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St Agnes' Weekly News

The family of St Agnes loves, learns and grows together as followers of Jesus.

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8th—Phonics Screening Check starts

9th—Year 6 Junior Citizenship Scheme Workshop

10th—Year 6 Narconon Workshop AM

10th—FOSA meeting 2:15pm

11th—New Reception Parents Meeting 9:15am

11th—New Nursery Parents Meeting 2pm

12th—Reception Cinderella Ball

12th—Class 4I mass in church 2:30pm

12th—Quiz Night from 6:30pm

15th—FOSA Father's Day Event

15th—Barnet Schools Music Festival –Arts Depot PM

16th—London Fire Brigade visit for Years 2 & 5

17th—Year 5 at St Georges' for taster morning

17th—Class 1M Hampstead Synagogue Trip

18th—Class 1AM Hampstead Synagogue Trip

22nd—26th Aspirations Week

22nd - RM Waitrose Trip

23rd—RZ Waitrose Trip

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final half term of the academic year

I sincerely hope that you enjoyed the May Half Term break and also that fact that as Monday was an inset day, that this was a shorter week for you all.

Despite the weather telling us a different story this week after the wonderful half term sunshine, the final half of the summer term is in full swing! It is always such a busy time with so much happening in all areas of the school.

Year 6 have started rehearsing for their School Production and I am sure that the children are enjoying the opportunity to get creative and showcase their drama and singing skills, in addition to set design and choreography. The pupils in Year 6 are also looking forward with much excitement to the school journey to Dorset which is in three weeks time - once again we are praying for good weather. The weather is predicted to become very hot again in a week or so, so we look forward to the return of summer!

All of the teachers are in the process of writing their end of year reports and they will be handed into me in the next fortnight, so I can personally read them for each and every child. The reports will be sent to parents on Friday 10th July.

Next week on Friday 12th June is the St Agnes Quiz night - this is the second time we have hosted this event. Planning an event such as this takes a great deal of time and the success of it largely depends on how well it was organised and how well attended and supported it is. A **HUGE** shout out must go to Melanie Sethi who volunteered the original idea last year within the Parent Forum meeting. She has gathered a small team of parents together and they have worked incredibly hard in planning the night - designing and selling tickets, obtaining raffle prizes, cooking the supper for the night, shopping for the bar and nibbles and of course securing the quiz masters for the quiz. We are very grateful to those who have already purchased tickets and hope that even more are sold next week. These can be bought in the playgrounds in the morning from parent helpers or from the office, they are priced at £10 each which includes a welcome drink and a meal. You can gather together friends and come as a team or buy a solo ticket and join up with others on the night. I personally am really looking forward to being on a quiz team and putting my frankly useless general knowledge to the test!

As we approach the end of term please keep an eye on the key dates to remember which include:

Monday 22nd June - St Albans Feast Day Mass in church at 9.15am

Friday 26th June - Mufti Day in exchange for Summer fayre bottle of wine (one per family) Year 6 will have Mufti day on Wed 24th June

Monday 29th June - Aspirations week begins

Monday 29th June - St John Southworth Feast Day mass in church at 9.15am

Tuesday 30th June - KS1 Sports Day (in school AM)

Wednesday 1st July KS2 Sports Day (PM) at Brondesbury Cricket Club

Thursday 2nd July - Summer Fayre 3-5pm

Monday 6th July - French Cafe for all pupils

Wednesday 9th July - Class handover day

Thursday 9th July - Nursery end of year Singalong 8.50am and 12.30pm

Thursday 9th July- Year 6 production 9.30am and 5.30pm

Friday 10th July - Reports go out to parents

Tuesday 14th July - Year 6 Leavers Mass in Church 2.30pm

Wednesday 16th July - End of Year class achievement assemblies (times to be confirmed)

Friday 17th July - School breaks up at 1.45pm

There are many other year group events which will take place - please ensure you check your messages so that you don't miss updates.

Wishing you a great weekend,

Susan O'Reilly





Please see the information below where you can celebrate the weekly gospel at home with your family.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/holiday-booklet?pid=MTA101634&v=167.5>

School Uniform

Please note children should be wearing summer uniform upon returning to school after half term. If you are buying new shoes/trainers over the holiday please ensure they are in line with our uniform policy - shoes are plain black and trainers are PLAIN white or black only.

We are proud to celebrate our last half term's School Values Champion for Honesty!

This special award recognises a pupil who has consistently shown truthfulness, integrity and trustworthiness in all they do. Our champion has been a wonderful role model, always choosing to do the right thing, taking responsibility for their actions and being honest even when it is difficult. Their example helps to create a school community built on trust and respect. Well done on showing us how to live out our value of honesty every day!

