

14th June 2024

Dear Parents

We have had an interesting week of trips, school improvement review of English, dads playing in Reception and den building this week! I mentioned a few weeks ago that the school website is currently being renewed, so I can't upload any photos/videos at the moment. A few people have asked to see the 1G assembly pictures, so I have uploaded them [here](#).

Assemblies – On Monday I announced the 'Summer Fete Brochure front cover' competition. The closing date was yesterday and we received lots of great designs. The winners will be announced next week. On Monday, Lindsey introduced the next stage of our OPAL journey – Den Building! There have been some wonderful and creative dens built this week – look at the photos [here](#)! On Tuesday, Miss Nolan read 'We're All Wonders' by R.J Palacio to the Infant children. The children discussed how the narrator was treated differently because of how he looked. Through the story, the narrator taught us that we're all unique and we should celebrate our differences. Miss Nolan spoke to the children about the Christian belief that we are made in the image of God; therefore, we should all treat everyone with kindness.



4G's Class Assembly – Well done to all the children in Class 4G who inspired us with their knowledge about the Olympics. They had learnt and memorised a lot of facts and shared how proud they are of their own achievements! We felt super proud of them! Watch some of the action [here](#) and [here](#).



Year 5's Trip to Legoland – Year 5 missed out on their trip to Legoland some years ago due to Covid and so it was great that they had an opportunity to finally do this trip. A fun day was had by all! Photos to follow!

4G's Trip – I was so relieved that the weather held out for 4G's trip to the Floating Classroom in Paddington. They had fun learning about the history of canals and did some interesting sensory work! Images from their day can be found [here](#) (and 4Y's trip last week can be seen [here](#).)

Academic School Review – Our School Improvement Advisor, Barbara Breed visited us on Tuesday and her focus this time was English. Her findings were very positive. She complimented the teaching, the children's work and especially the leadership of Mrs Presland-Smith for this curriculum area. Well done everyone!

School Building Fund - Since John Furlong's letter of 15th May, we have received an additional £1,528 in contributions – thank you! We have received a total of £8,323 this academic year. If every family paid £45, we would receive an additional £5,000 – that's 111 families who haven't paid. Are you one of them? Can you afford to make this voluntary payment? If so, please do this via ParentPay. The money raised is used to improve the school buildings. Thank you

Dads Stay and Play in Reception – There were lots of dads who stayed to play on Wednesday with the Reception children. It seemed a good time was had by all! See more about this on Tapestry.

Job Advert – We are looking to recruit two specialist teaching assistants to work in Reception class in September 2024 for children with special needs, particularly autism. See the full details of the job advert [here](#).

Free School Meals for Juniors – The Mayor of London has provided funding so that junior children receive a free lunch each day. He now wants to know the impact of this and would be grateful if you could complete this survey <https://bit.ly/FSM-London>

School Summer Disco – £1,900 was raised by the disco last Friday! It's a great way to make money for the school and I'm very grateful to all the staff for staying to run it! Thank you also to The Friends for organising all the snacks!

Diary Dates for next week:

Monday 17th June – Arts Week in School - a range of creative arts activities will be taking place this week.

Monday 17th June – Non-uniform day for St Francis (green team) for winning the most points last half term

Monday 17th June – Bikeability for Year 6. 17 children signed up for this – please bring your bikes and helmets into school on Monday – bikes are to be brought to the Junior playground before the school gates are locked at 9am.

Wednesday 19th June – Year 1 to Paradise Wildlife Park – please be in school for 8.45am in school uniform but trainers and a waterproof rain coat – and bring a packed lunch if needed – a backpack will be more practical than a hand-held bag

Wednesday 19th June – Class 4G Retreat Day at St Monica's Church – be in school at normal time, wear school uniform and trainers and bring a packed lunch if needed

Thursday 20th June after school – Cake sale – the Cubs are raising money for North London Hospice

Thursday 20th June – Year 3 trip to The Hive in Loughton - please be in school for 8:50am, bring a packed lunch if needed. The children will need to wear forest clothes (arms and legs covered), wellies/shoes that can get wet/muddy and a clean pair of shoes and socks to change into.

Thursday 20th June 9.15am – Class 5G assembly – parents invited

Thursday 20th June – Choir (except 4Y who are already out) to sing at St George's School for an inter-school music festival

Have a lovely weekend and if you're going to The Friends' social tonight, have fun! To all the fathers, happy Father's Day! I hope you get spoilt on Sunday.

Kate Baptiste
Headteacher

Would you like to enter this art competition run by the North London Catenians? See details below

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 5TH JUNE 2024

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WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT 10.30AM MASS ON: **SUNDAY 14TH JULY 2024**

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