



March 2023 HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

We Grow and Learn with Jesus

Dear Parents/Carers,

Watford Peace Hospice Care Sponsored Walk

A **huge thank you** to all our EYFS and Key Stage One families for their generosity towards the Watford Peace Hospice Care Sponsored Walk last week. Our final total is an incredible **£2947.86**. A representative from the hospice will be presented with a cheque in an assembly after Easter.

Yellow Day – Thursday 20th April

On **Thursday 20th April** we have our annual 'Yellow Day' where the children are invited to wear yellow/white clothes to school for the day with a £1 donation to the Catholic Children's Society.

Also, on this day we are hoping lots of children would like to use time over the Easter holidays to create either an Easter hat (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) or an Easter garden (Year 3,4,5 and 6).

The staff would love to see the Easter hats and gardens on Thursday 20th April. The gardens will be on display for parents to view in the Activity Studio after school on Thursday.

The Easter hats and gardens are a way of retelling the Easter Story.

Mini Vinnies

We were delighted to receive feedback from the Ascent Group leader about our visit last week to Holy Rood Church.

“The children read perfectly at mass, and sang beautifully in the parish centre. They explained all about the Mini Vinnies Group. Their behaviour was exemplary.”

Staffing

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to two members of staff. Liz Hughes has been with us for 11 years and has worked with children across the school as a teaching assistant. This year she has worked in Year 1 Padua. We wish Liz all the very best in her future endeavours.

Maria Madden has been with us for 8 years. Maria has worked across the school as our Higher Level Teaching Assistant. Maria has worked very closely this year with Year 5 Lisbon. Maria is starting a new role as a Family Support Worker.

We will miss Liz and Maria so much, but wish them all the very best for the future. We would like to thank them very much for all the hard work and dedication they have shown to our school community.

Family Support Worker Coffee Mornings

These will now be at the earlier time of 9.00am -10.00am in the main school. You are all very welcome to come along and join for a chat and a drink.

School Lunches – Price Increase

Herts Catering have had to increase the cost of the price for a school meal with effect from 1st April 2023. From this date the meal price for year 3 upwards will now be **£3.25 per day**.

INSET day – school closure

On **Monday 22nd May** there will be an INSET day and school will be closed for all children. The school will reopen for children on Tuesday 23rd May.

Parents' evenings

We were delighted to see so many parents at our recent parents' evenings. These were very positive evenings. We are very proud of the hard work the children have produced so far this year. They continue to be enthusiastic and proud of their learning which is great to see.

Message from Corinne – Key Stage 2 English Co-ordinator

Congratulations to Emilis, Zofia and Lakees for their winning entries in the World Book Day competition, I hope you enjoy spending your Waterstones vouchers! Not only were their drawings fantastic but they were also extremely imaginative and original. I want to say a huge thank you to everyone that entered, it was a really difficult decision as all the entries were amazing. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing everyone's designs.

King Charles Coronation

Following on from the email that Megan our Year 2 Padua teacher about the self-portraits the children have drawn. These works of art are now available to purchase

Watford Foodbank

The response for the donations towards Watford Foodbank has continued to be great. The staff of the Foodbank have passed on their thanks for all your generosity especially during these difficult times. The next dates for donations are:

Thursday 27th April

Thursday 25th May

The staff of the Food Bank also asked for carrier bags as they are very short of these at the moment so if anyone is able to donate any on the dates above that would be greatly appreciated.

Sports News

See below reports from our netball and football captains:

Netball: *We took part in a Netball tournament. Our first game, we won 6-1, second game we won 11-0, and the last game was really hard, but we won 3-0. Our team won every game and we worked really hard as a team. We really enjoyed it.*

Kiki and Florence Netball Captains

Football: *We took part in a football tournament at Cassiobury School. In our games we won one, we drew one, but we lost twice. We ended up winning 1-0, we lost 2-0 and 2-1 and drew 2-2. We were very supportive of our team and we tried very hard. We also congratulated the winning team.*

Edwin and Zayne Football Captains

Key Stage Two Sports Afternoons

See below - please make a note of the Sports afternoons as the Key Stage 2 afternoons are earlier in the year than usual.

