



# Summer Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are now in the final term of the school year, which also tends to be the busiest term as there is so much going on.

Our children in Year 6 will shortly be sitting their SATs' papers on the week commencing **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**. The children are working very hard for this and the booster lessons have continued this half term. Year 4 children are also preparing for their Times Tables Test and Year 1 children are getting ready for their Phonic Screen Check.

## Trip to RAF Museum

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April our Year 5 pupils went on a trip to the RAF Museum in Hendon. The children had a very enjoyable visit and learnt a lot about the role of the RAF down through history. Thank you to the parents who accompanied the children. Your help is greatly appreciated and such trips would not be able to happen without your support.

## Year 4 trip to St Gregory's

Year 4 will be visiting the eco garden at St Gregory's on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. If you are free to accompany the Year 4 class on this day, please let us know as soon as possible.

## Polling Day

As you know, our school will be used as a polling station for the elections on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. The school will not be open for children on this day.

## Attendance

We are very concerned about the high level of absence we are currently experiencing. We are working very closely with the Brent Education Welfare Service and have regular visits from Carol White one of the Education Welfare Officers. We have been advised that we can no longer authorise any attendance where a child has an attendance below 90%. Carol White will be doing spot checks on attendance and lateness on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**. Please ensure that your child is in school and is on time.

## Phonic Screen Check Meeting

On **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 9:00am**, Miss Nolan will hold a meeting in the hall for parents of Year 1 children. This is a very important meeting as it will explain what happens in the Phonic Screen Check and will give you some ideas as to how best support your child. It is vital that all parents attend this meeting.

## Uniform

Summer uniform must now be worn. Also, please note that jewellery is not permitted other than a pair of stud earrings and a watch. If your child is wearing hoop earrings, you will be asked to come in and remove them. This is a matter of health and safety and we ask your support with this matter. Please note, boots are not acceptable as part of our school uniform. Any child seen wearing boots will be issued with a detention.

## Year 6 Boosters

As we will not be in school next Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, the Year 6 Boosters that usually take place on Thursday will instead take place on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

Should you have any queries please contact us on [admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk) or [ihath@clitherow.brent.sch.uk](mailto:ihath@clitherow.brent.sch.uk) or [bnolan@clitherow.brent.sch.uk](mailto:bnolan@clitherow.brent.sch.uk)



# News Items



## **May – Month of Mary**

As you know, May is the month of Mary. To celebrate this, we will once again hold our annual procession of flowers to Mary. We would be very grateful if your child could please bring in a small plant pot or flower(s) for our Mary prayer garden on **FRIDAY 3RD MAY**. The children will put these in the outdoor prayer area and say a special prayer to Mary on this day with their class. The Pupil Chaplains are also running a competition for work dedicated to Mary. If your child wishes to enter, they can send in a poster, fact file, artwork etc about Mary and these will be displayed in school. There will be prizes for the best ones.

## **Earth Day Assembly**

Last Friday, our school celebrated Earth Day with an assembly that echoed the importance of environmental stewardship and sustainability. The children embarked on a journey to explore the beauty of our planet and the urgent need to protect it. From learning about recycling and renewable energy to understanding the impact of climate change, every moment of the assembly was a testament to our collective responsibility to care for our Earth.

## **Competition:**

In conjunction with our Earth Day assembly, we asked the children to take part in a competition. to showcase their creativity and passion for the planet by participating in our Earth Day competition. Whether it's through artwork, poetry, or pictures, we encourage them to express their ideas on how we can protect and preserve our environment for future generations. Exciting prizes await the winners, so let your imagination soar and join us in making a difference this Earth Day!

## **Parents' Forum Coffee Morning**

There will be a Parents' Forum coffee morning in the hall on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April straight after you drop your child off. Please come in and join other parents in a warm and welcoming space for parents to come together, unwind, and share experiences. Whether you're new to the school community or a seasoned parent, this is the perfect opportunity to meet fellow parents, build friendships, and strengthen our school community bonds. Enjoy a cup of coffee, delicious treats, and engaging conversations. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **Breakfast Club**

Starting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April our Breakfast Club will now feature one hour of invigorating physical activity each day for our eager learners.

Research shows that starting the day with exercise can enhance focus, concentration, and overall academic performance. By incorporating PE sessions into our morning routine, we're prioritising the well-being and academic success of our pupils.

Children will have the opportunity to engage in fun and energising activities that promote physical fitness, teamwork, and positive habits. From dynamic warm-ups to interactive games, our PE sessions will set the stage for a productive day of learning ahead.

We encourage all parents to take advantage of this exciting opportunity to give their children a healthy and active start to the day. Join us in promoting the importance of physical activity and fostering a culture of well-being at our school.

## **Celebrations**

We are always very happy to share news about the children's achievements outside of school. Please email details and photos to: [admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk)

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Heath  
Headteacher



# News Items



## CERTIFICATES

Year 1 - Samten, Michal

Year 2 - Caiden, Ernest

Year 3 - Mya G, Hazel

Year 4 - Nhea, Luisiana, Khalid

Year 5 - see next newsletter

Year 6 - Adaora, Alexander

### Easter Gardens

The children were asked to create Easter gardens over the holidays as part of their RE work. We were delighted with the number of children from all year groups who produced such amazing gardens.

The gardens were all so very creative and unique. Well done to all who participated. You will see some examples of these wonderful creations in the RE newsletter on the School Jotter and by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.clitherow.brent.sch.uk/parents-info/galleries>

### FORTHCOMING DATES

29th April	Kittle Photographer in – Class Photos
30th April	Parent's Forum – Coffee morning 8.45am.
1st May	Year 1 Phonics screening Meeting 9.00am in School Hall.
2nd May	<b>POLLING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
3rd May	Year 5 trip to Eco Garden @ St Gregory's
6th May	<b>BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
10 <sup>TH</sup> May	Year 2 going to Mass
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATs
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Year 6 Football tournament
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 5 going to Westminster Cathedral

**Please check out the calendar on the jotter for dates and times of events.**

### ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING

16<sup>th</sup> April to 19<sup>th</sup> April  
2024

Year 1 – 85.3%  
 Year 2 – 87.1%  
 Year 3 – 89.3%  
 Year 4 – 93.1%  
 Year 5 – 97%  
 Year 6 – 88.3%

Whole school overall – 90%

**EXPECTED ATTENDANCE MINIMUM OF 96%**

### ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING

22<sup>nd</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> April  
2024

Year 1 – 86.6%  
 Year 2 – 98.7%  
 Year 3 – 89.3%  
 Year 4 – 98.6%  
 Year 5 – 96.2%  
 Year 6 – 98.3%

Whole school overall – 95%

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