

Forthcoming Events



Vita et Pax
Preparatory School

Newsletter No.21
Week ending 22nd February
2018

February

26th to 2nd Mar Arts Enrichment Week

28th Year 3 Trip to Neasden Temple

28th 14:30 Netball match (home)
Lyonsdown

28th 15:30–17:00 & 17:30-20:00
Learning Conversation Evening 1 for
Parents

28th No Teachers clubs

March

1st Year 6 Maths Master Class

1st 15:30 – 17:00 & 17:30-20:00 Learning
Conversation Evening 2 for Parents

2nd World Book Day – Children dress up as
their favourite book character

7th 09:30 – 11:30 School Open Day

7th PFA Birthday celebrations (Jan/Feb)

8th 09:00 Reception Class Assembly to
parents – followed by coffee/tea for
parents

10th 09:30 – 11:30 School Open Day

14th 15:30 Netball match (home) Grange
Park Primary

15th 09:00 Nursery Class Assembly –
followed by coffee/tea for parents

15th to Scholastic Book Fayre

22nd 09:00 – 10:00 & 19:00 – 20:00
Phil McDermott Story Teller Workshop
for Parents

22nd 10:30 Mass at Christ the King Church -
Parents welcome

23rd Sports Relief Fundraising Day

27th Year 2 Barnet Environmental Centre
visit

29th School finishes at 14:00

Message from the Headteacher

We are looking forward to our special Arts Enrichment week starting on Monday. We have a wonderful array of experiences and activities planned for every pupil taken from the world of music, dance, art and Literacy. I am especially looking forward to seeing the whole school community dressed up as a book character next Friday on our World Book Day! I would like to say a big thank you to our Arts Enrichment working party – Miss Callaghan, Mr Donovan, Miss Hibberd, Miss McGuinness, Mrs Brown, Mrs Tyler Brown and Chef Keith who have worked tirelessly to make this amazing week happen.

I would also like to say a special thank you to our talented parents who have pledged their time to lead workshops throughout the week. I can't wait!

It will also be a special week for sharing learning progress with our parents. It is imperative that home and school work together as a team to ensure optimum pupil progress and we look forward to our Year 1 to Year 6 pupils, for the first time, being part of those evening learning conversations.

This week the school has been filled with bikes as Year 6 have been developing their cycling skills under the guidance of the Enfield Bikeability team. As a school we are committed to the safety of our pupils in a range of contexts and it has been wonderful to see our pupils grow in confidence when cycling on the main roads. It is worth noting that Enfield offer free sessions to children focusing on the development of cycling skills at a variety of levels of competence. Please do make use of this offer!

We are very lucky to have such a talented chef on site and yesterday we enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year courtesy of Chef Keith's wonderful creation of range of dishes and new items of food to try. I was very impressed by the number of our children who are confident with the use of chopsticks! Thank you to Chef Keith, Mrs Georgiou and Miss Garcia in the kitchen for making the day so special.

I wish you all a peaceful and enjoyable weekend

Miss G C Chumbley



Phil's Oracy Enrichment Day

The children were delighted to see Phil in school on Tuesday whereby he worked with Years 5 and 6 to develop their Public Speaking skills. The children took part in a range of exciting activities to develop their speech, sense and style in Public Speaking and then delivered enthusiastic speeches to their class about a topic they felt passionately about. The children thoroughly embraced the activities throughout the day and Phil will continue to support these vital life skills as the term progresses.

Phil ended the day with a whole school storytelling session in the hall which led the children into a world of imagination. Phil will be returning next Friday to celebrate World Book Day with the school.

Phil also held two parent workshops to demonstrate how to support children with developing vital public speaking skills. Thank you to all of the parents who joined the workshops in the morning and in the evening.



Miss Callaghan

Lacrosse

On Wednesday, Amy Ansell from NLCS and New Stars Lacrosse came in to give Year 5 and 6 a lesson in 'Pop' Lacrosse. Both classes really enjoyed themselves and learnt skills such as throwing and catching, scooping, dodging as well as the 'triple threat' position!

Mrs Ansell, who played lacrosse for the under 21 England team, is passionate about lacrosse, which really shone through during her fun and inspirational session.

The children will be glad to hear that she is returning on Wednesday 7th March for another fun filled lesson.



Mrs. Destro

Bikeability

Throughout the week, class 6 have been learning new skills and safety lessons on the road. At the start of the week, we tested what we could do in the playground. Alex, Zak and Sophie had some extra practice about how to ride a bike. We were split into groups and we went onto the road.

We also had to know where to indicate, give way and to stay outside the door zone. Class 6 would like to thank Miss Gillman for organizing this event and the bike instructors for all their help.



Zakariah (Year 6)

Lambert Lining up Cup



This week, Year 2 has been awarded the Ben Lambert Lining up Cup, having accrued the most points this week.

Football Reports

On Tuesday Vita et Pax football team went to Southgate school to play two matches. The team had Alex, Tim, Dominic, Leo, Zack, Aayush, Daniel, Owen and Myself. The first game was against Salcombe, we all played well, however Aayush skimmed the post. In the first half Salcombe scored 3 goals, in the second half Alex scored a great goal but unfortunately, they scored another which made it 4-1 to Salcombe.

Leo (Year 6)

Reporting Absences



A phone call or email to mail2parents@vitaetpax.co.uk should be made to the school office by 9am, please notify us each day should the absence continue for more than one day. Thank you.

Arts Enrichment Week

Please can anyone who has any plastic egg boxes send them into school on Monday, so they can be used for an art lesson next week. They need to be plastic and not cardboard as they need to hold paint.

Mrs Didushko

Maths Masterclass



Year 2 joined children from across Enfield Schools at Capel Manor Primary School on Thursday 22nd March to take part in a Math's Masterclass which challenged their mathematical skills and reasoning.

The children played money twister whereby they had to solve money problems whilst keeping fit and worked with clocks to solve fractions of time. The children even learnt about the new £1.00 coin being called a dodecahedron and solved money problems using bar modelling. The children worked very hard and we were very proud of their mathematical fluency.

Miss Callaghan

Thought of the Day

From Miss Chumbley's fortune cookie yesterday

"A truly great person never puts away the simplicity of a child"

