



# Spring Term Newsletter

Number 436 – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

As we conclude the spring term, I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to all parents for your continued support and partnership throughout these past months. Despite the challenges we have faced, your unwavering commitment to your child's education has been truly commendable. As we look back on the term, we are filled with pride at the progress and achievements of our students.

The last few weeks have been extremely busy here at school. We have completed all of our parents' meetings and if you have not attended, please speak to the class teacher to arrange a meeting as soon as possible. The children have all enjoyed the Art and Science weeks, trips, assemblies and Easter Egg Hunt.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, Year 6 had a fantastic Aspirations' Morning facilitated by Magic Breakfast in collaboration with Quaker Oats. The children interviewed different employees from Quaker Oats and conducted themselves in a real professional manner. The volunteers were really impressed and were very complimentary of the children. Well done Year 6!

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, we celebrated Mass for the Feast of St Margaret Clitherow. All children from Reception to Year 6 gathered in the hall as Fr Albert celebrated mass with us. The children listened as Fr Albert spoke about what makes a saint. They sang and read beautifully.

Many trips and outings also took place in the last few weeks. On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, the Year 4 children enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Brent Museum. Our Year 2 children enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Willesden Green Jewish cemetery on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Many thanks to the parents who accompanied the classes on their trips. The children behaved beautifully and were a credit to our school.

## **Parents' Forum Meeting**

We had our first Parents' Forum Meeting on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us. It was really great to listen to all the ideas and suggestions for the future meetings and how parents can support each other with various aspects of their children's lives. The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** in the school hall straight after drop off. We will place a suggestion box under the parents' shelter to collect ideas for the topic/s of conversation. More information is to come. Please save the date!

As we move forward into the break, I encourage you to take this time to rest, recharge, and enjoy quality moments with your loved ones. Whether you have plans for travel, exploration, or simply relaxing at home, I hope you find joy and rejuvenation in these moments together.

As always, please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback. Your input is invaluable to us as we strive to provide the best possible educational experience for your child.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter and we look forward to seeing you all back here on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Mrs Heath

Should you have any queries please contact us on: [admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk)  
[iheath@clitherow.brent.sch.uk](mailto:iheath@clitherow.brent.sch.uk) or [bnolan@clitherow.brent.sch.uk](mailto:bnolan@clitherow.brent.sch.uk)



## Community Dates

28<sup>th</sup> March - Maundy Thursday  
29<sup>th</sup> March - Good Friday  
31<sup>st</sup> March - Easter Sunday  
1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Monday

For information on Mass times at English Martyrs during the Holy Week and Easter, please click on the link below.

[English Martyrs Mass Times Holy Week and Easter](#)

As a Catholic community, we will be celebrating the most important events for a Christian - the death and resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Before we reach Easter Sunday, we will have journeyed through Palm Sunday and Good Friday. At Mass, we will reflect on the agony of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and we will give thanks for the new life we can all enjoy because Jesus paid the price for our sins. Easter is a humbling time. We have been fasting and praying during the Lent period so that we may draw closer to God. In this time, we have also been even more aware of the needs of others.

As we enter into the Easter break, let us continue to pray for those who need to know the sacrificial and generous love of Jesus.

May we also become more thankful for the peace, comfort and hope that we have through the promise of eternity in the presence of God.

**Vouchers-** Edenred vouchers will once again be available for the Easter holidays. Please look out for an e-mail regarding this if you have not been given a voucher already. Voucher sent to your email has a validity of three months. Remember that the vouchers have a use by date of three months. Please let the office know if you have changed your email address.

**Summer uniform-** When we return after Easter the children should wear their summer uniform. This consists of a yellow checked dress for girls, and a yellow polo shirt and school trousers or shorts for boys. Winter uniform should not be worn. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct footwear. Uniform checks will be carried out at the start of the term so please make sure you make any necessary purchases over the holiday.



