



21st June 2024

Dear Parents

Happy Friday! Isn't it wonderful that the sun has finally got the memo that it is summer?! It has been another busy week at school with a variety of arts being enjoyed during 'Arts Week' and there's lots more to enjoy over the coming weeks including sports days, more trips and of course the Summer Fête!

The Summer Fête is taking place 12-4pm on Saturday 6th July. A stall has been allocated to each class and The Friends are asking if every parent could donate one hour during the day to help. Some parents are already here the whole day – thank you to them! Some classes so far only have two volunteers and so more offers of help would be very much appreciated. If you can help, please let your class rep know. We will be marking the beginning of our 70th anniversary and will start off with the choir singing at 12.30pm for about 20 minutes. If you are volunteering to help and your child is in the choir, you may want to avoid offering to help in the first hour unless you're in the main hall!

Assemblies – The hall is in use a fair bit for the Year 6 rehearsals and so most assemblies are being done in class now. However, on Monday I spoke to the children about our four House Saints and what they represent. We are trying to come up with phrases that represent each one. Ideas were shared and then discussed with Mrs Weston at a School Council meeting. For St Francis (Patron Saint of animals and the environment) it could be 'caring for our world'. St Cecilia (Patron Saint of Music) could be 'nurturing creativity'. St Theresa who said to do small things with great love, could be 'being kind' and St John (Patron Saint of Education) could be 'inclusive learning'.

Summer Fête Brochure Front Cover – We received some incredible designs for the brochure front cover and shared some of them at assembly this morning. Congratulations to Frances Sommerville who was the overall winner and Nora Vitez and Hannah Pyzewska who were worthy runners up.

OPAL – Lindsey introduced the next phase of the OPAL journey at assembly today – sand, water and the cosy cabin! Just the infants enjoyed it today, although some of the older children were called in to read a story! You can see some of the fun [here](#). More sand and water trays are being sourced so the juniors can join in too!

Bikeability – Well done to the 13 Year 6 children who took part in the Level 1 and Level 2 cycling proficiency course this week. They did very well and will be given certificates next week.



Year 5's Trip last week – I didn't get a chance to upload all the photos from Year 5's trip last week. Here's a little snapshot of their fun-filled day – watch [here](#).

Diary Dates for next week:

Monday 24th June – We're looking forward to welcoming lots of Year 10 pupils on work experience next week, most of whom are past pupils!

Tuesday 25th June 9.30am – **Infant Sports Day at Broomfield Park** – see letter emailed today from Miss Dalton – you will need the correct colour t-shirt for your House Team, a sun hat, water bottle and apply sunscreen before you come into school.

Wednesday 26th June 9.30am – **Junior Sports Day at Broomfield Park** – as above

Friday 28th June – **Non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle for the Summer Fête** – please bring into school and leave at the collection table at the front of the school entrance – thank you!!

Class Photographs – Class photos were taken today and we had the perfect weather for them to be outside for it! A few Year 6 children were absent, so the photographer is going to try and return and photoshop those missing children into the group.

Year 1 trip – Year 1 enjoyed a visit to Hertfordshire Zoo on Wednesday. You can see all the fun [here](#).

Choir Trip – On Thursday, children from the choir (unfortunately not 4Y as they were on retreat), joined St Edmund's at St George's Primary school for a singing festival. They had all learnt songs to sing together and they also performed one song each to the group. It was a very uplifting occasion. Many thanks to the parents who helped with giving lifts – we couldn't have managed without you!

Year 4 Retreat Days – Class 4G and 4Y had two separate retreat days this week. They walked to the church and reflected with Anna about bible stories from the Old Testament and clues that pointed to the coming of the Messiah. It was a really fun and reflective day. Many thanks to Anna for leading these.

5G Class Assembly – The children from Class 5G impressed us all with their extensive knowledge about the Anglo Saxons at their assembly on Thursday. Through song, story telling and drama we all learnt a lot! Well done to 5G – you can watch a bit of the action [here](#).

Please look on the next few pages for Year 3's trip, some internet safety advice and an art competition. Have a lovely weekend.

Kate Baptiste
Headteacher

Year 3 trip – Year 3 had great fun on their day out to “The Hive”. It was the first time we have visited this centre and it was a great success.

Mrs Warrington and Miss Sterlini will be posting more photos of their day out on to Google Classroom.



The Year 3 children were able to read map coordinates on a scavenger hunt across the two fields, looking at geographical features. They also experienced the Stone Age forest, found their water source, became members of the tribe by putting mud on their faces, before foraging for wood to create fires. They all practised lighting a fire, so if you need any expert campers – ask Year 3!



I saw this information about keeping your child safe online and thought it worth sharing. Read the poster...

Keep Your Child Safe Online



Talk to your child about their internet use and safety. Have meaningful conversations about how they use the internet
Praise your child for safe online behaviours
Welcome your child if they want to ask you a question or tell you about a problem, even if they've done something unwise themselves



Share online activity with your child at least once per week
Teach your child about specific issues and concerns
Model responsible online behaviour



Keep to age ratings and guidance for apps, games and devices
Restrict online activity to daytime and communal areas
Use filters and parental controls
Spend regular screen-free time with your child



11 Age 11+ for a “dumb” phone or highly restricted smart phone without internet access or social media

14 Age 14+ for a smart phone with parental controls

*2 agree a contract with your child to encourage responsible phone use

Would you like to enter this art competition run by the North London Catenians? See details below – closing date 7th July

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