



Summer Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

It is strange to think that we have come to the end of another academic year here at St Margaret Clitherow School. The time has just flown by so quickly. Thank you to everyone for your support and understanding through the year. I want to thank all of my amazing staff who have been extremely supportive, very flexible, patient and understanding. They have gone above and beyond to make sure your children have been well looked after whilst receiving the best possible education. I could not have done it without them. I know that many of you have offered kind words, gifts and cards for the staff and I cannot begin to express how grateful we all are for this. I feel truly privileged to be part of such a wonderful community.

Goodbye to those parents whose times with us has come to an end, to all other parents, have a lovely summer, stay safe, have a good rest and we will see you all back here again in September. Please do ensure your child returns promptly to school on **MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER**. We will be monitoring attendance carefully and referrals will be made to EWO for any child who does not return to school on this date. I would also ask that you ensure that the children are in the correct, labelled uniform. I look forward to welcoming you all back.

I would also like to thank the parents on behalf of the staff and myself for all the kind messages and gifts. We are truly touched by your kindness.

Year 6 Prom

On Friday 1st July our Year 6 children had their end of school Prom. Everyone looked so smart in their party clothes. A great evening was had by all. The Prom didn't just happen, a lot of hard work went into organising this event. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Baalla, Mrs Walsh and Mrs Curry for organising everything and also the Parent Association - Friends for helping out. It was so lovely that our Year 6 children were able to mark this important milestone in their education. We wish them all the best and we will miss them all so much. I am sure they will call back to see us again soon.

Jubilee Cup

Each year in Year 2 and Year 6 we award the Jubilee Cup for those children who have made an outstanding contribution to the school at their particular key stage. The children selected are those who go 'above and beyond' and do that little bit extra. It is not an award for academic performance but for citizenship. All adults in the school vote for this and not just the adults working in these two year groups. The winners for this year are: Year 2: Liam Boyle Year 6- Lilly Szymczak. Well done and congratulations to you both.

This year we awarded another award for the most improved student and this award was presented to Aaron Hazzard from Year 6.

Nursery Zoo Trip

The children in the Nursery enjoyed a lovely trip to London Zoo on Monday 4th July. For such young children, they coped very well with such a lot of walking on a hot and sunny day. They really enjoyed seeing all the amazing animals.

Sports Day

Sport's Day took place on Tuesday 5th July. All children had a wonderful time. They participated well and enjoyed all the fun activities. Thank you to Mr Smith, our sport coach and to Miss Pugh for organising the different activities and thank you to all the adults who led their teams around the course.

Summer Fair

On Friday 8th July we had our Summer Fair on a very hot day! Many thanks to all the parents from Friends who helped organise both before the fair and on the day. A special thanks to Liz Lewis, who worked tirelessly in the run up to the day. Many thanks to all my staff who helped run the stalls. £946 was raised on the day which will come in very handy to replace outdoor equipment.

Should you have any queries please contact us on: admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk
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Brent Makes Music

On Wednesday 13th July our Year 5 children and some other musicians from other classes participated in Brent Makes Music Concert. This was a wonderful event and the children represented our school so well, despite the very hot weather! It was lovely that so many parents were able to come along also to enjoy the fantastic performances. Thank you to Miss Nolan and the parent helpers who accompanied me and the children on the night.

A huge thank you to Mr Turner for preparing the children – their talent really shone through.

Edenred Summer Holidays Vouchers

The Government announced that the Household Support Fund grant has been extended until 30 September 2022.

The extended fund sets out a new requirement for Local Authorities to ring-fence a third of the funding for pensioner households, which has affected the amount the Council has available to support families with children.

Brent Council will be using this funding to provide **£10** supermarket vouchers per each week of the Summer holidays, for families with children eligible for free school meals. This equates to **£60** for the summer holidays.

The Council has made funds available through the Brent Edenred platform.

This voucher should be used by families to contribute to the cost of food over the Summer holidays.

Leaver's Assembly

Year 6 entertained us all on Thursday as they held their Leaver's Assembly. The children reflected on their time here at St Margaret Clitherow and how they have grown and changed in this time.

Mrs Baalla compiled a lovely photo montage to show the children. We are all very sad to see such a wonderful class leave us and wish them well in whatever the future holds for them.

Food Bank

We have been very lucky this year with the huge amount of support we have received for our Food Bank throughout the year. We are most fortunate that Morrison's in Colindale have supported us with food donations on a weekly basis. We have also had wonderful support from the parishioners of English Martyrs Church. We would like to say a special thank you to Mr Wayne Durham for his regular generous donations to our food bank.

Art Competition winners

Congratulations to the following children who were winners in a recent art competition to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee:

4th Place Class Winner – Ephrata Y2

3rd Place Class Winner – Bryan Y3

2nd Place/ Class Winner – Lilly Y6

1st Place/ Class Winner – Nadia Y4

Goodbyes

As well as saying goodbye to our Year 6 children this week, we also said goodbye to some staff members. Mrs Kerai is moving back to Northern Ireland, Mrs Byrne is moving out of London and Mrs Zahraa is leaving to have a baby. We also said goodbye to Miss Ceri who is travelling to Toronto to pursue her career in film making. We said goodbye to them at a special assembly today. We thank them for all the hard work and dedication to St Margaret Clitherow School over the years and wish them all the best for the future. They will be sorely missed and I hope they will come and visit us in the future.

Wishing you all a safe and restful summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Best wishes and God Bless

Mrs Heath

Headteacher



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Teachers for academic year
2022/2023

R Miss B Nolan

1 Mrs A Davies

2 Miss C Higgins

3 Miss C Pugh

4 Mrs K Baalla

5 Mrs S Terry/Mrs P Forde

6 Mr A Pridding

FORTHCOMING DATES

1 & 2 Sept	Staff inset
5 Sept	Children return to school for the autumn term

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

Summer Reading Challenge

Brent Libraries are once again hosting their annual Summer Reading Challenge. This year's summer reading challenge (SRC) is called Gadgeteers. This year, The Reading Agency is partnering with [Science Museum Group](#) for **Gadgeteers**, a science and innovation themed Challenge that will spark children's curiosity about the world around them. Find out more about Gadgeteers [here](#).

All Saints' Trust Leavers' Prayer

May God's blessing
Follow you as you find new
Journeys to travel.
May you walk safely along the
Pathways of your dreams.
May his gentle hand guide the
Decisions you will make and the
passions that you follow.
May your hearts and lives
Always reflect his love
And truth.
And may hope be a light within
You that you carry into each new day.

School Meals

Please note that the cost of school dinners will increase slightly from September. The meals will now cost £2.35 per day.

Can you please make sure you get any outstanding debts cleared before September.

If you are in Year 6 please clear all your outstanding debts ASAP.

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