# News Items



## Congratulations Bee Garden Competition Winners

**Overall winner –**  
Nela

**Other prize winners-**  
Pola - Year 3  
Lindsey – Year 5  
Afri – Year 4  
Oliwia – Year 1



Children who have been awarded  
100% Attendance certificates for  
Spring Term 22/03/2024

## Congratulations to the following children who had 100% attendance in the Spring Term

**Year 1 - Eric, Alicja, Amelia**

**Year 2 - Sophia, Hadassah,  
Bastian, Kyi-On**

**Year 3- Jeremiah, Ayla,  
Anna, Marysia, Maya, Eduard,  
Tiana, Victor, Benjamin**

**Year 4 - Afri, Liam, Calvin,  
Matheus, Khalid, Ephrata,  
Liliana, Kaleb, Isaac, Anthony,**

**Maya, Shannon, Blanca  
Year 5 - Amelia, Elizabeth,  
Lindsey**

**Year 6 - Sama, Martim,  
Serena, Nadia, Natalie,  
Elizabeth, Sebastian, Ryan**



We took part in the walk to school fortnight and we are delighted to say that we finished in 25<sup>th</sup> place out of all London Primary schools that took part. We averaged 68% of children taking active journeys to school. Thank you for all your support. Now let's aim for even higher percentage – a healthy mind with a healthy body is very important.

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PARENTS: Help your child become a better reader. Turn on the Subtitles when they're watching TV!

Did you know that by turning on the subtitles whilst your child watches TV you can double the chances of your child becoming good at reading.

So, the next time your child is watching TV or tablet, turn on the subtitles and help them become a better reader! It's that simple!

FORTHCOMING DATES	
16 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens for the summer term
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 going to the RAF Museum
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Science Club starts
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Hearing and Vision Check – Reception Class
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St George's Day – Y4 children wear own clothes
24 <sup>th</sup> April	YR 6 Swimming Starts
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Kittle Photographer in
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Parents' Coffee Morning
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School closed – Polling Station
6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
7 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 SATS
13 <sup>th</sup> May – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS
17 <sup>th</sup> May	International Night Celebration TBC
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Football tournament
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 5 to Westminster Cathedral Mass
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 4 going to Welsh Harp am
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Key Stage 1 Singing Festival at Preston Park Primary

Free services that are available to your family, for children between ages **5 – 15 who are above ideal weight.**

**BZ Academy - Available now!**

**What is it?** Online platform where you can log on and learn in your own time, perfect for busy parents! There are a wide range of exciting courses, both for Children and Adults! Have a look at the great recipes too!

**Where?** Online at the comfort of your own home!

**For who?** For children (aged between 5-15) and Adults looking for some healthy Lifestyle support!

**More info:**  
<https://beezebodies.com/programs/families-academy/>

Please follow the advice from the NHS regarding childhood illnesses. Click on the link below:  
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you have any medical questions about your child's health, please contact your GP or call NHS on 111.

### Air Pollution Awareness

Parents are asked to turn off their car engines when they are parked or have stopped on the roads around the school. There are a number of local measures already in place to keep the area around the school as safe as possible and we must also consider the health of children and adults walking by the school. Parents are also reminded that it is illegal to leave engines running while a vehicle is stationary. Further information about the impact of idling engines can be found at the

[Idling Action website](#). **Idling Action London**

CERTIFICATES  
22.3.2024

YEAR 1- Isaiah, Kira, Michal,  
Eric

YEAR 2- Kacper, Mia K

YEAR 3 - Marysia, All of Year  
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YEAR 4 -Shannon, Liliana,  
Rebecca

YEAR 5- Aniela, Amelia C,  
Kimberly, Antonia

YEAR 6- Rhys, Elle

### Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns: Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL's) are **Mrs Heath** and **Miss Nolan**, however all members of staff have a duty to and are trained in the safeguarding of our children.

Should you have any safeguarding concerns please contact a member of staff as soon as possible. For any matters concerning safeguarding outside of school hours or during the holidays please send an email to:

safeguarding@clitherow.brent.sch.uk

We can also help parents through Brent's Early Help Assessment process.

If you are having difficulties with housing, finances, or health, please speak with Mrs Heath who can signpost you to appropriate support and services.

### **Useful contacts:**

**NSPCC: Tel 0808 800 5000**

**Brent Social Services: Tel 020 8937**

**4303 NSPCC Positive Parenting**

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/positiveparenting>

If you have any concerns for the safety and well-being of any child, please make an appointment to see Mrs Heath who is our Designated Safeguarding Lead.