

Forthcoming Events



Vita et Pax
Preparatory School

Newsletter No.20
Week ending 2nd February
2018

February

6 th	15:45 Netball match PGHS - (away)
7 th	15:30 Netball match Grange Park Prep (home)
7 th	Year 2 Maths Master Class
8 th	09:00 Year 1 Class Assembly for parents- Followed by coffee/tea for parents
8 th	15:30 PFA Valentines Bake Sale
9 th	09:15 Reconciliation Service for all children and staff in KS2 – Christ the King Church in preparation for Lent
12 th -16 th	Mid Term break
20 th	09:00 -10:00 or 19:00-20:00 Phil McDermott Story Teller Workshop for Parents
26 th to 2 nd Mar	Arts Enrichment Week – more information to follow
28 th	15:30 Netball match (home) Lyonsdown
28 th	15:30–17:00 & 17:30-20:00 Learning Conversation Evening 1 for Parents

March

1 st	Year 6 Maths Master Class
1 st	15:30 – 17:00 & 17:30-20:00 Learning Conversation Evening 2 for Parents
2 nd	World Book Day – Children dress up as their favourite book character
7 th	09:30 – 11:30 School Open Day
7 th	PFA Birthday celebrations (Jan/Feb)
8 th	09:00 Reception Class Assembly to parents – followed by coffee/tea for parents
10 th	09:30 – 11:30 School Open Day
14 th	15:30 Netball match (home) Grange Park Primary
15 th	09:00 Nursery Class Assembly – followed by coffee/tea for parents
15 th to 22 nd	Scholastic Book Fayre
20 th	09:00 – 10:00 & 19:00 – 20:00 Phil McDermott Story Teller Workshop for Parents
22 nd	10:30 Mass at Christ the King Church -Parents welcome
23 rd	Sports Relief Fundraising Day
27 th	Year 2 Barnet Environmental Centre visit
29 th	School finishes at 14:00

Message from the Headteacher

A big thank you to those families who have already contributed to our 'Support the refugees and migrants' collection boxes in the Entrance Hall. Our Mini Vinnies are working hard to encourage the whole school community to make a difference and show how much we care for those who are currently living within crisis and uncertainty. During Monday assembly I was particularly proud of a group of our pupils who had thought carefully at home about the plight of the refugees and, who without any rehearsal, confidently shared in front of the whole school their ideas, books, prayers and art work showing love and support for others. As you will see from the attached photo, Aravind (Y1) had written a prayer, Raine Ruby (Y3) shared two beautiful books about refugees, Elizabeth (Y2) shared her knowledge of Pope Francis and Laila (Y1) made an artistic representation of the refugees travelling across the sea. Well done!

This week Miss Callaghan and I visited St Edmund's College, Ware another of our Senior feeder schools. The headmaster, Mr Paulo Duran, led a comprehensive tour of the school and outlined the vision and ethos of the school empowering us at Vita et Pax to support our parents during the challenging Year 6/7 transition process.

Thank you to all of those parents who have already volunteered to lead workshops during our forthcoming Arts Enrichment week. I will be writing to all parents next week with more details of this exciting week. We are blessed with very talented parents and we would really appreciate it if you could share your skills, if only for one session, with our wonderful pupils.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss G C Chumbley



Headteacher Awards



Nursery	Sanvika & Luke
Reception	Luca & Nia
Class 1	Leonidas & Lucia
Class 2	Megan & Orson
Class 3	Lucy & Raine Ruby
Class 4	Rina & Barbara
Class 5	Tyelan & Omaricha
Class 6	Zakariah & Emily

Lambert Lining up Cup



This week, Year 4 has been awarded the Ben Lambert Lining up Cup, having accrued the most points this week.

EYFS assessment

This week Vita et Pax launched the parent partnership EExAT programme to our Early Years parents. This enables parents of Nursery and Reception to access their child's Learning Journals online. The Learning Journals capture learning moments through narratives, photographs and videos and are shared with home to enlighten parents about what and how their children are learning in school. The EExAT is a leading assessment tracker that delivers quality assessment tracking for school and has been highly commended at the 2018 Bett Awards for innovation in Early Years online assessment systems.

