



HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

A gender-equal society would be one where the word 'gender' does not exist: where everyone can be themselves. - Gloria Steinem.

This week in our assemblies we continued to explore the importance of our value of endurance through a very interesting discussion on gender equality with pupils in both Diamond and Emerald Class. Together we looked at what gender equality actually means and defined it as:

Gender equality means that women and men and girls and boys enjoy the same rights, resources, opportunities and protections.

We linked it to the discussion the previous week where we explored the topic of racism and how famous people like Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela showed real endurance and perseverance in pursuing what they believed in to try to achieve justice for black people.

Similar to these key people we looked at Malala Yousafzai the Pakistani activist for female education and the world's youngest Nobel Prize laureate. I was extremely impressed with how knowledgeable so many pupils were about Malala and what she has achieved so far despite having to cope with real challenges. We were in awe of how she has managed to overcome the obstacles in her life and in doing so raising awareness about the importance of female education.

Next week we will be exploring Chinese New Year and this morning in Sapphire's assembly we talked about this very special celebration that will start on the 1st February marking the start of the lunar year. It is celebrated with gifts, fireworks and dragon and lion dances and culminates on the 15th day with a lantern festival. This year is the year of the Tiger and people born in this year are brave, competitive, unpredictable, and confident. They are also charming and well-liked by others.

In our prayers we talked about how God is there to guide and support us when we are finding something difficult and recognising the importance of being patient and not giving up too easily.

Early next week we will be spending Parents' Evening invitations out for face to face meetings with your child's class teacher. They will be taking place on the 8th and 10th February and will be conducted in exactly the same manner as last time. Therefore, it is really important that all parents arrange childcare as due to safety regulations we will not be allowing pupils on site. If for any reason you are unable to make your appointment time, please contact the class teacher as soon as possible and we will endeavour to give you a time that suits you.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley, Headteacher

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	96.9%
Sapphire	91.7%
Diamond	93.8%
Emerald	81.8%
Overall	91.1%

Week Beginning Monday 31 January 2022

Monday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Netball Club
3.00-4.00pm	Reception & Sapphire Arts & Crafts

Tuesday

Life in Roman Britain for Diamond Class

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Reception & Sapphire Football Club
3.00-4.00pm	Yoga Club (Nursery to Year 6)

Wednesday

Swimming Year 3&4

Online Safety lessons for all classes

8am	Breakfast Club
During school	Keyboard
During school	Recorder
1.45pm	Chair Yoga for Diamond Class
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Football Club
3.00-4.00pm	Year 3 Science Club
3.00-4.00pm	Year 2 to Year 6 Choir Club

Thursday

8am	Breakfast Club
3.00-4.00pm	Emerald & Diamond Tennis Club
3.00-4.00pm	Reception & Sapphire Construction Activities & Board Games

Friday

8.00-8.45am	Emerald & Diamond Tag Rugby
A.m.	Hillyfields KS2



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Well done to the following pupils for being awarded these special certificates for this week:

Endurance Certificates

Ruby Class: Nayana
Sapphire Class: Elyse
Diamond Class: Nicole
Emerald Class: William

Star Writer Certificates

Ruby Class: Lily
Sapphire Class: Alice & Dimo
Diamond Class: Murat
Emerald Class: May

Gold Star Certificates

Ruby Class: Jude
Sapphire Class: Yr1 & Yr2
Diamond Class: Neo & Zeni
Emerald Class: Giovanni & Lola

Vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body at St. John's School

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body at St. John's School. If any parent is interested in applying for this really important role, please free to talk to me about what this role entails. We really value the parents' voice as your contribution is absolutely vital when discussing many areas of school life. The closing date for this vacancy is 28 January 2022 .

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening is taking place on Tuesday 8 and Thursday 10 February, appointments will be sent home with your child early next week.

Please remember that Parents' Evenings are for Parents only, so you will need to make arrangements for your children to be looked after.

No members of staff will be available to look after children whilst parents are seeing the teacher.

If a child turns up for a Parents' Evening unfortunately you will not be able to see the teacher and you will need to make another appointment.

