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Excellence with Compassion

Dear parents,



Our 2nd Autumn term is well under way. Last week all classes spent time focusing on this term's value of Peace. All classes looked at the reference to Peace in the bible and discussed what the value means to them. All classes created work for the display in the halls shared their good work in Thursday's family assembly. Year 6 have been studying the First World war with local historian Peter Daniel and they created some very moving poems for their Peace display, Year 5 learnt about Cat Stevens, his conversion to Islam and listened to his song 'Peace Train'. Our other classes also discussed what peace means to them and how they find peace themselves.





As part of their First World War studies, Year 6 visited Westminster Abbey on Friday where they were told the story of the Unknown Warrior and took part in a short service dedicated to Ernest Boots, a local soldier that the children have been learning about. The children laid commemorative artwork as a sign of their respect.







Odd socks day on Monday 16th November

Next Monday 16th is Odd Socks Day. This is to mark the start of anti-bullying week. To celebrate our differences and to

mark the fact that our diversity is what makes us stronger, children (and staff!) are invited to wear odd socks to school. This year the week is focusing on the importance of 'breaking the silence' and helping those children who we see are upset or who have been treated unkindly. We will focus on what it means to be a good friend and the importance of choosing words and actions that help not harm others.

Parent Requests for school support in completing documentation

We often receive requests for school to complete official paperwork for families, such as passport verifications, housing letters and disability allowance applications. School is under no obligation to do this and other professions, often will charge for some of these services. However, at St Gabriel's we are more than happy to support parents as much as we possibly can. We just ask that parents consider the time needed for this, as completing forms of this nature, or providing supporting letters, does take time, will need to be fitted in when we can do it and will require at least 48 hours notice. Therefore, we can rarely do this the same day. We therefor ask that parents contact the office if they would like to make such a request, and our office team can point you in the direction of the appropriate member of staff, who can help and support you. Many thanks in advance for your understanding.

Attendance

Attendance is carefully monitored. In addition to encouraging all children to be in school and on time, with our whole class 'Excellence Stars' (9 Excellence Stars gets the class a £50 cheque!); we also monitor individual children's attendance. Our target is a minimum of 96% attendance for all pupils. If a child's attendance drops below 90%, parents will receive a letter from the office informing them of this; we understand that there may be many genuine reasons as to why a child's attendance is below 90%, however the purpose of the letter is to inform parents, regardless of the cause of the absence. If attendance does not then improve, a Headteacher's letter goes home. Monitoring also occurs at a local authority level and persistent low attendance or unauthorised absences, may lead to an attendance contract to support families in ensuring children are in school. In the case of persistent unauthorised absences, school is obliged to make a referral to the local authority, who may issue a penalty notice. Schools cannot authorise holidays in term time and so we ask that families take vacations during the holidays. Unfortunately, if holidays in term time are taken, schools are expected to make a penalty notice referral to the local authority.
Congratulations go to Class R with 98.08% and the highest attendance last week.

Awards

Star of the Week: Ruth
Class of the Week: Reception
Mentions and Courtesy:

Waad Lily Rose	Anas Azaan	Azjad Rosie	Tracy Aras	Sulayman Sarah	Selina Seddik	Evie Cecilia
Lucas Nada	Anas Kaiah	Azjad Mohamed	Luna Divine	Zion Isaiah	Ayla Salman	Yezin Grace

Dates for November and December:
November:
10th: Yr 3 to Science museum
12th Class 4 visit to the library
16th: Odd socks day
17th Netball competition
18th Year 5 library visit
19th: Reception visit to the library
20th Children in need
25th Year 6 library
30th Year 5 tri-borough music concert rehearsal at Kensington Town Hall
December:
1st Christmas Fair after school
4th: Reindeer run in playground
8th Yr 5 at tri-borough music concert
9th Nativity
10th Nativity
16th Christmas party for KS1
18th: School finishes at 2.30pm **(children return on Tuesday 5th January 2027)**

Wishing all of our families a lovely week!

Rebecca Anson
Headteacher