Class	Value Champion Award Winner
RM	Elissa
RZ	Florence
1AM	Alessandro
1M	Matilda
2D	Florence
2HK	Alisha
3FW	Kian
3M	Madison
4I	Natalie
4M	Eva
5J	Mason
5N	Zara
6C	Manuela C
6P	Daniel

Reading

One of the best things you can do to support your children's learning is ensure they are reading every single day. As a school, we are very close to having read 100 million words! If we keep working hard on our reading each day, we can definitely achieve this by the end of the year. Also, I wonder which children in Years 3-6 will achieve their Bronze, Silver or Gold reading awards before the Summer holidays? I've got the special star badges at the ready and so let's get reading!

Miss Jones

St Agnes RC Primary School Reads!



In this school year, students have read...

9,635 Books

99,215,253 Words

for **24 minutes/day!**
(individual student average)

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Accelerated Reader®

Fabiana's Cooking Club

Just prior to Half term Fabiana and her team of cooks hosted a special event for their parents.

Tasty homemade snacks and cake were served to all, also there were opportunities to watch a slideshow of their creations and skills learnt whilst attending the club.

Sincere thanks to Fabiana for organizing this and for making sure we were well fed and the children's success was celebrated.



Walk to School Week

Before half term, we took part in Walk to School Week. Children were encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to and from school. We held a whole school competition to see which class could walk the most miles. Well done to 2HK who walked a total of 208.5 miles across the week!

We also collected used children's shoes. We were overwhelmed with the number of shoes donated! The shoes were collected on Wednesday and delivered to Little Village headquarters.



Here is a message from Alice at Little Village: *This is a belated - but HUGE- thank you for collecting shoes for Little Village, and sending them to us on our collection service van. We struggle to source enough shoes, and yet we know that they make all the difference for children. We see children with shoes that are too small or too big, and we try to make sure all our children have comfortable shoes which allow them to play and participate. Your gift helps us to do this! Thank you to all the children, parents and staff at St Agnes' who have contributed.*

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff.

Should any person (parent or staff) have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school safeguarding team (Mrs O'Reilly, Mrs Gale, Mrs Breslin or our Chair of Governors Lisa Pate).

In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a duty to discuss the issue with Social Services to seek further advice.

This is the statutory obligation of all schools.

Pupil Premium:

The school receives additional funding for some families. This funding is used to enhance your child's learning in many different ways e.g. additional support, learning experiences and may help with payments for school trips. This funding is a vital part of the school's budget so please read the criteria below to see if you qualify.

If either parent is on income support, job seekers allowance, is in receipt of child tax credit but not working tax credit and has an income less than £16,190 or is an asylum seeker supported by the NASS or the local council.

From Barnet With Love – Art Workshop

On Tuesday, Year 5 worked with artist Emma Tominey as part of the **From Barnet With Love** project. We were proud to be the first school Emma visited!

The project is part of **Light & Flight**, a borough-wide arts programme celebrating the people, places and stories of Barnet. During the workshop, the children used drawing, collage and words to transform postcards of modern-day Barnet. Their artwork will be combined to create an animation which becomes a small piece of living history: a snapshot of Barnet today.

The children's work will be exhibited at the **RAF Museum in October**, alongside artwork from other schools and community groups across Barnet.

Find out more about the Light & Flight programme and upcoming events at www.lightandflight.co.uk.

Abigail: "I liked how we were making animation and watched other people's animations."

Amiyan: "I liked the creative warm up when we had to draw with our eyes closed!"

Emilia: "I liked how we used images of Barnet to create our own pieces of art!"

Megan: "I liked adding funny faces to trees because our creative prompt was to make people laugh!"

Haben: "I liked how, in the warm-up, we had to draw each other using different funny and challenging prompts."

Jessica: "I loved how we got to use lots of different resources and materials."

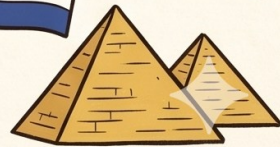
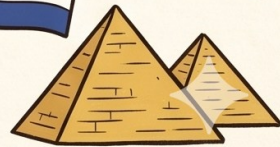
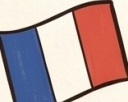
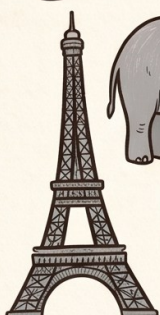
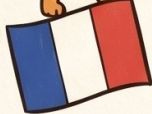
Ada: "I loved the warm up!"

Stefan: "I liked when Emma gave us lots of different challenges."

Mrs. Phillips

Art & Design Lead





St Agnes' International Quiz Night is Back!



12th June @ 6.30pm.

It's Quiz Night!

£10 per ticket, that includes a drink on arrival and delicious food!

Step on Up. Get Quizzical.

Good Luck!

