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Our Mission Statement

'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.'

St. Catherine of Siena

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half-term break! I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful week (though perhaps "restful" is the wrong word when you are keeping your children busy!). It has been a very positive start to the new half term, with the pupils returning full of energy and settling back into their school routines really well.

As a reminder, all pupils across both schools should now be wearing their full winter uniform. With the colder weather upon us, please also ensure that all coats, school jumpers, and PE jumpers clearly have your child's name written inside so that any misplaced items can be quickly returned to their rightful owners.

All Saints & All Souls Mass

This week, both the Infant and Junior schools celebrated Mass in The Annunciation Church to mark All Saints' and All Souls' Day. We extend our sincere thanks to Fr. Ako for leading such a lovely service, and we are so proud of how reverently and enthusiastically the pupils participated—in particular our readers, who read so clearly and confidently. Thank you also to the parents and family members who attended to share in this special celebration with us. A huge thank you goes to Ms. Brennan, Ms. Toal, and Ms. Gimmi for all their hard work in preparing the children and organising the Mass.

PTA Fundraisers

On Thursday, both schools were lit up like a firework display as the pupils came to school dressed in their brightest colours! The money raised from this wonderful non-uniform day will go directly towards funding our new PTA and covering the set-up costs for our upcoming Christmas Fayre. We are delighted that the new PTA team is being so proactive, and we hope you will continue to offer them your fantastic support.

Class 5A Assembly

A huge well done to Class 5A for their wonderful assembly this morning marking Remembrance Day. The children delivered a thoughtful, moving performance that was a truly fitting way to mark this important and solemn occasion. Thank you to all the parents who joined us this morning, and a big thank you to Ms. Horgan and Ms. Kristjana for their hard work in preparing the pupils so well.

Attendance

As ever, I want to remind parents and carers about the vital importance of regular attendance. Just the odd day missed here and there really adds up over the course of the school year. Especially as we head further into the winter months and seasonal sniffles and coughs begin to spread, please think carefully about whether minor symptoms warrant keeping your child off school, or if they are well enough to be in class.

Personal Note

Some of you may have noticed that I have been walking with a limp for some time now. This is due to hip arthritis, and I will be having a hip replacement on Saturday 14th November. Following the surgery, whilst I still have stitches in, I will be working from home for around two weeks. Once the stitches are removed, I will be back in the schools, though you may not see me out on the gates as usual at first as I will initially have reduced mobility.

During the brief period I am working remotely, I have every confidence that Ms. Brennan, ably supported by Mrs. Stanley, Ms. Horgan, and all of our dedicated staff, will ensure both schools continue to run as smoothly as ever. Throughout my recovery at home, I will be in constant daily contact with the leadership team, and I will be back on site as soon as I possibly can be (and yes, the irony of putting this announcement immediately after a section on the importance of attendance is certainly not lost on me!).

Notice From Barnet

Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are visiting Barnet to inspect the local arrangements for children and young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND).

Inspectors from Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) will visit Barnet and gather evidence about how effective provision is for children and young people with SEND in the local area. This includes health, education and care services for children and young people aged 0-25 years who have any type of Special Educational Need and/or Disability (SEND) and live in the London Borough of Barnet. A new Inspection Framework was introduced in 2023.

The inspectors want to know about the help and support that children and young people with SEND get. You can tell us by filling in a survey. What you tell us will be treated in confidence.

Click here to fill out the survey

Mr. D. McCreadie

Headteacher

KS1 'Star Writer' and KS2 'Writer of The Week' Awards

Year 1	Kacper & Tiffany	Year 4	Jesse & Zina
Year 2	Anthony & Kye	Year 5	Maru & Jaden 0
Year 3	Scarlett & Dawid	Year 6	Ella & Lindsey

STAR OF THE WEEK
Infants

N	Eveline
RA	Joshua
RB	Sanil

1A	Chahil
1B	Anthony
2A	Brendon
2B	Noah

STAR OF THE WEEK
Juniors

3A	Giulia
3B	Harry
4A	Esther
4B	Catalina

5A	Jessie
5B	Keyner
6A	Solange
6B	Edward

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations

to

RB, 3A & 4A

for having the highest attendance!



