



Dear Parents,

Staffing reminder: Welcome back to a new academic year. It's another exciting year for us with Mrs Vassiliou as our Head of School, enjoying time in every class to support Teaching and Learning. For this term, Mrs Yarwood is one of Barnet's Learning Network Inspection team for 3 days a week, across the borough in many schools. On those days, Miss Wheeler is Trent's Deputy Head. Mrs Breheny is our Safeguarding and Well-being leader and part of the senior leadership team. So far it has been a happy and productive start to the new year. As you will see below, every class is settling well with their new teacher and learning is 'full steam ahead'!

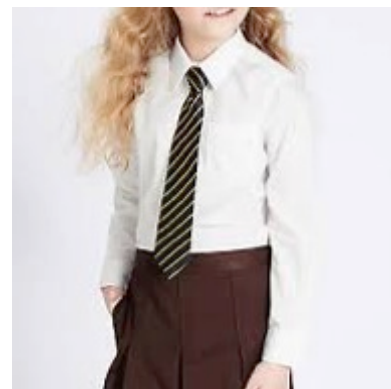
SATs results update



This week, Trent received comparative data for our academic results last year. We knew that every child had learned lots and made great progress but it's only once that all schools results are compiled across England and Wales, that we know we compare to other schools (see charts opposite from the national Governors' Dashboard). You can see here just how well Trent achieved! I am especially delighted that we are ranked THIRD in the average scaled scores progress and SECOND in the percentage of children reaching the expected standard. These results are significantly above schools nationally. Results from Reception 2016 were also significantly above.

A little thing that makes a big difference...

How smart Trent pupils look coming to school in the morning! We have a strong school identity, practiced every single day, and I know how proud we all feel to belong here with our smart children, ready to be smart in their learning. During the day, shirts often get untucked, please help us to keep our great attitude to school by reminding your child to keep 'tucked-in' during the day. Remarkably, it's a really small thing to do that seems to make a big difference to learning!



Snacks in school – a polite reminder

Despite our healthy lunches, once the clock turns to 3.30pm, *everyone* at school feels hungry! If your child is staying for a club, you may want to send them in with a small snack. Please resist sending a huge amount, as they will spend most of the club time missing-out whilst they eat, and then soon feel uncomfortable running around on a full tummy. A piece of fruit

or a small, healthy sandwich is just right. Please don't ever send in anything with nuts or chocolate or any fizzy drinks. We have plenty of water readily available to top up water bottles in school, so a drink is not necessary at the end of the day. **As many of you are already aware, the children in Reception Class and KS1 have fruit supplied for them at playtimes. For children in years 3-6, they are able to bring in a snack of fruit or vegetables only (no fruit winders, cereal bars etc).**

Code of Conduct

Please do check your child's book bag next week as we are sending home the '**Parents' Code of Conduct**' for you to read, sign and return to your class teacher. We kindly ask that you spend some time reading this carefully particularly the section on social media.

PTA news

Please read the PTA Newsletter sent out alongside this Newsletter. The last meeting was very well attended and there were many splendid ideas. My thanks to everyone who attended.



Messages – a reminder



Open communication between home and school is a great strength of our lovely school - many parents have mentioned to me how much they appreciate Mrs Ring's frequent texts and Mrs Murray's quick calls home. However, we are continually looking for ways to make 'receiving messages' even better, easier for you to do and in ways that make sure the right person at school hears information from home. You can help us out like this:

- ✚ In the mornings, before the school day starts, and when the bell rings, please give messages to the **teaching assistant** only. Teachers are busy preparing for a day's teaching and then greeting the children. This type of message would probably involve matters affecting your child in the day ahead.
- ✚ If you need to speak with the class **teacher**, please pop in/call/email Julie to make an appointment to see them at the end of the day – usually they will be available on the same day, unless teachers have another meeting planned. Wednesday is our staff-meeting day.
- ✚ If there is something more worrying or something that continues to be a worry, the teachers will be happy to meet again. They may ask one of our senior teachers to join them to help sort out what needs to be done. Hopefully, this meeting can also be arranged at short notice via the Office but it might be helpful if you can give Julie an idea beforehand so that the right people meet up. As you may know, medical matters are Mrs Murray's specialism; food and eating matters may involve Mrs Holmes too.

On a separate matter, should your child have any new medication, a change of dietary or medical needs, a change of family circumstances or if YOU change your contact details, please let us know as soon as possible.

Class News

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to the new academic year! They are clearly very eager and determined to learn as well as share their abundance of positivity and kindness with others.





So far we have had a brilliant time learning about the Romans through our Roman day, which was supported by many of the fantastic parents! Thank you so much for your support!