Attendance for the week

RUBY CLASS have the highest attendance this week, they will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 31 January in recognition for their achievement this week for the most attendance this week.



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**BOOK
& PAY EARLY
TO AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT**

Half Term Activity Week

Tuesday 15th February	Wednesday 16th February	Thursday 17th February
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VENUE: St Michaels CofE Primary School, Brigadier Hill, Enfield, EN2 0NB

TIME: Drop offs 8:30 - 9:00am. No early drop offs.
Finishes at 4pm. No late pick ups.

COSTS: **2 days £45 per child** (2 consecutive days minimum attendance)
3 days £60 per child
No refunds for non-attendance or cancellations

AGES: 5 - 10 years

NOTE: WE CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE 45 CHILDREN PER WEEK

SKILLS & ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE 3 DAYS

There will be a variety of activities to take part in including:

- Short tennis • Badminton
- Football • Table tennis
- Hockey • Arts & Crafts
- Basketball • Board games

and many more fun games & activities

Payment must be made no later than 1 week in advance of activity start date, or your place will be cancelled

Due to COVID-19, throughout the half term period, we will be following Government educational guidelines relevant at the time

Payment must be made by bank transfer

(Bank details available when booking)

Please send (via email) a photo of the application form when paying.

Places will be confirmed by email upon receipt of payment.

• Children are advised to bring boots, trainers, shin pads and clothing appropriate for weather conditions • Please provide a packed lunch • Do not provide foods that contains peanut & nut products as some of our children are allergic to these items. (Please note: there is NO refrigeration available for storing food and drinks) • Please do not bring mobile phones, tablets or other electronic devices to the venue as we cannot be responsible for the safe keeping of these items • All Coaches are qualified, have current DBS checks and child protection and are first aid trained.

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Date List for Spring Term 2022		
FEBRUARY		
Tuesday 1	Life in Roman Britain for Diamond Class	All Day
Wednesday 2	Chair Yoga for Diamond Class	
Wednesday 2	Online Safety lessons for all classes	
Friday 4	Hillyfields KS2	A.M.
Tuesday 8	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 9	NSPCC Number Day—Dress up for Digits (please pay £2 on ParentPay to support NSPCC)	
Wednesday 9	Chair Yoga—Emerald Class	
Thursday 10	Parents' Evening	
Friday 11	Church Service	9.15am
Monday 14 to Friday 18	HALF-TERM	
MARCH		
Wednesday 2	Ash Wednesday Service at St John's Church	2pm
Thursday 3	World Book Day (make your own costume)	
Friday 4	Fundraising activity for Catriona Fathers' Charity	
Friday 11	Day Trip to Forty Hall – Emerald Class	
Monday 14	Science Week	
Friday 18	Day Trip to Forty Hall – Diamond Class	
Monday 21	Easter Bonnets / Easter Gardens	
Wednesday 23	Easter Concert in St John's Church - Reception and KS1	
Friday 25	Day Trip to Forty Hall – Sapphire Class & Reception	
Tuesday 29	Florence Nightingale Visit KS1	
Wednesday 30	Easter Concert in St John's Church – KS2	
APRIL		
Friday 1	Church Service in St John's Church – Whole School	
Friday 1	END OF SPRING TERM	1.00pm

SPRING	2022
Starts	Wednesday 5 January
Half-term	Monday 14 February—Friday 18 February
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 1 April
INSET DAY	Tuesday 4 January

AUTUMN	2022
Starts	Friday 2 September
Half-term	Monday 24 October—Friday 28 October
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 16 December
INSET DAY	Thursday 1 September
INSET DAY	Monday 31 October
INSET DAY	Friday 25 November

SUMMER	2022
Starts	Tuesday 19 April
Half-term	Monday 30 May—Friday 3 June
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 22 July
INSET DAY	Friday 1 July
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 May & Monday 30 May

SPRING	2023
Starts	Wednesday 4 January
Half-term	Monday 13 February—Friday 17 February
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 31 March
INSET DAY	Tuesday 3 January