Wednesday 24 th May	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Padua Sports afternoon 1.30pm-3.30pm – Parents welcome
Thursday 25 th May	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Lisbon Sports afternoon 1.30pm-3.30pm – Parents welcome

Attendance Update

The whole school attendance has been 94% from 2nd September until 27th March.

Nursery	89%	
	Lisbon	Padua
Reception	93%	92%
Year 1	91%	92%
Year 2	95%	94%
Year 3	95%	95%
Year 4	94%	93%
Year 5	96%	95%
Year 6	95%	95%

A particular well done to **Year 5 Lisbon** who achieved the highest class attendance during this time.

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to the following children:

Reception Lisbon

Amelia F was awarded a Learn to Swim level 1 certificate

Mille K was awarded Level 4 award for floor work by Watford Gym Club

Katie O was awarded a Duckling 4 award for swimming and a Stage 3 certificate from Watford Gym Club

Year 1 Lisbon

Rebecca P achieved Rainbow Distance 5 metres for swimming

Vikram G achieved a Rainbow Distance 5 metres and a Learn to Swim level 1 certificate for swimming

Andrea G was awarded a stage 7 Learn to Swim award

Year 1 Padua

Maria S achieved 2nd place in Modern Dance at the International Dance Competition

Vennilaa P achieved Duckling 2 award for swimming

Year 2 Lisbon

Alicia T was awarded a Stage 1 certificate from Learn to Swim

Year 2 Padua

Yash P was awarded a Learn to Swim stage 2 and Rainbow certificate for swimming 5 metres

Matei P was awarded a Star Performer certificate for Best Dance Moves by Xtra Time Club

Brayan G was awarded Rainbow Distance for swimming 5 metres

Lakees M was awarded Rainbow Distance for swimming 5 metres

Year 3 Lisbon

Melissa M was awarded Level 5 of the Gymnastics Proficiency Awards

Evie W was awarded a Stage 2 swimming certificate

Lucas S was awarded a Stage 3 certificate from Learn to Swim

Year 4 Lisbon

Maya M was awarded a stage 4 certificate from Learn to Swim

Harvey A was awarded 20 metres Rainbow Distance Award for swimming.

Bobby N was awarded the Water Safety Award from Swim England and his Football team Titans FC won their league.

George S received a certificate for taking part in an Art Competition

Year 5 Padua

Adeeshe C was awarded a Learn to Swim level 5 certificate

Year 5 Lisbon

Joy C was awarded Level 5 of the Gymnastics Proficiency Awards

Year 6 Lisbon

Emmanuel A was awarded a medal for Penalty King Goalkeeping by Xtra Time Club

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 28 th March	Little Cities Activity for Reception classes
Thurs 30 th March	Year 3 and Year 4 Performance of The Three Trees – Y3 and 4 parents welcome. Afternoon performance - 2.00pm – no ticket required Evening performance – 7.00pm – ticket required (2 people per family)
Fri 31 st March	Year 5 L and P Stations of the Cross assembly for Year 5 parents – 9.15am End of Term – 2.30pm
Friday 7 th April	Good Friday
Sunday 9 th April	Easter Sunday
Monday 17 th April	New term begins
Thursday 20 th April	Yellow Day (please see above for information)
Friday 21 st April	Callum Early Challenge Trophy - Years 3 & 4 9.00am -12.00pm
Wednesday 26 th April	Year 6L visit Watford Football Club
Thursday 27 th April	Year 6P visit Watford Football Club
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday – School closed
Monday 8 th May	King's Coronation Bank Holiday – school closed
Tues 9 th - Fri 12 th May	KS2 SATS week
Thursday 18 th May	Ascension Day assemblies
Monday 22 nd May	INSET day – school closed to pupils
Wednesday 24 th May	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Padua Sports afternoon 1.30pm-3.30pm – Parents welcome
Thursday 25 th May	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Lisbon Sports afternoon 1.30pm-3.30pm – Parents welcome
Friday 26 th May	End of half term – 2.30pm finish
Sunday 28 th May	Pentecost
Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June	Half Term

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely Easter holidays.

God bless and take care,

Elaine Harrold