

19th January 2024

Dear Parents

“A Star is Born!” auditions – Lindsey, Mr Charles-Nelson and I have watched 115 auditions this week – so many children who love to sing and dance and had the courage and confidence to perform in front of an audience! It has been a huge challenge to choose children for the show – for the Friday night performance we had 73 auditions, but not that many places! We have included 80 children!

We also announced most of the acts for the Thursday night show, but still have some auditions to do due to sickness, so everyone who needs to audition please keep practising! Thursday night’s show involves 50 children so over the two nights, a total of 130 are taking part which is nearly a third of the school! Letters have been given to all those children who got through. I am very sorry for the disappointment which children will feel if they didn’t get through.

Literacy meeting for parents in Years 1 and 2 – I was delighted to see so many parents at the literacy meetings last night and this morning. I hope you found the session useful. All the documents can be found for **Year 1** here <https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/learning/year-1/phonics-and-reading/> and for **Year 2** here <https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/learning/year-2/curriculum-information/> A special thank you to Mrs Duffy for coming in on her days off to do these!

Assemblies

Owais Niaz, Luqmaan Shafique and their support worker Jack Oat from Vision Ability which is a community interest company, came to the school on Monday <https://www.visionability.org.uk/>. Please see attached their letter which I encourage you all to read. As well as raising awareness about visual impairment, the men also encouraged the children to ensure they get their eyes tested – ideally every year, but at least every two years.

Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) – On Tuesday Miss Bowling and Lindsey led an assembly about the next stage of our OPAL playground project. Chalk, dressing up, music, duplo and some large toys such as cars, dolls houses and dinosaurs have now been introduced at lunch times. We’re in the process of uploading images onto the school website for you to enjoy. They should appear here soon <https://www.st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk/our-opal-outdoor-play-and-learning-journey/>

Last One Standing – One of our dads, Tom Colon is launching his brilliant football competition “Last One Standing” (with no practical football expertise required!). See attached flier for more information or click here <https://app.goodhub.com/lastonestanding2024> . If you want to play, the closing date is Friday 2nd February.

Year 1 Puppet making – Year 1 enjoyed a puppet workshop in school today as part of their Design and Technology work. Thank you to the staff from The Little Angel Theatre who led this. You can see photos of this on their Google Classroom page.

Please be careful walking and driving on Cannon Road – I received a concerning email from a parent a few days ago. They wrote. *“I parked along Cannon Rd (school side) at approximately 8.51am and was walking on the pavement when the car that was parked in front of me decided to do a turn in the road and nearly reverse into us. I was holding my toddler’s hand and was crouched slightly down with him and when I looked up had to side step to avoid being hit. It reversed recklessly without careful observation and came far too close, nearly hitting myself and the baby even though we were safely on the footpath. I unfortunately didn’t get the reg number but know it was a Black Audi jeep that turned in the road to head back towards Broomfield Park.”*

School Building Fund – Thank you for the £270 contributions to the School Building Fund received since my note last week.

Diary Dates

Make sure you check out the ATTACHED Friends newsletter packed full of dates for your diaries!

Wed 24th Jan 7pm – Maths session for parents in Years 4, 5 & 6 Last year the focus was on number; this year the focus will be on shape, space, measures & reasoning

Thurs 1st Feb 7pm – “A Star is Born” performance for parents/families – Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3

Fri 2nd Feb 7pm – “A Star is Born” performance for parents/families – Years 4, 5 & 6

Wed 7th Feb 7.30pm – Year 6 parents’ meeting regarding residential trip to Hilltop

Mon 12th – Fri 16th Feb – School closed for half term holiday

Wed 21st Feb 7pm – Maths session for parents in Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards, Kate Baptiste
Headteacher