



St Paul's Newsletter

Friday 23rd February 2024

An update from Mr. Rubin...

I hope that you had a lovely half term break. Over the last couple of weeks, the children have been extremely productive. We reflected on Children's Mental Health Week, have had cycle training, some more class assemblies, a hockey tournament, a class excursion to the Soanes Centre, a presentation on keeping safe when using the internet and a whole lot more.

Ms Blake and I have met staff to discuss how the children are progressing and we will be arranging parent/carers consultations this term. We have also been to visit schools which offer wraparound care to see what we can learn in order to provide support for families that need additional childcare. My plan is to get this up and running in the Summer term ahead of the scheduled start in September. There will be more details on this in the weeks ahead.

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.

Ms Brenda

I am writing with the news that Ms Brenda, our longest serving teaching assistant has decided to retire. She will be hugely missed and we wish her much love, thanks and well wishes. Ms Brenda joined the school in 1985. When I first joined St Paul's twenty-two years ago, it struck me what a supportive group of teaching assistants we had. Back then, Ms Brenda was a veteran so you can imagine my surprise when she told me recently that at the youthful age of eighty, she has decided to retire.



Brenda is one of the most reliable, hard-working members of staff that I have ever worked with. Nothing is too much trouble and she simply gets on with things quietly and efficiently. When people come to visit the school, they always remember Brenda and have a lovely word to say about her. It feels like she has been here forever and we are grateful for the incredible service she has given to our school community.

We will be sure to give Miss Brenda a huge send off before we break up for Easter.

Class 2 visit the 'Soanes Centre'!

Children in Class 2 visited the Soanes Centre near to Mile End exploring different habitats, minibeasts and even taking part in a bit of pond dipping to identify and classify what they could find. As usual, our children were impeccably behaved and a credit to the school. Thank you to Ms Safia, Ms Zainab, Ms Sharena and Mr Hussain and our volunteer parents for taking the children on this trip.



The Hygiene Bank – Thank you!

We were delighted to receive donations from The Hygiene Bank. These contributions allow us to add more variety to our food banks as we no longer need to purchase hygiene products.

If you are finding things difficult, please do not hesitate to email us on parents@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk so we can add you to our list and prepare a crate of food for you.



The very best way to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/StPaulsCESchool>. We have 780 followers and the more followers we have, the more people will see what a fantastic school this is!



Assembly Season

Classes have been in full flow sharing their learning and experiences to a packed hall. Thank you to all of the parents and carers, families and friends that have been able to come along - I know it isn't easy for everyone to attend. The children have been so impressive. There has been singing, musical recitals, drama and excellent acting and storytelling. A big thank you to the children and of course our staff who work so hard to put these together.



Parent Governor Email Information

If you would like to contact Mahmud or Shamaila, we have set up an email address for any queries which our office team can pass on to them. The email address is :

parent_governor@st-pauls.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Community Police Officers Visit

The Early Years and Key Stage 1 were very lucky to have a visit from two of our local community police officers. The children learnt a lot about the role of the police and how they help us and keep us safe. The children were keen to ask questions and look at the police equipment that they brought along.



Collective Worship Update

Our collective worship continued its focus on 'Candlemas'. The children shared ideas on how to let their light shine.

Caitlin and Davina spoke about the local community swimming pool reopening and asked for ideas on what the local park and leisure centre should include.



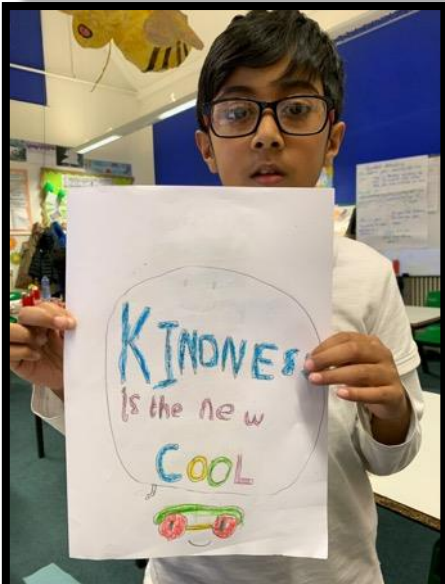


Hockey Success

In the last edition, I noted how proud I was to hear about our debut performance in a recent mixed basketball competition.

