# St Gabriel's C.E. Primary School

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**Excellence with Compassion**

Dear parents,

## Year 3 Science Museum trip

On Tuesday, Year 3 visited the science museum as part of their science topic: We are Astronauts! They had an amazing time and we were extremely proud of how they behaved. They were able to see satellites, space suits and also learned about the first man in space - Yuri Gagarin! They really enjoyed spotting different objects and finding out new facts.




## Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11th at 11am, we held a Remembrance Day service in the playground. During the service the names of past students and staff who lost their lives in the First World War were read out by Year 6 pupils and Representatives from all classes laid wreaths.



## St Gabriel's Active Westminster Nomination

St Gabriel's were nominated for the Active Westminster Award and were shortlisted to the Finals! On Friday some of our staff attended the awards ceremony and were awarded with a certificate in recognition of the variety of sporting opportunities offered at St Gabriel's.




## Odd socks day

Today was odd socks day. It was lovely to see so many children coming to school wearing different pairs of socks as a way to celebrate our differences. In assembly this morning we discussed the importance of not staying silent when we see others being treated unkindly.



Eco-Schools · PSQM · School Games Gold 2022/23 · Healthy Schools London Bronze Award · Healthy Early Years Partnership Bronze Award · Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England

## 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.

# Awards

**Star of the Week:** Tracy
**Class of the Week:** Year 6

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| **Mentions** | Matias and Lily-Rose | Amira and Luanah | Yousef and Kayla | Mason and Delilah-Snow | Lottie and Sulayman | George M and Rishan | Megan and Lev |
| **Courtesy** | Lilah and Romaana-Ayaat | Kaiah and Vinnie | Henry and Archie | Annalisia and Majeed | Suzanne and Amaiyah | Travis and Summer | Eunice and Poppy E |

Wishing all of our families a lovely week!

Rebecca Anson
Headteacher

**Dates for November and December:**
**November:**
**16th:** Odd socks day
**17th** Netball competition
**18th** Year 5 library visit
**19th:** Reception visit to the library
**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)**