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Excellence with Compassion

Dear parents,

Last week...

I was so proud of our St Gabriel's pupils last week! On Tuesday we were visited by Mary Thorne, an RE advisor from the London Diocese Board for Schools. She looked at our teaching of RE and also spent time talking to some of our children. I was so proud of how much they shared about what they had learnt, but also what they then shared about how the subject has taught them not only about different religions, but also about the importance of respecting the beliefs of others and 'respectfully disagreeing' with others, regardless of our own beliefs. Truly demonstrating our St Gabriel's values!

In our Thursday assembly, Year 6 shared with us what they have been learning about in RE, about milestones in their lives. Year 4 spoke to us about their visit from the Itsu Youth Kitchen. On Wednesday they welcomed a chief from Itsu who demonstrated how they could make their own Ramen Bowl. In school, the children learnt how to finely chop different ingredients and then they were given their beautifully chopped vegetables to take home, along with the ingredients to make their own Ramen. This linked perfectly with their current Geography topic of Come Dine With Me!



On Thursday, Year 2 had a wonderful visit to the Tower of London! They went back in time to 1605 when the Gunpowder Plot took place and role played blowing up the houses of parliament. Class 2 then visited the different parts of the Tower of London. They were so excited to see the Crown Jewels after learning about the story of Katie in London!

And on Friday, Year 6 took a trip to Lords Cricket Ground. In addition to playing a bit of cricket, they were also taken on a tour of the museum!

This week...

We are very excited to have finally had the chimney secured above the hall, and the scaffolding taken down. This means that we can now return to having family assemblies on Thursday mornings. Please do join us! We look forward to welcoming lots of parents to our weekly celebration of our children's good work and achievements!

You may have noticed that scaffolding has now been erected around the bell tower and the other tall chimney. This is as a precaution and to enable our school building advisor to survey different parts of the building.



Artsmark
Silver Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

Hello Yellow



On Friday it is Hello Yellow day, in aid of the Young Minds Charity. Your child can come to school wearing anything yellow and donate as little or as much as you would like to the Young Minds charity.



Harvest Collection

Our harvest service will be during Family Assembly on Thursday 16th October, so you still have until the 16th to donate any food items, toiletries or socks to our collection for the Passage. Thank you so much to all who have donated items so far; these will truly help those in our community who are currently struggling with homelessness.



Parents Evening and School Meals Tasting

On Thursday 16th and Thursday 23rd October, we shall be holding our parents' evenings. On the first parents' evenings, Chartwells (our school meals provider) will also be holding a food tasting session for parents, so that you can sample the kinds of food our children eat day to day. Please do join us for this. The food tasting is 3.30 – 5.00pm.

Attendance

We were delighted to see an improvement in attendance last school year. We are continuing to encourage good attendance through individual attendance certificates and through whole class attendance certificates. Whole class attendance certificates also come with a gold star if every child is in and on time. 9 gold stars to cover the word 'EXCELLENT' awards the class with a £50 cheque. Classes

Dates for September and October:

Mon 6th: Yr 5 trip – Tower of London
Thurs 9th: Yr 1 trip and Yr 2 & Yr 5 Fire safety session
Mon 13th: – YR 6 trip to the Mayors parlour
Tues 14th: individual photos and Peter Daniel with Yr 6
Thurs 16th: Parents evening and school dinner tasting for parents
Thurs 23rd: Parents evening
Fri 24th: last day of half term
Mon 27th – Friday 31st: School closed for half term holiday
Mon 3rd Nov: start of new school term.

were able to use these cheques on trips and treats for the class last year.

Schools are now obliged to refer families to the local authority attendance team if there are repeated unauthorised absences, this includes absences for which school does not receive a valid reason. Holidays in term time are not authorised and schools **have to** refer these to the local authority. Please refer to our school website for the holiday dates. These are also available from the school office, in a handy credit card size. Congratulations to Reception, who have already received 9 stars and who will be receiving an Excellent cheque for the classroom!!!

Best attendance this week was **Class 4 with 99.31%** Well done Class 4!

Rewards

Mentions	Archie and Lynda	Karma and Majeed	Amayah and Lottie	Arahbella and Selina	Ivy and Mohammed	Yearsema and Winifred
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Class of the Week: Year 1,2 and 5!

With very best wishes,

Rebecca Anson
Headteacher

Today is St Gabriel's day. In collective Worship we looked at the story of the Centurion and the sick slave and our prayer for this week, reflects this.

Prayer for the week:

Father, in the same way that the Centurion was determined to help the sick slave and his faith in Jesus led the slave to be cured, remind us to show friendship to others by doing all we can to help them.

Amen