Following on from that, we recently entered a mixed hockey competition and fared very well.

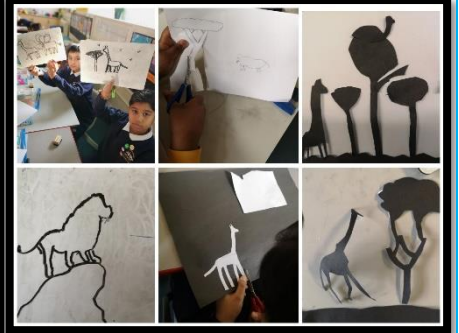
Thank you again to Coach Idris for taking the children and to Ms Blake for organising these events. I believe we have a Year 6 girls football tournament coming up too so good luck to everyone involved.



Children's Mental Health Week Update

The children all attended an assembly that focused on the importance of 'Article 12' of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). This highlights the importance of children's feelings, ideas and opinions being heard and taken seriously. As well as this, the children created posters to remind us about the importance of kindness and looking out for each other.





Art Day Update

Our Spring Art Day was a huge success!

The children learnt about a range of artists and many new artistic skills including collage, sketching and using recycled materials to create their art work.

Thank you to Ms Robinson and Ms Ali who worked so hard to organise this.



Internet Safety 2024 Assembly

Thank you to Ms Blake who presented the important topic of making sure that children keep safe on the internet. The internet is such an incredibly powerful tool that can help so many people. However, it is important to recognise that like with many things, there can be some aspects about it that aren't so good.

As you would expect, our children were a great audience and contributed well.



Cycle Training @ St Paul's



School Council Interview Ms Foster

Having been on the receiving end of the school council interviews a few weeks ago, it was Ms Foster's turn to meet the School Council. She discussed her role as maths lead and the work she does across both our schools. The children were very thorough!





ALL WELCOME



- Wednesday 31st January (Candlemas) St Paul's school hall
- Wednesday 28th February (Lent) St Paul's school hall
- Wednesday 27th March (Holy Week) St Paul's school hall
- Sunday 31st March (Easter Sunday) St George in the East TBC*
- Wednesday 1st May (Easter) St Paul's school hall
- Wednesday 26th June (Pentecost) St Paul's school hall
- Wednesday 17th July (Leavers) St Paul's school hall
- Sunday 21st July (Dedication Festival) St George in the East TBC*

Refreshments from 3.40pm service 4-
4.30pm.

DISCOVER
FOOTBALL
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FOOTBALL *Training*

£6.00

PER SESSION

YOUTH AGE

5-7

WEDNESDAY
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4:45-5:45 PM

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Are you concerned about a child or a family?

Make a factual record of your concern.

(Include day, date, time, other witnesses, concern and your signature)

You must share your concerns without delay.

The Designated Members of Staff Responsible for Safeguarding and Child Protection at St Paul's are:



Darren Rubin
Executive Headteacher



Kathy Blake
Deputy Headteacher



John Boutflour
Assistant Headteacher

St John's & St Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools

Term Dates and Holidays - 2023/ 2024

Autumn Term 2023 (75 days)

Staff Training	Mon 4th & Tue 5th September
First Day of Term	Wednesday 6 th September
Half Term	Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October
Second half of term	Monday 30 th October
Last Day of Term	Friday 22 nd December

Christmas Day Monday 25th December

Boxing Day Tuesday 26th December

Spring Term 2024 (54 days)

New Year's Day Monday 1st January

Staff Training	Monday 8th January
First Day of Term	Tuesday 9 th January
Half Term	Mon. 12 th to Fri. 16 th February
Second half of term	Monday 19 th February
Last Day of Term	Thursday 28 th March

Good Friday Friday 29th March

Easter Monday Monday 1st April

Summer Term 2024 (66 days)

Staff Training	Monday 15th April
First Day of Term	Tuesday 16 th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 th May
Staff Training	Friday 24th May
Half Term	Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May
Second half of term	Monday 3 rd June
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 23 rd July

*Ramadan begins Sunday 10th March 2024**

*Eid Al-Fitr Tuesday/ Wednesday 9th/ 10th April 2024**

*Eid Al-Adha Sunday/ Monday 16th/ 17th June 2024**

195 days including 5 staff training days

* to be confirmed