

Friday 13th October 2023

Welcome to our round up of news and information for the week.

Autumn Term Parents' Evening – Tuesday 31st October and Wednesday 1st November

This afternoon, we sent home the confirmed appointment times for parents' evening. Please look in your child's bag, if they haven't given you the letter. Your allotted time will be highlighted on the original booking form. All appointments will take place on the St Paul's Site.

150th Anniversary Celebrations - Brentford Football Club join us to Celebrate

Yesterday we had a very exciting group of visitors from Brentford Football Club. Jon Burr, the Community Manager and his team, brought the players Mads Roerslev, Mathias Jorgensen (Zanka) and Ellery Balcombe to visit the pupils in Years 5 and 6. We learnt about their school years and their paths to professional football at Brentford Football club. There were some great questions from the pupils and the players stayed longer than expected to answer as many questions as possible, as well as having photographs taken. You can see an item on the BFC Instagram site. Please click here to see it. We shall share more photos shortly.

St Paul's CE Primary School and Brentford Football club have a common history. The school opened in 1873 on its current site. 16 years later in 1889 Brentford Football club was formed. Its original home ground was the St Paul's Recreation Ground – which also opened in 1889. The club moved to Clifton Road shortly afterwards, as there was concern that the grass in the park would be damaged by the football matches.

The club and players were very generous with their time and I would like to thank John Burr and his community team, Tommy Norton and of course Mads, Zanka and Ellery for helping to mark our 150th Anniversary.

Maths Week - Maths Bee - Year 5/6

Last week we held our maths week. It was great to see so much maths taking place in school. We had maths pictures, maths trails, times tables challenges, maths problems and maths number skill competitions.

Years 5 and 6 held their maths number bee last Friday. It was a hard-fought competition. Congratulations to Elijah Y5 and Shoaib Y6 our overall winners.

Mr Nourish Birthday Competition



Last week our caterers, Nourish, held a competition to mark Mr Nourish's birthday. We had joint winners, a child in Year 4 and a class in upper Key Stage 2. On Tuesday, the area manager, Nicky, came to school to award prizes (see the pictures below). Well done to our winners.



Staffing Update

Next week we shall be saying goodbye to Ms Sharon Kelly, one of our Dining Hall Assistants. Ms Kelly is moving to a new job with longer hours. She has been with us for almost 8 years and has seen the school's meal service change and evolve. I would like to thank her for her service and wish her every success as she moves to her new job.

Half term food vouchers - Benefits Eligible Free School Meal Families

Supermarket vouchers and the Holiday Activity Fund programme will be operating again this half term. Supermarket vouchers of £15 per eligible child will be sent via email from Wonde to eligible families on Friday 20^{th} October.

Benefits Eligible Free School Meals

This academic year children throughout the school are eligible for free school meals funded for EY and Infant children through the Universal Infant Free School programme by central government and for Junior children through the London Mayor's Junior Free School programme (currently for the 2023-24 academic year only). **All children** can receive these meals without charge.

Some families have significant financial challenges and as a result may receive state benefits. For such families there is **further support** through the **Benefits Eligible Free School meals** (BEFSM) programme. Those eligible for BEFSM receive a free school meal, but also currently receive supermarket vouchers for holiday periods and access to the Holiday Activities Fund, providing free bookings into a range holiday activity clubs. **Benefits Eligible Free School meals must be applied for**. If you want to check whether your family may be eligible, please follow <u>this link</u>.

Job Vacancies - Dining Hall Assistant & Learning Support Assistant

We are currently advertising for two roles in the school: Dining Hall Assistant and Learning Support Assistant. The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday 6th November. To find out more about the jobs, the qualification and experience requirements and the application process, please follow this link.

Individual and Sibling Photographs – Tuesday 17th October 2023

On Tuesday 17th October 2023 the school photographer will be in to take photos of individual children and sibling groups. The photos will be shared with you shortly afterwards, with the option to buy prints.

Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 19th October 2023

Thursday 19th October is the final day of this half term. On 19th children may wear their own clothes to school. Children should dress sensibly, as this is a normal school day, with outdoor playtimes as usual. Make up and jewellery should not be worn and clothes should appropriate for wearing comfortably in school. We ask children to bring a £1 contribution to school funds, which we collect in a bucket at the start of the school day.

Friday 20th October – INSET DAY

Friday 20th October is an INSET (staff training) day. The school will be closed to pupils on Friday 20th October. School reopens to pupils on Monday 30th October, following the autumn half term break. **Sayers Croft Residential Visit – Y6 – Parents' meeting – Thursday 2nd November, 3:45pm** We shall be holding a briefing meeting for the parents of pupils attending the annual Year 6 residential visit to Sayers Croft on Thursday 2nd November at 3:45pm. The meeting will be held in the St Paul's Site Studio. Please come to the school office after collection to attend the meeting.

Menu

Next week's lunch menu is below:



EXTERNAL PROVIDERS

MP's Christmas Card Competition

Ruth Cadbury, our local MP, has launched her annual Christmas Card competition, please see the details below. I attach an entry sheet to this week's bulletin. Please submit your entries to the school office by **Thursday 19th November**.

I am delighted to invite your pupils to participate in a competition to design a Christmas card for me to send this year to schools, charities and local businesses in the constituency as well as to colleagues in Parliament.

As well as showcasing the talents of the students in the constituency, I believe it is important to highlight the importance of creative work done by primary age children.

The design of the card must be in colour, related to Christmas as a universal celebration, and be completed and sent to us by 31st October in time for me to decide a winner and runners up. The winning entry will be on the front of the card and between four and eight printed inside and on the back. The first name, year group and school of the winners will also be included.

The competition is open to children of all year groups, and entries must include names, **year group** and school, so that I am able to identify the winners.

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