



Vita et Pax Preparatory School

NEWSLETTER No.18 *Week ending 19th January 2018*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

2017/2018

<u>January</u>	
25 th Jan	Year 3 Class Assembly to parents -9am, followed by coffee/tea for parents
25 th Jan	Faith House – Disco 2:30pm (Non uniform day -only for Faith house)
<u>February</u>	
1 st Feb	Year 2 Class Assembly to parents - 9am, followed by coffee/tea for parents
7 th Feb	Year 2 Maths Master Class
8 th Feb	Year 1 Class Assembly to parents- 9am, followed by coffee/tea for parents
20 th Feb	Phil McDermott Story Teller Workshop for Parents 9am - 10am & 7pm-8pm
26 th Feb to 2 nd Mar	Arts Enrichment Week
28 th Feb	Learning Conversation Evening 1 for Parents 3:30pm to 5pm and 5:30pm to 8pm
29 th Jan	School Photography
<u>March</u>	
1 st Mar	Year 6 Maths Master Class
1 st Mar	Learning Conversation Evening 2 for Parents 3:30pm to 5pm and 5:30pm to 8pm
2 nd Mar	World Book Day – Children dress up as their favourite book character
7 th Mar	School Open Day 09:30am to 11:30am
8 th Mar	Reception Class Assembly to parents – 9am, followed by coffee/tea for parents
10 th Mar	School Open Day 09:30am to 11:30am
15 th Mar	Nursery Class Assembly – 9am, followed by coffee/tea for parents
15 th Mar to 22 nd Mar	Scholastic Book Fayre (1 week)
20 th Mar	Phil McDermott Story Teller Workshop for Parents 9am - 10am & 7pm-8pm
22 nd Mar	Mass at Christ the King Church 10:30am - Parents welcome
23 rd Mar	Sports Relief Fundraising Day
27 th Mar	Year 2 Barnet Environmental Centre visit
29 th Mar	Last day of term, school finishes at 2pm



Dear Jesus,

Please help the refugee. Instead of making them go in a boat to another country to have a better life, please give them a better life where they are. Amen

By Luca Fenman Year 3

Message from the Headteacher

Another busy week has flown by! Last Thursday and Friday I attended a Headteacher's Conference led by the Independent Schools Association. This proved to be a wonderful opportunity to network with other Headteachers from the Independent sector and to be up-to date regarding current thinking and expectations. The clear message from the conference is that as a centre of learning we need to develop pupils who are resilient, determined, risk takers, collaborative and generous. As a school with a commitment to a strong Catholic ethos and a growing new exciting curriculum, I feel confident that we are on the right path supporting our children with the development of such important qualities.

Miss Callaghan and I enjoyed visiting Palmers Green High school for Girls this week. Again this was an excellent opportunity to network and gain an insight into the unique selling point of one of our feeder Senior Schools. We are in the process of organising a Senior Schools' forum at Vita et Pax in order to support our parents with the important transition from Year 6 to Year 7. Watch this space!

Every Monday morning I lead an assembly with the whole school community. Last Monday we launched a special focus on praying for refugees and migrants across the globe. This followed on from Peace Sunday when Pope Francis has asked us to pray for those people who have been forced to abandon their homes and find peace and safety elsewhere. In order to show our love and support, the children have been encouraged to make a paper boat and say a prayer for the refugees. I have enjoyed many a break time showing the children how to make a paper boat- a skill from my childhood!! I was particularly proud of Luca Fenman from Year 3 who went home on Monday evening, made a boat and wrote his own prayer for the refugees. Please visit our special Prayer Table in the Entrance Hall.

Over the past year, we have strengthened our relationship with the Diocese of Westminster. Yesterday we enjoyed a visit from Diana Roberts who is our Primary Education Advisor from the Diocese. Together with the SLT, Diana visited all of our classrooms experiencing a range of RE lessons, looked at the children's RE books and discussed our obligation to Catholic values and ethos. The visit was both supportive and beneficial and a positive contribution to our commitment to a high quality Religious Education for all our pupils.

*I wish you a peaceful and happy weekend.
Miss Chumbley*

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Nursery	Thomas & Cora
Reception	Emma & Sabri
Class 1	Inaya & Vrishav
Class 2	Freya & Megan
Class 3	Ciara & William
Class 4	Adriano & Balthazar
Class 5	Owen & Shamira
Class 6	Zackariah & Maria-Nephele



Lambert Lining up Cup

This week, **Years 2 & 5** have been awarded the Ben Lambert Lining up Cup, having accrued the most points this week.



EYFS (Nursery)

Please can you replenish your child's spare clothes bag, as we have run out of our sets. Please include pairs of socks and knickers.



Birthday celebrations courtesy of the PFA...



Replies from our Spanish friends....

Last week, after coming back from our Christmas Holidays, we received a lovely parcel full of the letters from our partner school, Santa Barbara in Spain. We were all very excited and we are getting ready to write back. We wrote to them in Spanish and they replied in English. We will be writing back soon to tell them all about the exciting things we are learning about in school.



Year 5 Science

Year 5 pupils had a wonderful opportunity this week when they were visited by scientists from The Francis Crick institute. Firstly, they were introduced to our scientists who explained to the children what their profession was and what they did.

The children were then equip with all the essential clothing a scientist needs to carry out an investigation. After they had dressed in their lab coats, safety goggles and gloves they were ready to begin.

They learnt about the importance of being able to find out about substances. The children were then shown how to make an indicator out of red cabbage! Once the red cabbage juice was made they were able to test various solutions to see if they were acid or alkaline. They were able to observe how the colour of the cabbage juice changed when it reacted with the different solutions. They were very excited to see the range of colours including the bright pink.

Once all of the solutions had been tested they were able to observe that lemonade and fruit juice were acids and therefore not so good for their teeth. Finally, the children finished their investigation, like all good scientists, by recording their findings.

Year 5 would like to thank our scientists, Grace Logan's parents, for coming into school and helping them to be real scientists for the morning.



Barnet Power League

On Thursday 18th January, the boys football team competed in the 2018 ISA five-a-side cup. The boys performed brilliantly against extremely talented opposition from the local area. After seven hard-fought matches, Vita et Pax finished a respectable 6th in our league. The boys deserve credit for their exemplary behaviour.

Faith House

Well Done to Faith House! They have been awarded the highest points accrued over the second half of the autumn term.

As a treat the children have chosen to celebrate by having a disco on **Thursday 25th January 2018**.

This will be during school time at 2:30pm.

As an additional treat Faith House will have non uniform day on this day.

Lunch Menus

Our Lunch Menus are now available on our website.

These will be updated every 3 weeks.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

