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Dear Parents and Carers

As we race towards the end of term and the school year, it has been another busy but wonderful week in our schools.

On Tuesday, children from Years 2 to 5 were treated to the dress rehearsal of the **Year 6 play, "Magic at the Musicals"**. The younger year groups really enjoyed this experience of watching Year 6 perform a medley of well-known songs from the musicals, as well as acting and dancing. Later that evening the Year 6 performed for another very special audience... their families! There was standing room only in the hall as we enjoyed the children's performance and teamwork during this fantastic celebration of their talents. They shared songs from The Greatest Showman, The Lion King, Annie, Bugsy and Matilda and it was an evening we will all remember for a long time. The West End had nothing on this production - Year 6, you were amazing and we are all so incredibly proud of you. Thank you to everyone in Year 6 for sharing your talents with us so confidently, you did yourselves proud and it really was a MAGICAL evening!

Thank you also to our audiences for your great support of the children, we know how much you enjoyed each play and really encouraged Year 6. A huge thank you also to our Year 6 team, Miss Brennan, Miss O'Hare and Mrs Vara, who created this wonderful play for the children and organised all the rehearsals, scenery, costumes and music. This is the first end of Year 6 play we have staged and the team wanted the children to have the opportunity to enjoy performing together one last time. Thank you for all your work, commitment and care of the children, we really appreciate your ambition to make the play happen and for it be of such a high standard. Thanks to Pietro for helping with the stage and hall set-up, Miss Sandra for all her work with the props and artwork and Miss Brennan's sister, Kacey for helping with choreography.



The **Years 3 to 5 Sports Morning** took place at the Junior School Field yesterday and the children had a wonderful time participating in the different races and fun events. Thank you to all the children for taking part and really supporting and encouraging each other. Thank you also to Mrs Attwell and Mr Charles for organising the morning and helping the children to enjoy the different sports available in school. We would also like to thank parents and family members for joining us and offering such wonderful support to the children. Unfortunately, we had to postpone today's planned Infant Sports Morning due to the rain. We hope to rearrange this before the end of term and will let parents know about a planned date as soon as possible.



Miss Bourke and Miss Martin attended a Barnet Early Years event this week. This was to celebrate the work that has taken place in our Early Years classes throughout the year, as part of the **"Every Child Shining"** project. The project involved staff working with Early Years Advisers to further develop our indoor and outdoor learning activities and ensure children had the best possible opportunities for learning across the curriculum. Thank you Miss Bourke and Miss Martin for all your work to lead this project and the whole team in Early Years for their support.

We also celebrated the Junior School receiving the Barnet **"Bronze Healthy Schools Award"** this week. Miss Brennan visited Hendon Town Hall to collect the award on behalf of the school as she has led the work on this project and the school's successful application for the award. She is now working with colleagues on the Infant School award application. Thank you Miss Brennan for your continued work to support this important part of our school life.



As part of the 'Laudato Si' Week, Year 2 were helping to care for our Earth, picking up litter and cleaning up in our school community.



Staffing Changes and Arrangements for Next Year

The current Infant classes have now met their class teachers for next year and the current Years 3 to 5 classes will meet their new teachers before the end of term, once final staffing structures are complete. We would also like to make you aware of some changes to our staffing teams across both schools next year and staff we will sadly be saying goodbye to.

Firstly, we say goodbye to two long-established members of our teaching teams, Mrs Attwell and Miss Cronin.

Mrs Attwell has been a member of Annunciation Schools since 2017 and has worked with children and families across both schools during the last seven years. She initially worked with Years 4 and 5 in the Junior School before moving to the Infant School two years ago, as Year 2 teacher and Key Stage 1 Phase Leader. She has also led Literacy, PE and Design Technology curriculum subjects at different times, often working across the Infant and Junior schools to support children's learning in all year groups. Mrs Atwell has organised and led many school events and initiatives to ensure children have the best possible opportunities across the whole curriculum, including parent workshops to support learning at home.

Miss Cronin is also leaving us after six years at the Junior School and we thank her for all her work at the school. Miss Cronin has taught several Years 4, 5 and 6 classes and led the Science and Writing curriculum, organising Science events in support of the school achieving the GILT Primary Science Quality Mark and also literacy events to promote and celebrate children's writing. During her time at the school Miss Cronin has also worked as a writing moderator for Barnet, supporting writing in schools across the borough, and she is passionate about promoting language and developing children's literacy skills.

Both of these colleagues are moving on to new professional opportunities and we wish them every success.

We also say goodbye to Ms Ali in Year 4 and Miss Gibson in Year 1 who have been teaching with us this year. They have each brought a great sense of fun, positivity and enjoyment of learning to their classes. Thank you both for all your work with the children this year and good luck with future plans and travels.

Finally, we say good bye to Miss Pillay who has been working as a Teaching Assistant in the Junior School for the last two years, supporting children's learning and well-being. We wish her luck with her future studies.

Thank you to these colleagues for everything they have contributed to our children and whole school community and best wishes for the future. We will also be letting you know about new colleagues joining Annunciation Schools from next term once all the children have had the opportunity to meet them.

Enjoy the weekend.

Miss J O'Prey

Headteacher

STAR OF THE WEEK

Infants



N	Tariq
Ra	Ella
Rb	Meesha



1a	Chloe
1b	Thomas
2a	Chukwudindu
2b	Ike

STAR OF THE WEEK

Juniors



3a	Emilia
3b	Owen
4a	Ayla
4b	Maks

5B	Joshua
6A	Anna
6B	Iyi

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations
to **6b**
for having the
highest
attendance!



Class	%
R1	93
R2	97
1a	93
1b	96
2a	92
2b	88
3a	96
3b	95
4a	88
4h	96
5b	98
6a	90
6b	99

AI&S & AJS VALUES

Tolerance	5b	Manuela
Respect	6a	Emily
Commitment	4b	Zofia
Safety	4a	Tamara
Excellence	3b	David
Truth	6b	Krystian
Justice	3a	Prince
Commitment	N Ra Rb 1a 1b 2a 2b	Amelie Sophie Akim Ionela Paula Mikayla Chloe

Celebration of The Word

The Gospel for Sunday 7th July 2024

In this Sunday's Gospel, the people who were most familiar with Jesus welcomed him at first. They recognised his wisdom and his miracles but they were not prepared to put their faith in him and see he was the Son of God. In the end, they rejected Jesus.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, "Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?" And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house." And he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Adapted from The Gospel of Mark 6:1-6

The 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Aliyah & Alicja
Year 4	Thomas & Arthur
Year 5	Jasper

KEY DATES

Date	What	Where/Time
10/07/24	Year 2 Leavers' Mass	Church 9.00am
11/07/24	Year 6 Leavers' Mass	Junior School 6pm
11/07/24	Rocksteady Concert	Infant School 2.30pm
18/07/24	Rocksteady Concert	Junior School 9:30am
19/07/24	Last Day of the Term	Infant School 1:15pm Junior School 1:30pm
03/09/24	First day of Autumn term	Infant & Junior

SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Ms. Bourke



Mrs Attwell



Miss O'Prey



Mr Mc Creadie



Mrs. Stanley