Thank you to all of the parents who have commented on your child's Learning Journals so far. It has been a pleasure to read such positive comments and to see you celebrating your child's learning. The EYFS team will continue to update the Learning Journals in keeping with each child's focus week. We look forward to sharing lots more exciting learning moments from the Early Years

<https://www.vitaetpax.co.uk/page/?title=parent+partnership+EExAT+programme&pid=57>

Miss Callaghan

Year 2 Assembly

On Thursday 1st February 2018 Year 2 performed a wonderful assembly telling everyone how we need to work together to look after our world. We started off with the creation story and heard about how God gave us the world as a wonderful gift and asked us to look after it. Then we talked about how some of the animals God gave us have already become extinct.

We then told everyone about a letter written by Pope Francis called 'Laudato Si'. It was a letter to every person on the planet, asking us all to protect our home... The Earth.

We also shared how we can help look after our world by reducing, recycling and reusing. The whole class were fantastic, they said their lines clearly and sang four beautiful songs.

Well done Class 2.



Miss Cook

Message from Mount House, School in Action – Open Mornings

9th February and 9th March 09:00 – 12:00

We would very much like to draw your attention to our forthcoming School in Action Open Mornings, which we hope you will feel able to share with your parents and pupils. These mornings are an ideal opportunity for families to get a feel for our school, both by taking a pupil-led tour, and by having the chance to talk with and ask questions of our Head, Mr Burke, and other members of our Senior Leadership Team. Whilst focused on pupils in Years 5 and 6, we do actually welcome pupils from all year groups, should parents of younger children wish to come along and experience a morning at Mount House School.

Please see attached a flyer publicising these events. In order to book a slot at one of these events, please call 020 8449 6889 to book a slot.

Year 6 Maths Masterclass at De Bohun



On Friday 26th January 2018, a group of children from Year 6 went to De Bohun Primary School to take part in a Maths masterclass to develop their Mathematical skills and fluency. The masterclass involved tricky algebraic equations, adding fractions and mastery level problem solving. Area and perimeter were also explored as part of the session and the children made new friends from neighbouring Enfield schools at break times. Well done to the children for surviving a whole day of mathematical challenges.

Miss Callaghan

RE In Year 4

Mrs. Reilly one of our parents came into Yr. 4 on Tuesday to talk about her role as an Extraordinary (Eucharistic) Minister.

In RE the class have been focusing on the parish community as part of their topic on Local Church. The children had prepared questions, listened intently and learnt a lot about this important role. We thank Mrs. Reilly for her time.



Mrs Archer

PFA

The PFA are looking for someone who can help them with the year-end accounts. Please contact them on vitaetpaxpfa@outlook.com if you can help.

Parent Portal Area Now Available on our Website

We are all very excited to announce that a 'Parent Portal' is now available for you to access via our brand new website! It will feature our current letters and School News and will be accessible via your unique username and password.

Simply access our website www.vitaetpax.co.uk, click on 'About us' and then 'Parent Secure Area'. Type in your username and password (this has been emailed to you separately by the School office) and you will be taken into the parent portal.

We are working hard to provide excellent parent school partnership and have more plans for this area...watch this space!

Important Updates

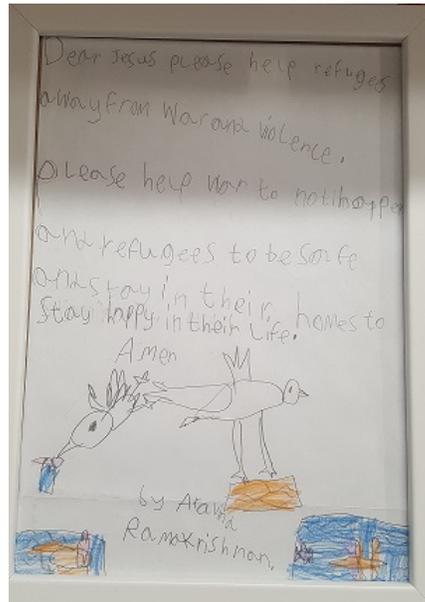
- There will be **No** Teachers clubs during Arts Enrichment week (26th February to 2nd March 2018) due to Learning Conversation Evenings taking place.
 - Please **do not** let your child/children bring hand sanitiser into school due to health and safety reasons.
 - Children are **allowed** to bring in lip balms but please remind them not to share with anybody else and not to apply during learning time.
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Stop Press! PFA Valentine's Bake Sale



PFA will be hosting a Valentine's Bake Sale after school on Thursday 8th February 2018 at 3:30pm
in the Main Hall

Thought of the day



Prayer by Aravind Ramakrishnan – Year 1
