

# Forthcoming Events



## February

12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mid Term break 09:00 -10:00 or 19:00-20:00 Phil McDermott Story Teller Workshop for Parents
26 <sup>th</sup> to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Arts Enrichment Week – more information to follow
28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Trip to Neasden Temple
28 <sup>th</sup>	15:30 Netball match (home) Lyonsdown
28 <sup>th</sup>	15:30–17:00 & 17:30-20:00 Learning Conversation Evening 1 for Parents

## March

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

## Message from the Headteacher

It has been a relatively short but exciting half term. The children have enjoyed a wide range of exciting learning opportunities and we are looking forward to our Arts Enrichment week after Half Term. We are very proud of our new Website and new School App and hope you have found our new methods of communication both beneficial and efficient.

Again, our pupils have made us very proud this week as our first ever Vita et Pax debating team have progressed through to the next round of the Enfield competition. Well done!

I was very honoured this week to be invited into Year 5 and share a session of Performance Poetry. Every member of the class performed with style and confidence. It was truly a golden moment amongst a busy week. Thank you, Year 5.

Next half term you will be invited to attend a meeting with your child's classteacher. We have renamed this event Learning Conversation Evening (formally known as Parents' Evening) and we will be inviting the children to also attend these important discussions when future learning targets will be discussed and agreed together by classteacher, parents and pupils. There will be more information to follow.

*I wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable Mid Term Break*

*Miss G C Chumbley*

## Message from our Chair of Governors

It has been another busy and productive half term at Vita et Pax School with lots of exciting activities, opportunities and engaging teaching and learning.

Although the weather has recently been cold, wet and 'gloomy', clearly this is not the case at Vita et Pax with positivity, smiles and enjoyment in learning. As always, thank you to the staff who work tirelessly to make all this possible. Also, thank you to the parents and carers who support your children's education and the School in our continued pursuit of excellence.

May I wish everybody at Vita et Pax a restful and enjoyable half term holiday.

*Mr S Payne*

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## Headteacher Awards



Nursery	Alexander and Esme
Reception	Layla and Aidan
Class 1	Nicola and Vrishav
Class 2	Christianna and Prapti
Class 3	Amy and William
Class 4	Grace and Maira
Class 5	Daniel and Oma
Class 6	Alex and Amalya

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## Lambert Lining up Cup



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

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## Year 1 Assembly

On Thursday 8th February, Year 1 performed their assembly to the whole school and our parents. The assembly was about the book 'Giraffes can't dance'. There were giraffes, lions, baboons, warthogs, chimps, rhinos and crickets who all danced beautifully. At the end of the assembly we got to say hello to our mums and dads. I enjoyed it very much.

*By Nicole Fennessy Year 1*



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*Miss Hibberd*

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## Netball Match Reports

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February the netball team travelled to the Walker Cricket Ground to play PGHS at netball. It was a very hard fought match, with Vita up 3-0 at half time. Unfortunately, the full time score was 4-3 to PGHS which was a shame, as all the girls played really well. A special mention goes to Daniella for her great shooting, and Shamira for some brilliant defending.

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February we hosted A and B team matches against Grange Park Prep School. We knew our opposition would be tough as they are unbeaten and at top of the league (as well as being very tall)! The A team played really hard, however were beaten 20-2.

The B team fared better and played brilliantly, however, they eventually lost 5-0. Well done to Victoria for her great defending.



Thank you to all the parents who came to support.

*Mrs. Destro*

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## Maths Masterclass



A group of children from Year 2 attended a Maths Masterclass at Hazelbury Primary School. The children were challenged to find fractions of a whole and locate numbers on a 100 square. The children worked with numbers in the millions focusing on place value as well using rich vocabulary such as “exchange” when solving subtraction word problems. The children even investigated right angles on letters of the alphabet.

*Miss Callaghan*

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## Year 1 and 2 Trip - Lee Valley Athletics Centre

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 , Year 1 and 2 went on a trip to Lee Valley Athletics Centre. After arriving at the venue we sat down to have lunch and watched some athletes practising pole vault and high jump. The children got into the spirit and were cheering them on.

Then the activities began. We split into three groups and took part in a number of exciting activities including javelin, long jump, hurdles and relay. During the relay Year 1 were lucky enough to race against their parents and Miss Hibberd – unfortunately the adults came last.... but there is always next year.

Following their training by Spurs Schools Co-ordinator Frank Kain (pictured below), our Year 5 and 6 Games Makers joined us on the trip and ran events for all the schools that attended. They were all very enthusiastic and other schools commented on what great ambassadors they were for our school.

A great day was had by all.



*Mrs Destro and Miss Cook*

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## Debating

Congratulations to the debating team including Grace (Y5), Saul (Y5), Rocco (Y5), Mario (Y6) and Zoe (Y6) who took part in the debate 'Superheroes are good role models' at Bowes Primary School on 8<sup>th</sup> February this week. Our debating team were proposing that anyone can be a Super-hero and that super-heroes are not just the characters you see in Hollywood films. We are very proud of them for getting through to the final in March.



*Miss Callaghan*

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## Reminder – Support the Refugees and Migrants

Thank you to those families who have already contributed to our support the refugees and migrant's collection boxes. The last day for donations is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

*Miss Callaghan*

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## PFA Valentine's Bake Sale

A big thank you for all your kind donations, we raised £260.



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## Reconciliation Service

This morning KS2 children and staff attended a short Reconciliation service in Christ the King Church. This was led by Father Christophe who helped the children to reflect on the meaning of Lent as a preparation time for the important feast of Easter. Afterwards, the children who have made their First Holy Communion had the opportunity to have Confession heard, an experience they all found helpful and meaningful.

Lent begins next Wednesday February 14th.

*Mrs F Archer*

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## Wrap Around Care

In Wrap Around Care this term, we have enjoyed an amazing range of activities. We have made hats from paper plates, 3D snowflakes that could be hung up, and butterflies and dragonflies from clothes pegs, to name just a few. Chef Keith has tempted our taste buds with a variety of culinary delights, including a delicious soup and a Mediterranean platter with hummus. This has encouraged us to be more adventurous with our food and we have certainly enjoyed trying different things!



*Mrs Aurelius and Miss Jewel*

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## Mrs Spanos

Farewell to Mrs Spanos who sadly left us yesterday, we will all miss her and wish her well for the future.



## Thought of the Day

