



Spring Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

8th March is International Women's Day. It is a day when we celebrate women's achievement. In school, this week we have been looking in particular at the work of women artists. The children have been very inspired and have produced some amazing art work.

Trip to Tower of London

On Friday 1st March children from Year 6 went on a trip to the Tower of London where they took part in a very enjoyable workshop and learnt so much about this famous building in London. The children behaved very well and a big thanks to all the adults who accompanied Year 6. Without your help and support trips like this would not be possible.

Caritas Ambassadors

We had a visit from Sr Silvana on Monday 4th March. Sr Silvana led the assembly where she spoke to the school about Caritas and presented badges to all of our Caritas Ambassadors.

World Book Day

We had a wonderful celebration of World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. The theme for this year was Reading for pleasure. The children and staff came in their pyjamas and brought in some of their favourite books to share. Bedtime stories are to be treasured as a moment to relax and enjoy and this was certainly the case when all the children and staff shared their favourite bedtime stories with each other. Please remember reading with your child 10 minutes a day equates to over an hour a week. We also asked children to create some book characters from potatoes. We had some amazing creations. Thank you to all the parents for your support in helping your child with this project. It was very difficult to pick winners as so much effort had gone into each creation. Books were given to the following children as their potato creations were chosen as the winners in each class:

Reception – Roshanna

Year 1 – Oliwia

Year 2 – Mate

Year 3 - Zuzanna

Year 4- Blanca

Year 5 - Joshua

Year 6 - Nela

Nursery – a book was given to the class to share.

The children have all been given a book token which can be redeemed at any bookseller. There are some fantastic books available for World Book Day so please encourage your child to use the token to get a free book.

Mother's Day Flowers for Nursing home

This week all the children made flowers to share with residents in a nursing home to celebrate Mother's Day.

Should you have any queries please contact us on admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk
or iheath@clitherow.brent.sch.uk or bnolan@clitherow.brent.sch.uk



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Parent Consultation Meetings

It was lovely to see some many of you last Monday evening. We have another parent consultation meeting on Monday 11th March. It is vital that we see every parent so if you cannot make your appointment then please contact your child's teacher to rearrange. I would also ask that you kindly let us know if you cannot attend as a matter of courtesy rather than just not turning up. If you have had an ISP meeting you do not need to come to open evening as you have already had your meeting with the teacher.

I cannot stress how important it is that you attend these meetings and take the opportunity to support your child's education. Teachers always comment on how easy it is to see when a child has a good level of support at home. I know many parents are busy with work and other commitments but even a short period of time every day really can make a big difference. It is when we work in partnership that we have the most success!

Workshops

This morning our Year 5 and Year 6 students had a workshop from Wizard Theatre on the theme of keeping safe. We have worked for many years with Wizard Theatre and know that the workshops they provide are very valuable in preparing our children for life after primary school.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel

Next week sees the start of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. It runs from 11th to 22nd March. The school challenge has now been running for 15 years. It's inspired hundreds of thousands of families to take active journeys to school. It's more important now than ever to travel actively. Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine. It helps them arrive to school more relaxed and alert, and is great for their mental wellbeing too. It also helps to improve air quality in the neighbourhood.

For those of you who drive to school, we encourage you to park away from the school and make the last part of your journey on foot. This way all children can be involved.

Attendance

It is vitally important that children attend school every day. Any unauthorised absences will result in a referral to the EWO and a fine will be issued. EWO will contact the families for a meeting. Punctuality is also being monitored and families will be asked to attend a meeting with the Education Welfare Officer. Please ensure your child attends school every day and on time. Our children deserve the best start in life and together we can achieve that.

Updates on Medical or Dietary conditions

Please ensure that you inform the school office of any medical or dietary conditions or changes to existing conditions. We will need proof from a medical practitioner of any of these conditions.

Maths Challenge

This afternoon some of our Year 5 and Year 6 mathematicians represented our school at St Gregory's school where they took part in the annual primary maths challenge. The competition was tough and although we did not win this time, the children did very well and we are very proud of them.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Heath
Headteacher



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CERTIFICATES

Year 1 - Adheed, Michal

Year 2 - Ernest, Kacper

Year 3 - Hazel, Ayla

Year 4 - Mia Rose, Antoni

Year 5 - Andrei Elizabeth

Year 6 - See next Newsletter

FORTHCOMING DATES

11 th March	OPEN EVENING
15 th March	Year 5 going to Mass am
15 th March @2.15pm in the school hall	Year 3's Class Assembly
w/c 18 th March	Last week for after school clubs and Boosters
w/c 25 th March	No Clubs/Boosters
22 nd March @ 11.00am	Mass for the Feast of St Margaret's – School Hall (Parents Welcome)
28 th March	Last Day of Term – Wear something Yellow in support of Marie Curie. £1 donation SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1.30PM

**Please check out the calendar on the jotter
for dates and times of events.**

ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING

**26/02/24 to 01/03/24
2024**

Year 1 – 96%
 Year 2 – 94%
 Year 3 – 91.4%
 Year 4 – 98.3%
 Year 5 – 94.7%
 Year 6 – 97.3%
 Whole school overall – 95.3 %

EXPECTED ATTENDANCE MINIMUM OF 96%

ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING

**04/03/24 to 08/03/24
2024**

Year 1 – 93.3%
 Year 2 – 96%
 Year 3 – 90.7%
 Year 4 – 95.9%
 Year 5 – 93%
 Year 6 – 96.3%
 Whole school overall – 94.2%

**EXPECTED ATTENDANCE MINIMUM OF
96%**

“Happy Mother’s Day to
 the person who looks after
 us and who makes us feel
endlessly loved!
 You might not wear a
 cape, but you’re our hero.”

Wishing all the mothers and caregivers a very
happy and restful Mother’s Day!