



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 6th October 2023

Value for October: Fairness



Helping children understand fairness is an important part of growing up and practicing empathy. When we understand what others need and perhaps what we don't, we recognise our differences and think a little beyond ourselves. We get to step into someone else's shoes for a moment and consider their life. An equal sign tells us that both sides of the equation are exactly the same ($3 + 2 = 5$).

Fair is different. Fair means everyone gets what they 'need', based on visible gaps in opportunity. And sometimes people will have different needs because we are unique individuals, e.g. Some children wear glasses and some don't. That's not equal, but it's fair because not everyone needs glasses to see and learn best.

"A just balance and scales are the Lord's; all the weights in the bag are his work," Proverbs 16:11

"Being good is easy, what is difficult is being just," Victor Hugo

MacMillan Fundraiser last Friday

Thank you to everyone who bought a cake, cookie or fruit shoot drink at last Friday's cake sale after school.

Altogether, we raised £389 which is our highest amount ever for this charity and event!

The funds have been paid in and we will receive our certificate for our charity display board very soon.



Harvest Service at St Andrew's Church - Monday 2nd October



The children in Y1-Y6 visited St Andrew's Church on Monday to present our Harvest offerings for the local charity Homeless Action in Barnet. There were so many donations that it completely covered the front of the altar! It was also the first chance the whole school had to officially meet our new vicar, Rev'd Cate, who told us she was a little nervous as it was her first service with us but we wouldn't have guessed if she hadn't told us. She praised our enthusiastic singing and the clear diction of the pupils reading out prayers

Our Link with St Andrew's Church

Please join us this Sunday, 8th October (18th Sunday after Trinity) for our PARISH COMMUNION in church at 10.00am.

*Please join us for coffee in the Parish Hall after the morning services.
All are welcome!*

Food Standards Agency

Well done to the catering staff who had their unannounced hygiene visit last Friday, and successfully kept the same high rating.

Local Authority inspectors turn up on the day to check Hygienic Food Handling; Cleanliness and Condition of Building and Management of Food Safety. A score of 5 represents high food safety standards and is what all businesses should be aiming for.



Bronze Sports Ambassadors



On Wednesday 4th October, we went to Hendon Leisure Centre for Bronze Ambassador training. It was an exciting event. When we got there, there were about 8 schools and we were split into two groups of 4 schools. In these groups, we completed tasks and games that we could recreate with younger children. We are looking forward to bringing these back and introducing them to the St. Andrew's playground at break times.

Former pupils visit to the school

Today we were fortunate to have a visit from some former pupils who attended the school in the 1950s. They were taking a trip down memory lane and were visiting some of their old haunts which had to include a visit to their former school. They enjoyed seeing how little the school building had changed while also seeing the huge changes that have been made since. They visited all of the classrooms and were impressed by the level of enquiry the children had about their time at school by the questions they were asked. They told us how the hawthorn tree in the middle of the playground was only a newly planted tree when they were children and were impressed by how much it had grown over the years. They told us how they remembered celebrating the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II during their school days and receiving a mini horse and carriage toy and a commemorative mug.

Their visit finished with some refreshments and a chance to look through the Headmasters log book from the 1950s to find their names mentioned within it. It brought back many memories including lots of giggles at memories of sports days, winning cups and trophies and mentions of previous pupils and teachers.



L to R: Douglas Court, William House and Peter Hollins

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

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 6th October

Year 1	Lexi – for an excellent effort in drama! You thought carefully about your actions and movement. Harrison – for using brilliant adjectives when describing a sea monster. Well done!
Year 2	Jacob – for really good focus and excellent independent maths completing subtraction. Taigi – for being able to explain different methods to solve a calculation
Year 3	Lara – for being a supportive, caring learning partner - always demonstrating maturity and kindness. Yirou – for having an excellent attitude to all your learning and always being keen to challenge yourself
Year 4	Riko – for your enthusiasm and contributions in all lessons. Keep it up! Laura – for persevering with a tricky Maths question and finding the solution. Well done!
Year 5	Brodie – for listening more attentively in class and taking more care with the presentation of his work. Melissa – for making a conscious effort to spell words correctly and check her sentences.
Year 6	Emma – for a creative piece of writing using excellent vocabulary and ensuring a good pace. Noa – for your kind and caring nature and always making sure people around you are okay.

What's happening in October

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

Wednesday 18th October – School Calendar photo shoot am

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