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

POP-UP ADS

WARNI

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Pop-up advertisements have been a staple of the internet since they were first introduced in the late 1990s. This form of advertising causes a small window or banner to appear in the foreground while someone is browsing a website. Although these adverts are merely irritating for most people, pop-ups can present more severe risks to younger users.

DECEPTIVE TACTICS

Children sometimes don't understand that adverts (including pop-ups) are designed to sell a product – and can't distinguish between a legitimate feature of a site and an advertisement. Video games, for example, can be full of pop-up ads that tempt users into spending money, yet they might take the form of a mini-game or extra level.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While some adverts are targeted based on a user's interests and activity online, that isn't always the case. This means that children may unfortunately be exposed to ads for age-inappropriate goods or services such as tobacco products, alcohol and gambling sites.

MALWARE RISK

Most pop-ups from reputable advertisers are safe. However, in some cases, pop-ups can trick you into downloading malware – whereby cybercriminals install software on your device, allowing them to access your sensitive data. It can be difficult to know if malware has been installed on your device, so your best option is to avoid engaging with these pop-ups altogether. Be wary of sites that suddenly bombard you with ads or try to prevent you from leaving.

PRIVACY RISK

Many app and game developers will collect their users' personal data, such as their name, address, email address, geolocation information, unique numerical identifiers, photos and payment information. If a child clicks on an illegitimate pop-up laced with malware, all this information could be put at risk.

RACKING UP BILLS

If a child has access to a payment card on their device – be it a smartphone, laptop, or tablet – they could very quickly rack up a massive bill by interacting with pop-up adverts and buying products shown to them. Try to keep a close eye on their spending.

BEHAVIOURAL IMPACT

Research has found that pop-up ads can even have an impact on children's behaviour. Some of these adverts use manipulative tactics that take advantage of children's developmental vulnerabilities, intentionally or otherwise. This approach may cause a child's mood to shift: becoming more stubborn, for example, if they begin wanting their parents to buy a specific product for them.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START A CONVERSATION

It's important to have regular conversations with children about online advertising so that they understand the risks of interacting with pop-ups. For example, if a child asks for a product which has been advertised to them online, ask them why they want it and how they found it: this will present an opportunity to talk youngsters through the tactics used in online marketing.

SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child may be following pop-up ads to make online purchases or viewing content that could be harmful, it's important to be able to spot the signs. Due to the often-manipulative nature of these adverts, children who interact with them regularly may show signs of distraction, stubbornness and an increasingly materialistic worldview.

MONITOR CONTENT

It can often be difficult to spot when a pop-up advert is malicious – even more so for impressionable younger users. It's important to monitor the content they're consuming to prevent them from clicking on something dangerous. If a pop-up ad seems too good to be true – promising a free iPad, for example – it probably is.

PRIVACY SETTINGS

Most modern devices have privacy settings that let you limit the amount of advertising a child is subjected to while using apps or browsing the internet. You may also want to speak to teachers about avoiding sites and apps with advertising, as well as adjusting digital privacy settings on any education technology they use.

LIMIT SPENDING

Try to stay aware of what children are spending and ensure that payment details aren't linked to or saved on the gaming platform that they use. Most video games and internet-enabled devices have settings that can help you manage what children can or cannot purchase online.

CUT DOWN ON SCREEN TIME

Given the prevalence of pop-up ads (which can appear on everything from smartphones and tablets to internet-connected toys and games), it might be beneficial to limit the time children spend on digital devices to curb their exposure to digital advertising.

Meet Our Expert

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Class	Child's Name
RM	Emily
RZ	Elis
1AM	Cian
1M	THE WHOLE CLASS
2D	Cian
2HK	Daniel
3FW	Kian
3M	Aaradhya
4I	Jenson
4M	Barbara
5J	Abigail
5N	Noa-Rose
6C	Havin
6P	Olivia
TT Rock-stars	Isabella 2D
CDM - French	Charlie 4M
AFS	Krystian 2HK & Eva 4M

Weekly Attendance		
Class	Attendance %	Number of Lates
RM	99	7
RZ	94	3
1AM	91	5
1M	98	3
2D	99	4
2HK	100	1
3FW	98	4
3M	97	8
4I	92	1
4M	98	1
5J	92	3
5N	99	4
6C	98	0
6P	94	2

Birthdays: up to 7th June 2026

1st Hanna 2D
 2nd Eina Sofia 4I, Elena Nursery, Ada 5J, Mate 3M & Maraki 3M
 3rd Kayden 5J
 4th Melissa RM
 6th Saviour 2D & Namiah 4I
 7th Carmel 4I



Thought of the Week

If one dream should fall and break into a thousand pieces... never be afraid to pick one of those pieces up and begin again. That's the beauty of being alive... We can always start all over again. Enjoy God's amazing opportunities bestowed on us. Have faith in Him always.

St Bernadette

