



ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday, 18th October 2024

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

Just One Tree Charity Collection

Thank you to all who dressed in green and donated money towards this charity. **Altogether, we raised £238.35.** This means that 238 new trees will be planted due to the money you gave; which will absorb carbon dioxide, restore biodiversity and make the world a better place. Please see their website to find out more and see where they plant new trees around the world at <https://www.justonetree.life>



Our Link with St Andrew's Church

Please join us this Sunday, 20th October (21st Sunday after Trinity) for Parish Communion at 10.00am when we will be celebrating St Luke with prayers of healing and wholeness.

Please join us for coffee after the service, in the Parish Hall. All very welcome!

Girls football match



On Thursday 17th October, the St Andrew's girls' football team had their first fixture against Christ Church.

Despite the loss, it was a great game and the girls kept in high spirits throughout.

Well done, St Andrew's!

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our pupils is of utmost importance to all staff. Should any parent or carer have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please get in touch with either Ms Devine or Mrs Bonfield who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) in the school. In cases where school staff have a concern, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with one/both of our DSLs to seek further advice. If there is something you feel your child's teacher or the DSLs should know, please do make contact. We are here to help.

Barnet Fostering



The poster features two photographs of children. On the left, two young boys of African descent are smiling. On the right, a girl is hugging a younger child. The central text reads 'BARNET Fostering' in large yellow letters, with 'The difference is you!' below it. A QR code is present, followed by 'Our offer to you:' and a list: '• 24/7 SUPPORT' and '• EXTENSIVE TRAINING'. At the bottom, contact information is provided: 'FOSTERING@BARNET.GOV.UK • WWW.BARNET.GOV.UK/FOSTERING • 020 8359 6274'. Logos for 'FAMILY FRIENDLY BARNET' and 'BARNET LONDON BOROUGH' are also included.

Caring for people, our places and the planet

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Barnet Fostering – The Difference is You!

Every 20 minutes, another child in the UK finds themselves in need of a foster family. In Barnet, we are on a mission to provide the best possible care for our looked-after children.

Thousands of new foster families are needed each year, especially for teenagers, parent and child placements, sibling groups, disabled children, and unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. The challenges of the pandemic and the cost of living have made fostering recruitment even more critical. In Barnet, we need at least 20 new fostering households each year to meet the growing demand.

Barnet Council continues to provide good quality support to existing foster families. We believe in encouraging the community in Barnet to consider offering care to the children and young people who need foster families because they are unable to live with their birth families.

Any of us can foster a child or young person and we need your support to take part in fostering and provide children and young people with love and care. Fostering can sometimes be demanding, but the fulfilling experience can make a real difference in someone's life.

If you are interested in becoming a foster carer, please get in touch with Barnet Fostering recruitment team today on 020 8359 6274 or fostering@barnet.gov.uk.

Follow our social media



Website: <https://www.barnet.gov.uk/fosteringinbarnet>



Reminder - We are a nut free school

Please be reminded that we are a nut free school due to a growing number of our pupils having extreme allergies. This means that nuts or nut products cannot be consumed within the school building, this includes the staffroom as well as the After School Club.

Items such as peanut butter, Nutella and certain cereal bars cannot be eaten on the premises.

Please do not be offended if we have to return treats that contain nuts instead of being eaten or shared.

**THIS SCHOOL IS
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THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

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 18th October

Reception	Esther-Ray – for being kind and helpful and always showing compassion and care for your friends. Well done! Louie – for a super week and trying really hard with your writing in phonics. Well done!
Year 1	Jesse – for fantastic ideas when writing in role as the wolf. Isla – for sharing your fact about Mary Seacole so beautifully.
Year 2	Dominic – For making thoughtful and mature observations about our RE learning Naila – For 'super subtraction' - well done for persevering to understand how to rename
Year 3	Alex B – for an improved attitude towards your learning and applying yourself to all aspects of the curriculum. Rebeka – for always being kind and helpful and an excellent role model to others.
Year 4	Henry P – for improved attitude in Maths. You focused well and worked hard to complete your work. Keep it up! Khush – for improved focus this week and working hard to complete your work. Well done!
Year 5	Hayden – for your perseverance and positive attitude in class. Well done! Sophia S – for a well-written newspaper article about Shackleton's expedition.
Year 6	Ren – for his marvellous maths in solving complex division problems. Sarah – for her contributions in our reading lessons.

Dates for your diary

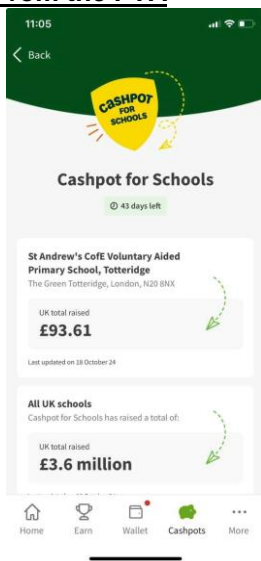
Want to make sure you know about all upcoming events? Why not link your smart phone/tablet to our school website calendar? It's really easy to do and means you instantly are informed of everything that's coming up.



What's happening next week

Tuesday 22nd October – Y6 trip to Ragged School
 Wednesday 23rd October – Year 5 Class Assembly
 Thursday 24th October – Boys football vs Foulds 3:30pm kick off
 Thursday 24th October – PTA Quiz 7:15pm
 Friday 25th October – usual finish time for half term holiday

From the PTA



If you haven't already do so, please sign up for ASDA Cashpot for Schools. You don't even need to shop there as just by signing up for the scheme gives money to our PTA.

Already we've raised £93 which we think may grow even more if everyone was able to sign up for it

Currently Asda is running it's Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools. Between **2nd September and 30th November 2024** only, each time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app the supermarket will donate 0.5% of the value of their spend to their chosen primary school.

It takes a few minutes to download the app. **Just signing up and choosing our school will mean that Asda will put £1 into our school's Cashpot.** With another £50 when the first opted-in customer spends in-store or online! If as many families as possible can join up, it means free extra funds for school !!