

John Keble Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

Spring 2 2019



Message from Mrs Allard

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the end of another term approaches, I have been reflecting on the many events that have happened this term: prayer spaces, world book day, Proms Praise, Brent Choir of the Year, visitors and the many sports matches. All of these activities have enriched the lives of our school community and given the children an opportunity to flourish in new and different ways.

We have been reflecting on the meaning of Easter in our collective worship over the last few weeks. We considered how Jesus became one of us and modelled how we need to live. We also thought about the power of the cross and how we could lay down our burdens at its foot. We acted this out through laying stones at the foot of the cross. Children from Year 2 upwards have had the opportunity to visit our Prayer Space. Children were given the chance to reflect on the power of the cross and complete five prayer stations, asking for forgiveness, praising God and praying for our world and their families. Children have told us how much they have appreciated this space and explained that it has taught them to pray in new ways.

Last term, our new school vision was agreed and this term, we have finalised our core Christian values. These are worth, Koinonia, hope, compassion, trust and wisdom. Thank you to the parents who came to the consultation.

Easter is a real time of hope. It's an empty tomb that gives us hope. The HOPE of forgiveness. The HOPE of peace. The HOPE of assurance. The HOPE of Heaven. It is a radical message for all of us, a declaration of God's love for every person.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter and a good rest with quality time with your children.

Catherine Allard

Choir Win PLATINIUM Award

John Keble Choir competed in The Brent Schools' Choir competition. The choir was judged by a panel against set standards. Our choir scored the highest possible mark in every aspect of their performance. The judges were highly impressed.

The choir also sang at the Royal Albert Hall for Proms Praise. They performed as part of a massed choir, telling the story of Moses. This was a sold out event. Thank you to Mrs Goddard for all her hard work.

Writing Competition Winners

This term, Year 6 took part in the Young Writers 'Spooky Sagas' writing competition. They wrote spine-tingling stories using atmosphere and suspense. Well done to everyone who entered and have become published writers!

A special congratulation to the John Keble winners:

1st place – Grace Barros (6 Willow)

2nd place – Rafael Arriaga (6 Birch)

3rd place – Ackeisha Slater (6 Willow)

Watch this space for the winners of our next KS2 competition: The Incredible Diary of...

Thank you to Ms Woodbridge for sending the writing in.

Staffing News

Schools are always saying goodbye and welcoming people and we are sad to be saying goodbye to Mr O'Connell, our PE teaching Assistant as he moves back to Australia.

However, we are very pleased to welcome Ms El-Habti as our new Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo. Ms El-Habti, known as Ms El has been in school this week, getting to know the children. She is looking forward to getting to know you all.

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Term Dates

Summer Term 2019	
Inset Day	Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Term starts	Wednesday 24th April 2019
Bank holiday	Monday 6th May 2019
Inset Day	Friday 24th May 2019
Half term	Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019
Term ends	Tuesday 23rd July 2019 at 1.30pm

Next year's term dates are on our website.

Attendance and Punctuality

Children are at school 190 days a year. It is really important that they attend every day. Days off sick or a late arrival leave gaps in children's learning and social skills.

Children who are in school every day achieve better results than children who are away sick or late to school.

We have a new education welfare officer and she will be following up on children who have several days off school.

Sports News:

Boys Ace Team

The boys travelled to Birmingham to take part in the South of England EFL Cup finals against the best schools from all over the South of England. The team played fantastically and ended up winning their group and progressing into the semi-finals. Unfortunately, the boys lost 1-0 in the semi-final but they represented the school and themselves extremely well. Mr Collier was very proud of all of the team.

Tag Rugby Festival

Y5 and 6 pupils took part in the annual Serge Betsen Tag Rugby Festival. John Keble took three teams to the tournament. The teams ended up winning a majority of their games and we took 1st, 2nd and 3rd beating all of the other schools.

Girls Football Team

The girls had their first league game of the season against St Mary's CofE Primary School. Although the result went against the girls, it was a fantastic learning curve for all of them and they will be much more confident going into their next match.

John Keble celebrated World Book Day 2019 in style, with the children and staff all dressed in the costumes of their favourite book characters. Roaming around the corridors this year were Cats in Hats, Little Red Riding Hoods, Wimpy Kids carrying their diaries, fairy tale princesses in flowing ball gowns and Hogwarts alumni waving their wands. Any supervillains on the loose needed to go in to hiding for the day, such was the presence of Comic Book superheroes keeping us safe!

During the morning the children tested their mettle in our World Book Day Gameshow hosted by none other than the Big Bad Wolf. Nobody was safe, not even the teachers. Not only were they put through their reading paces, but were schooled in how to draw book illustrations by none other than Quentin Blake and Jeff Kinney. Mr Stevenson's Reading Challenge also received a whopping triple figure number of entries to top off a terrific day.

A big thank you to all the children and staff who so enthusiastically took part in the day and created a great buzz around the school. A big thank you also to our families who helped the children to look so great and to the many of you who joined us on Friday afternoon to promote reading with their children.

Congratulations to Jatona A, Olivia J, Ziad, Diogo, Khadeja, Anifat who all got a silver certificate in athletics this term. What great home learning.

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Choir winning the Platinum Award



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Prayer Spaces



Please remember that lessons start at 8.30am for Year 6 and 8.45am for all other year groups. If your child is late, they miss learning. All children should be on the playground before 8.45am.

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