

Forthcoming Events



Vita et Pax
Preparatory School

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Week ending 27 April
2018

May

1st	KS1 SATs Start
1st	08:15 PFA - Breakfast morning
1st	09:00 Year 1 - Family Learning Workshop
8th	PFA Birthday Celebrations (Mar/Apr)
10th	10:30 Whole School Mass-Christ the King Church
14th	Year 6 - STATs all week
14th	Assessment week – Whole School
17th – 18th	Year 5 visit HYMB residential
21st	Year 6 visit – Norfolk residential
23rd	Year 1 visit – BEC all day

June

13th	Year 6 visit – BEC all day
15th	08:00 Donuts with Dad
28th	10:30 Whole school end of year mass-Yr. 3 & first communicants celebration
30th	12:00 – 15:00 Summer Fayre

July

3rd	Birthday Celebrations (May/Aug)
4th	Sports Day
5th	Academic Evening
9th	19:00 Year 6 – School Production
10th	Yearbook forms due
11th	Year 6 Leavers Service and celebrations
12th	14:00 Term finishes

Message from the Deputy Headteacher

A very warm welcome back to all of our school community for what will be an exciting and busy term ahead. It was fabulous to see the children back to school bright and ready on Monday and we are very lucky to be blessed with some delightful weather so far. I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed the opportunity to spend time having fun with friends and family.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome some new children to our school community including Lael Gun, Nursery, Arun and Aston Backory, Reception, Dillon Gafoor and Laurence De Silva, Year 2 and George Rooney and Charlie Cowan, Year 5. I am also very pleased to introduce Mrs Street and Mr Noone who have joined the school team. Mrs Street will be working as a Teaching Assistant in Reception Class and Mr Noone will be teaching Year 5 this term.

The staff spent the two inset days at the start of the summer term having Inspire Maths training which was led by Mr Peter Warwick, an Oxford and Local Authority Specialist Maths Leader. The staff were enthused and challenged to use bar modelling as a tool for solving high order 3 step problems focusing on multiplication, division and fractions. This professional development for staff focused on ensuing children's needs in Maths were being met through targeted teaching and learning and the use of mathematical tools such as Numicon, dienes and Cuisenaire.

The children were welcomed back to school on Monday in assembly led by myself, focusing on Saint George what with it being his special saint's day. The children learnt about the importance of being brave and understanding right from wrong. Many children were enthralled by the Legend of Saint George and heard all about the history of this courageous Saint. The Reception children amazed me with their beautiful paintings of George and the dragon later that day.

On Thursday, the clergy led the whole school in an assembly about Pope Francis. Brother Bartek and Giulia from Christ the King Church explained to the children why and how we should look after our fragile world that God made us.

A group of Year 6 children attended their final Maths Masterclass at Raynham Primary School on Thursday whereby they were challenged at tackling some pretty difficult Year 7 calculations. The children made us very proud and rose to the challenge. Phil McDermott visited the school today to spend time storytelling in each class which was rescheduled from the snow on World Book Day. The children were gripped by Phil's cliff-hanger stories and a cloud of excitement was evident across the school.

Finally, a reminder that all children should now be wearing their summer uniform including their summer hats. Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Miss Callaghan

Headteacher Awards



Nursery	Sanvika & Erin
Reception	Sabri, Aston & Arun
Class 1	Tommy & Vrishav
Class 2	Erin & Elizabeth
Class 3	Alexia & Ava
Class 4	Rina & Olivia
Class 5	Saul & Omaricha
Class 6	Jarell & Amalya

Lambert Lining up Cup



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

Maths Masterclass

A group of Year 6 children joined budding Mathematicians from across Enfield Schools at the Maths Masterclass at Raynham Primary School on Thursday with Mrs Aurelius and myself. The children were challenged with Year 7 style calculations and problems focusing on ratio, trial and improvement, algebra and angles.

The children were able to display their mathematical fluency and reasoning sharing various strategies and new friends along the way. The children amazed the Maths specialist leading the session who commented on the childrens manners and ability. Well done to Year 6!

Miss Callaghan

Year 2 Trip to Barnet Environmental Centre



On Tuesday the 27th of March Year 2 went on an exciting visit to Barnet environmental Centre. We travelled by public transport to the venue. When we got on the bus it was very busy because it was raining, but we all behaved extremely well.

Once we arrived at the centre we met Caroline who talked to us about different habitats and the animals that could survive there. We then split into groups and went out in the rain to do some pond dipping. We brought our catch back inside so we could take a closer look and identify the different creatures.

After lunch we went out into the whispering woods, we listened for the different sounds in the environment. We played the wiggly worm game before going on a mini beast hunt. Then it was time to go back to school. It was a lot quieter on the bus this time, maybe because everyone was so tired, but we all had a fantastic day.

PFA Birthday Celebration

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware the PFA have a breakfast morning on Tuesday 1st of May 2018 from 8:15am. There will be an opportunity at this to meet the members of the Governing Body.

Mrs Archer

Thursday Assembly

On Thursday, Brother Bartek and Giulia from the parish of Christ the King came in to take assembly. They talked to the children about Pope Francis, his life in Buenos Aires, Argentina and how he was a Chemistry teacher before he became a Cardinal.

Brother Bartek explained that Pope Francis had written a book called Laudato Si in which he asks the worldwide community to wake up and look at what mankind is doing to our environment.

The Pope is encouraging people throughout the world to talk together and to try to protect the world that God created for us. Giulia threw a soft globe to various children as a symbol that the world is in each one of our hands. We all need to take responsibility. The children then came up with lots of ideas of how we could make our world a better place.



Mrs Archer -RE Lead

Thought Of The Day

