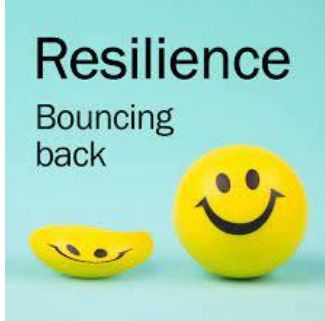




# ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

## Value for March: Resilience



In an ideal world, we'd all be living in a stress free environment where our future is fully mapped out for us. Unfortunately, that is not how life works, and there will be times when blips happen. When these do, it is important that we have the necessary resilience to be able to 'bounce back' from this adversity. Building children's resilience can help give them the tools they need to navigate stressful situations. When children have the skills and confidence to confront and work through problems, they learn that they have what it takes to tackle difficult issues. The more they manage on their own, the more they believe they are strong and capable. Even the most resilient of children will have days when it all becomes too much for them, and they will have their own ways of showing when these demands become too much. Educators and parents can help children build resilience and confront uncertainty by teaching them to solve problems independently.

*"Though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again..." Proverbs 24:16*

*"Failure is an important part of your growth and developing resilience. Don't be afraid to fail," Michelle Obama*

*"Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again," Nelson Mandela*

## Tadpoles

Reception buddied up with Year 2 to release our tadpoles back into the pond. It has been fascinating to watch them grow from tiny eggs over the past few weeks and we are happy they are now back in their natural habitat. Let's all keep our eyes peeled during the coming weeks for lots of little frogs hopping about Totteridge! A big thank you to Roland- Olivia and Rebeka's father- for introducing us to the frogspawn and for helping to release them back in the wild!



## Reminder – please pre-book your child's lunch by Thursday each week

Please remember to pre-book your child's lunch choice by Thursday evening for the following week. The current menu runs up until the end of this term (Easter holidays) so you can even pre-book several weeks in advance. Pupils who have not pre booked will be automatically allocated a vegetarian meal (green band).



## Persian New Year



Thank you to Ewan's mum for coming into Year 1 to talk about Persian New Year celebrations!  
Nowruz means *new day* and marks a time of: cleaning the home, planting seeds, celebrating the holiday with family. Also some families take part in the Nowruz custom of jumping over fire and making a special wish.



"We think about animals and plants and fish. I got a new fish" Ryan  
"My mum has done lots of cleaning" Max  
"We have special food. I am having fish and noodles and we are going to have a candle," Kasra  
"I am going to have some fish with chips." Ewan  
Thank you to Ewan's mum for bringing in lots of seeds for us to grow!

## Boys Football



The St. Andrew's boys football team have worked extremely hard throughout the season, participating in friendly and league matches. The team came second in their group, having to deal with one long term injury and one player leaving the school. This is a fantastic achievement. The team displayed a great sense of teamwork, perseverance, determination and most importantly, had fun. Some words from the team...  
*We have come a long way since the start of the season and are very proud. Some have been close matches and some not so much. But importantly we kept going until the final whistle blew. We finished on a high this week winning 3-0 against All Saints in our final second place playoff match. The first was a tasty goal from a curling corner by Ben. Djad played two nice passes to Theo who was able to make a run, and score the final two goals. Some great goal keeping by Felix too. Ben & Theo Y6*

## Our Link with St Andrew's Church

*Please join us this Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, Palm Sunday, for our Parish Communion at 10am.*

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

*Choral Evensong is this Sunday at 5pm*

*Please also see the flyer at the end of the newsletter regarding services over Holy Week.*

## After School Club on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Please be advised that, due to the school day finishing early at 1:30pm, After School Club will operate from 1:30-4:20pm to our usual terms and conditions. Please ensure pupils booked into the club are collected by 4:20pm to avoid any late fees being applied.

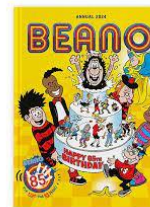
## The Disappearing Forks!

Please could we ask parents to help their children practice scraping their uneaten food into a waste food bin after a meal **without** throwing their fork into the bin too. We are having to make our third order of the year for replacement forks as they keep being accidentally thrown away by the children at lunchtime.



## Beano Funniest Class Competition

Northside school in Finchley are through to the finals of The Beano's Funniest Class competition. They are the only school in North London to get through to this stage so a huge well done to them. We'd like to help our fellow Barnet school win the competition by voting for them. Voting is now open on [beano.com/funniest-class](https://beano.com/funniest-class) and ends on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 4pm. The winning class will be announced in the Beano edition for sale on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Let's try to help it be a Barnet school that wins!



## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March

<b>Reception</b>	<b>David</b> – for an enthusiastic dance performance to the class in PE. Well done- you were really enjoying yourself. <b>Olivia</b> – for a fantastic representation of the solar system using oil pastels and chalk. Well done.
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Damian</b> – for an amazing effort with your reading – keep it up! <b>Quentyn</b> – for using fantastic vocabulary when writing about emperor penguins – well done!
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Taigi</b> – for a huge improvement in his presentation and handwriting. <b>Christian</b> – for an excellent piece of writing all about the UK.
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Luca L</b> – For being determined and showing perseverance when learning new concepts. <b>Yan Yan</b> – For being fabulous with fractions – you clearly demonstrate your understanding.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Albie</b> – for working very hard to write a fantastic short story with an imaginative plot. <b>Kenza</b> – for your enthusiasm and excellent contributions in all lessons – keep it up!
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Seanna</b> – for a fantastic persuasive letter to 'Mam' from the point of view of a young, Geordie boy. <b>Rojhat</b> – for getting better at showing his working out in Maths and slowing down.
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Olive</b> – for improved confidence and contributions in whole class discussions. <b>Theodore</b> – for excellent focus and sharing examples of figurative language in English.

## What's happening this half term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March – PTA 'Bunny Bounce' competition

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – PTA eggs in jar competition

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – PTA Easter bonnet competition

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Lent Service at St Andrew's Church 9:30am

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – End of school term **1:30pm finish for all**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Schools opens after Easter holiday break

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Celebration Service at St Andrew's Church 9:30am

# Holy Week at St. Andrew's Totteridge



## **Palm Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> March**

10.00am – *Parish Communion*

5.00pm – *Choral Evensong*

6.00pm – *Stations of the Cross*

## **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

11.00am – *Reflection for Holy Week*

## **Maundy Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March**

7.30pm – *Eucharist of the Last Supper*

## **Good Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> March**

10am – *Walk of Witness from Totteridge Stn. to Church*

12-1.30pm – *Church is open for quiet prayer*

1.30pm – *Meditations of the Cross*

2.30pm – *The Liturgy of Good Friday & Holy Communion*

## **Holy Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March**

9am – *A quiet service of prayer & reflection*

8pm – *Easter Vigil, the first Eucharist of Easter*

## **Easter Day, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

10.00am – *Easter Family Communion*

## ITEMS WE URGENTLY NEED

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**Size 11 Boys shoes, trainers & wellies**

**Buggies suitable from birth, 6 months plus & double**

**Changing mats**

**Playmats**

**Bouncers**

**Baby baths**

**Travel Cots**

Please DM if you would like to donate the above items.

Thank you!