Class	%
RA	96
RB	100
1A	87
1B	95
2A	97
2B	96
3A	100
3B	98
4A	100
4B	97
5A	97
5B	97
6A	95
6B	96

AIS and AJS VALUES

Respect	3A	Tudor
Commitment	6A	Alicja
Truth	4A	Maya
Excellence	5A	Neve
Tolerance	6B	Bella
Courage	3B	Ebube
Justice	4B	Zion
Safety	5B	Muhammed
	N	Alireza
	RA	Amal
	RB	Lemuel
	1A	Soso
	1B	Nora
	2A	Benjamin
	2B	Delvin

Maths Superstars

Year 3	Steve & David
Year 4	Aiden & Sabothe
Year 5	Jeremy & Joshua
Year 6	Naomi & Aliyah

Celebration of The Word

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The sensible girls took extra oil so they would be able to refill their lamps, but the foolish ones did not. The bridegroom was late, and they all fell asleep. When the bridegroom arrived, they woke up and the wise bridesmaids refilled and lit their lamps and went to the wedding hall with the bridegroom, and the door was closed. But the lamps of the other bridesmaids were almost empty, so they went off to try and get some more oil. They arrived much later but couldn't get in to the wedding because the door was already locked."

Sometimes there's a Gospel passage that takes bit of thinking to understand a modern context—for me this week's is certainly one of those! However, the message of being prepared to meet Jesus through small acts of diligence resonates. I am reminded of one of my favourite reflections: Sometimes we convince ourselves that the "unnoticed" gestures of "insignificant" people mean nothing. It's not enough to recycle our soda cans; we must Stop Global Warming Now. Since we can't Stop Global Warming Now, we may as well not recycle our soda cans. It's not enough to be our best selves; we have to be Gandhi. And yet when we study the biographies of our heroes, we learn that they spent years in preparation doing tiny, decent things before one historical moment propelled them to centre stage." We hope that what we do day in and day out as a school community are those tiny decent things, preparing the children for the time when they can go out and set the world on fire as the people God made them.

KEY DATES

Monday 9th November	Anti-Bullying Week Staff Appraisals Week – Performance Review Shoe Box Appeal Deadline	
	Nursery Rhyme Week	
Tuesday 10th November		Year 3 & Year 6 Christmas Carol Rehearsal @ Church – 10:30am
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance Day	
	Burnt Oak Library Visit - Year 1	
Friday 13th November	Shoe Box Appeal – Send Shoe Boxes	
		Writing Competition Cinema Trip 6B RAF Museum – STEM Day Trip 6A Assembly Burnt Oak Library Visit - Year 4B
Monday 16th November	Road Safety Week	
Tuesday 17th November		Year 3 & Year 6 Christmas Carol Rehearsal @ Church – 10:30am
Wednesday 18th November		Burnt Oak Library Visit - Year 3A
Thursday 19th November		
Friday 20th November	Individual Photos	
		4A Assembly Burnt Oak Library Visit - Year 3B
Monday 23rd November	UK Parliament Week CAFOD World Gifts Fundraising Week	
	KS1 Assessment Week	KS2 Assessment Week
Tuesday 24th November		Year 3 & Year 6 Christmas Carol Rehearsal @ Church – 10:30am
Wednesday 25th November	Drama4All Workshops	TT Rockstar Day Burnt Oak Library Visit - Year 5A
Thursday 26th November	Vaccinations	Vaccinations
Friday 27th November	Advent Service KS1 & KS2 @ Church – 10:30am – Parents Welcome	

The Annunciation Schools' Safeguarding Team

Miss Odoi



Mrs Stanley



Mr McCreadie



Miss Brennan



Miss Horgan



Miss Gimmi

