.



Request from Miss Gillman

Miss Gillman would like ask if any parents have a redundant freestanding tent at home that they would be happy to donate to Reception Class.

Only need one in good condition.

Thank you!



A big thank you to parents and children for the overwhelming kindness and generosity for the Remembrance Day and Poppy Appeal



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Nursery	Esmes & Sotiris
Reception	Megan & Sabri
Class 1	Nicole & Mikayla
Class 2	Mimi, Markos, & Hannah
Class 3	Christopher & Alexia
Class 4	Isobel & Rohit
Class 5	Deeyah & Alex
Class 6	Mary-Ellen & Emily



This week, Class 6 were awarded the Ben Lambert Lining up Cup, having accrued the most points this week.



Message from the Headteacher

Our whole school is buzzing with preparation for our exciting Christmas production. One of my favourite things about being a headteacher is hearing our children sing.

A huge well done to our Enfield Public Speaking finalists. Both Tyelan and Maria-Nephelle conducted themselves in a professional and confident manner.

Congratulations to Maria-Nephelle for achieving second place amongst 30 children in Enfield.

We continue to make a valuable contribution to the wider community. A big thank you to all our families for recently supporting Children in Need and Operation Shoebox.

I sincerely hope that you will be joining us for our annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 2nd December. It is exciting to see all the wonderful contributions outside my door in the school corridor. Our PFA are working tirelessly to make it a memorable event.

I wish you a peaceful and happy weekend.

Miss Chumbley



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Children in Need

Last Friday all the staff and pupils came to school looking very colourful and comfortable in their pyjamas to support Children in Need.

The children placed their £1 coin donations on a large cut out of Pudsey bear and in the afternoon were very surprised and delighted when Pudsey came for a visit!

The total raised was £157

Thank you for supporting this very worthwhile cause.



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Operation Christmas

A huge thank you for your kindness and generosity in supporting the Samaritans' Operation Christmas Child charity. They Mini Vinnies supported us in checking the boxes before they were collected and we counted an incredible 97 shoeboxes in total. Thank you in advance for helping to make a child around the world smile this Christmas.

'A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child,' (Samaritans Purse International Relief Charity).



Enfield Borough Public Speaking Competition

On Wednesday, Tyelan and Grace Logan from Year 5 and Maria-Nephele and Timothy from Year 6 attended the public speaking final at Bowes Primary School.

Maria-Nephele and Tyelan performed their captivating speeches with passion and vibrancy watched by an attentive audience of teacher's parents and pupils from 5 schools across Enfield.

I am delighted to share with you that Maria-Nephele came second in the Borough competition with her thought-provoking speech entitled '**Never judge a book by its cover**'. The children were judged against a set of challenge criteria including the structure, content and delivery of their 3 minute speech by a panel of tough judges.

We are so proud of the teamwork the children demonstrated throughout the competition and we are so thrilled for Maria-Nephele to have won the second place medal.

Thank you to the parents who came to support on the day. Some thoughts to ponder from Maria-Nephele's speech.

'Next time you meet someone for the first time, step back and take a moment to question your first impression.'

Miss Callaghan

Request from Miss Newton - Nursery

Please can the Nursery have a recent photograph of your child's birthday celebration to discuss in R.E.

Also, if you bring in extra fruit, especially grapes they must be sliced due to health and safety reasons.

Thank you!
Mrs Newton

Wrap Around Care



Wrap Around care has been very busy recently. We celebrated Remembrance Day by making some beautiful glitter poppies, and took them home. Miss Jewell has taught some of us how to play chess, so we have had 2 chess tournaments against each other! We have also been getting ahead by writing our Christmas lists to Father Christmas, using catalogues to help us. Mr Harper has also written his Christmas list to Father Christmas, so we hope he's been good this year!

School travel Plan Gold Award Ceremony

On Monday 20th November 2017, we were chosen to represent the school at a special ceremony to receive a Gold Award for the School Travel Plan.

Together with Miss Gillman, Mrs Didushko, we walked to Oakwood Tube Station to take the Piccadilly Line to Kings Cross where we then

crossed the road to Camden House where the ceremony was taking place.

There were many other London schools representing the London Boroughs also receiving Gold Awards for School Travel Plans.

Whilst there, we took part in two activities; one involved ways of improving our already Gold Status such as wearing coordinating vests and taking part in more events offered to schools. The second activity showed us how to plan an activity or outing and to see which ones Vita et Pax had not taken part in yet.

The morning flew by and before we knew, it was time to receive our award and head back to school.

We would like to thank Miss Gillman and Mrs Didushko for organising this event.

Emily Y6 and Rocco Y5



National Primary Maths Challenge

Earlier this month children in years 5 and 6 took part in the National Primary Maths Challenge. This is a fun and exciting Mathematical Challenge, which is not just another test. It is about applying mathematical skills and developing the importance of problem solving and reasoning skills.

We are delighted that the following children have received the following awards:

Bronze

Maria-Nephele
Rebecca
Sophie



Silver

Dominic
Jessica
Emily Wintersgill



Gold

Mary Ellen
Rathishaa



Santa's Workshop

Volunteers are needed for the following dates and times to help with hampers, stall preparations and setting up :

Wednesday 4:30-6:45pm
Thursday 3:30-7pm
Friday 2:3-8pm



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"To succeed... you need to find something to hold on to, something to motivate you, something to inspire you."

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