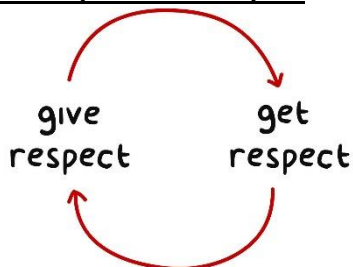




ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 22nd September 2023

Value for September: Respect



'Respect' is a big concept to grasp. We often hear about having or showing respect. At the heart of respect is caring. In simple terms, respect is caring how words or actions may impact others. Respect has two parts: 1) having respect for someone because of how their actions impact others and 2) showing respect by changing your actions to be sure you don't have a negative impact.

To understand why respect is important, think about what life would be like if we didn't treat each other with respect. Since respect is about caring whether our words and actions have a hurtful effect on other people, in a world without respect, no one would care whether they were hurting other people. They might do things that are dangerous or mean and not care if other people were harmed.

All of us in society need to treat each other with respect if we want to feel safe and live peacefully together. Respect is important because it means we treat others the way we want to be treated. So if we don't treat others kindly, how can we expect them to be kind in return?

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," Luke 6:31

"Without feelings of respect, what is there to distinguish men from beasts?" Confucius

Welcome to all of our Reception families!

This week saw the last of our Reception families join our school. The children are settling into school life and we're seeing them develop in confidence each day.

They've also started learning their sounds, which have been S, A, T and P so far. As part of their learning, they've especially loved eating the items with the associated sounds so this week have been tucking into Strawberries, Apples, Tomatoes and Twiglets and today's favourite - Popcorn. When I took a tour around the school at 10am the Popcorn bowl was completely empty!

**Welcome to
Reception Class**



St Andrew's Y6 Pupil Worship Team visit to St Andrew's Church



The year 6 pupil worship team visited St Andrew's church to meet with Margaret Peart to discuss fundraising events for the year.

Our first priority is the Harvest food collection.

We are celebrating Harvest at St Andrew's church at 9.30am on Monday 2nd October. (all parents are welcome).

Please bring to school non-perishable and in-date food items or toiletries that we can donate to the **Homeless Action Barnet**-foodbank.

Suggested items:

Teabags/Coffee/Jam/Tinned meat or fish/Pasta/deodorant/shampoo/soap

More news to follow about our other two charities which involve trees and **chickens!!!**

Our Link with St Andrew's Church

Please join us this Sunday, 24th September, 16th Sunday after Trinity for our PARISH COMMUNION in church at 10.00am

Please join us for coffee in the Parish Hall immediately following the service. All are most welcome!

Y2 visit to the Pond

Y2 are exploring habitats and they went to find out what plants and animals lived in our local pond habitat. They were very surprised to find out that the ducks eat duckweed and help keep our pond clean! They very nearly had an additional body joining the class!



Lunches

Please put a reminder in your phone calendar to book your child's lunch choices each week by the previous Thursday evening e.g the opportunity to book lunch choices for next week closed last night. This informs the school kitchen staff who order the ingredients for each week and keeps food wastage to a minimum. Booking is done via Parentpay. In the event that you forget to book, we will still of course provide your child with a meal, however, pre-booking ensures they have a full choice of options.



Water Bottles



Please ensure that your child has a refillable water bottle in school every day. There are bottle re-fill points in the school should a water bottle need replenishing, but the children are unable to take a drink directly from the water tap. In the event that your child forgets their bottle, please tell them to inform their class teacher so a refillable cup can be provided to ensure they are drinking sufficient fluids throughout the day.

Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs have started to return this term. Please follow the instructions on each club's flyer in regard to booking and payments. **Please be reminded that Breakfast and After School Club bookings are now via Parentpay and parents are expected to have sufficient credit before a booking is completed**

Dates for your diary

Want to make sure you know about all upcoming events? Why not link your smart phone/tablet to our school website calendar? It's really easy to do and means you instantly are informed of everything that's coming up.



Stars of the week



Well done to **all** of our pupils for another fantastic week here at St Andrew's
A special well done to our stars of the week:

Week ending 22nd September

Year 1	Nao – for excellent sentence writing, using a capital letter, finger spaces and a full stop – well done! Ewan – for having a positive attitude towards your learning and trying your best.
Year 2	Ryan – for settling well into our school and making new friends. Abira – for having a positive attitude to all her learning
Year 3	Henry L – for a mature attitude to your learning and sharing your thoughts and ideas with your classmates Kylie – for fitting beautifully into our class and being enthusiastic and positive about your learning
Year 4	Evie - for thoughtful and mature contributions in PSHE lesson – well done! Shay – having an excellent attitude to learning and giving 100% in each lesson.
Year 5	Seanna – for fantastic written explanations about the 'Flat-Earth' or 'Spherical-Earth' theories. Arina – for engaging in lessons, always putting her hands up and having a can-do attitude towards her learning.
Year 6	Jackson: for having a positive attitude to your learning and remaining focused. Keep it up! Lusiana: for your inquisitive mind and for asking relevant questions in lessons. Keep it up!

What's happening in September & October

Tuesday 26th September - New Parents Tour (2024 Reception entry) am

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Friday 29th September – MacMillan Cancer Charity Cake Sale 3pm-3:45pm

Monday 2nd October – Reception class commence full days

Monday 2nd October – Harvest Festival Service at St Andrew's Church – *DATE CHANGE*

Thursday 5th October - New Parents Tour (2024 Reception entry) am

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Monday 9th October – New Reception cohort parents' coffee morning 9:15am

Monday 9th October – PTA Penny Challenge competition starts

Tuesday 10th October - New Parents Tour (2024 Reception entry) am

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Friday 13th October – Just One Tree charity “wear something green” non-uniform day

Thursday 19th October – Y5 Class Assembly for Y5 parents/carers

Thursday 19th October - New Parents Tour (2024 Reception entry) pm

Monday 23rd October – Half Term Holiday commences

Monday 30th October – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 31st October – School reopens for pupils