In Year 1 we went on a senses walk around the school. We recorded what we found and then wrote senses poems.



Year 6 have made an incredible start to the new school year and are already enthusiastic and engaged in their exciting topic, 'World War Two.' So far they have made ration recipe biscuits, created their own propaganda posters and also had a go at 'rag rugging' as part of the 'Make Do and Mend' campaign.

We are all loving our time in **Year 2**. The children have settled in really well and have made a great start.



So far we have been learning about number and place value in Maths; embedding and securing our tens and ones knowledge. The children were set a mathematical home-learning task of taking a picture of 50 or 100 items. The pictures and creativity from the children were fantastic; all pictures were different and unique.

In our English learning, we have been focusing on securing our grammatical knowledge from Year 1, ensuring we are able to construct sentences and with the correct punctuation.

We have also made a great start to our creative topic, Street Detectives. We were lucky enough to have a Cockfosters History talk from our site manager Kiri where we were able to ask inquisitive questions about our local area. Did you know our wonderful school used to be an all girls school?

There are many more exciting things to come in Year 2!



Reception class are settling into 'big school' so well, making friends and learning so much every day! Here is a selection of photos of some of the many activities they have enjoyed so far: becoming 'detectives' when exploring our lovely school, using ICT when listening to a story, caring for the baby dolls and counting seasonal objects. We are looking forward to a great year ahead.

As part of **Year 3's** new topic on Tribal Tales, the children imagined what it would be like to be a Stone Age hunter-gatherer. They researched the tools they would have used and then worked together to make their own axes and spears.



Don't be alarmed but **Year 5** seem to have a new person in their class... Their History topic requires them to think like a historian, wondering what was behind some important decisions that certainly made heads roll!

Assembly rota for this term:

Date	School Value	Passage	Theme
5 September			Start of the year
10 September	Generosity	Genesis 1-2	God is Maker, God is King <i>To teach that God made and rules over the world as King. He created a happy place for His people to live in as His friends. We should live with God as our King too.</i>
17 September	Justice	Genesis 3	The Fall - We Disobey God & the Perfect Place is Spoilt <i>To understand that sin destroyed the perfect relationship between God and man.</i>
24 September	Forgiveness	Genesis 17	Abraham and the Promises of God <i>To introduce God's covenant with Abraham as the start of the process by which God is going to deal with the problem of sin, and bring blessing back to the world.</i>
1 October	Generosity	2 Samuel 7	David - King of God's People <i>To show the gradual fulfilling of God's promises to Abraham by focusing on the story of King David and the "golden era" of Israel's history. It's almost "Eden revisited", with God's people living in God's special land, under His rule</i>
8 October	Truth, Integrity	1 Kings 11:1-10	Solomon gets it wrong <i>To explain the un-doing of God's promises of blessing through the disobedience of Solomon who followed other gods. Just like Adam and Eve, Solomon ignores God's warnings and disobeys.</i>
15 October	Justice	2 Kings 24:8-16	Exile! God Punishes His People <i>To show the consequences of Solomon's disobedience to God in the destruction of Jerusalem and the exile of God's people into Babylon and to build up tension and expectation as to whether God will still keep His promises to Abraham.</i>
22 October			Half Term
29 October	Love, integrity	Matthew 5 v1-16	All Saints Day <i>Jesus is the light of the world, and his disciples should live in the light. (Alternative to Halloween.)</i>
5 November	Love	Luke 1 & 2	The Coming of the King <i>To bring a focus to God's promises in the Old Testament. God's promise of blessing for the whole world is fulfilled through Jesus. This week we will look at the account of His birth.</i>
12 November	Love, Justice	Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23 and John 19	The Death of the King <i>To explain the significance of the death of Jesus in our place. The concept of 'swapping' or exchanging things is introduced – most children will seek to 'swap' for things they like better. Jesus did the opposite by taking the punishment WE deserve!</i>
19 November	Hope, Gratitude	John 20: 19-31	Jesus is raised, Jesus is King <i>To show that the resurrected Jesus is appointed King of God's people, and that we can be part of his kingdom by trusting and obeying him.</i>
26 November	Hope	Revelation 22:1-6	God's People in God's Place Again <i>To show that the story of the Bible comes to a fitting conclusion with the perfection of Eden restored in heaven for those who follow Jesus.</i>
3 December	Christmas		the Christmas story
10 December	Christmas		the Christmas story
17 December	Christmas		End of Term Christmas Service

Wishing us all a good year ahead, with my best wishes,

Mrs L Yarwood

Please check the website for the latest updates to our calendar.