



Headteacher's Update

2nd July 2021

Key Messages



Second Sunday of Matthew and Pentecost. Orthodoxtimes.com

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support as we seem to race through another successful week.

Covid continues to cause disruption to education in other schools; thank you for helping to protect our community by ensuring your children are conducting twice weekly LFD tests and reporting results. We continue to recommend the wearing of face coverings in communal areas and we are proud of the efforts of all our staff and students to keep each other safe.

Year 10 and Year 12 students are currently receiving feedback from their teachers on their end of year exam papers. Years 7, 8 and 9 students will also receive their feedback shortly. It is essential that students spend time correcting their work and asking their teachers for clarification if they are not sure about a particular concept.

All teaching staff are preparing to intervene with students who are well below their target grade in the remaining weeks before we break up for the summer holiday. Interventions may occur in a variety of forms including resequencing of the curriculum now and in the Autumn term; setting differentiated homework; setting a catch-up summer pack of work with an opportunity to retest in September and after school or before school interventions. There may also be an opportunity for students meeting certain criteria to access 1:1 NTP online tuition. All of the interventions we offer our students are free of charge to students and their families.

In return we require 100% attendance and focus during the targeted sessions.

We are pleased that visits to St Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church will go ahead. All students must be punctual to school, dressed in full and smart school uniform. I am confident that our students will demonstrate our 4 R's as they represent our school in the community: We are Ready, Respectful, Responsible and Resilient.

Finally, we send prayers to any of our families affected by the unprecedented [forest fires](#) in Cyprus. We give thanks to the countries who are giving emergency assistance to the people of Cyprus including the UK, Greece, Italy and Israel.

Forthcoming events for your diary

| Year Group | Event | Dates |
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| 7 | Visit to St Katherine's Church | Monday 5 July |
| 8 | Visit to St Katherine's Church | Tuesday 6 July |
| 7 | Year 7 Interform Sports Competition – Period 1 - 2 | Wednesday 7 July |
| 9 | Visit to St Katherine's Church | Thursday 8 July |
| 9 | Year 9 Interform Sports Competition – Period 4b - 6 | Friday 9 July |
| 10 | Visit to St Katherine's Church | Tuesday 13 July |
| 8 | Year 8 Interform Sports Competition – Period 1 - 3 | Thursday 15 July |
| All | Last day of the summer term | Friday 16 July |

Best wishes,

Mrs I Warwick

(Headteacher)



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The Call of the Disciples – Second Sunday of Matthew & Pentecost

It is the second Sunday after Pentecost. The Gospel Reading from (Matthew 4:18-23), speaks about calling the first Apostles. The calling of Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and Jacob the son of Zebedee and his brother John.



Second Sunday after Pentecost: "Calling of the First Apostles"

We have previously discussed "All Saints Sunday", where we commemorated all the Saints in the Orthodox Church, whether they are known officially or unknown or their sainthood has not yet been announced. We celebrate all the Saints after Pentecost to acknowledge that the "The Holy Spirit" is the one who makes Saints. He is the source and fountain of holiness; He gives the spirit of holiness and He is the one that blesses the faithful and makes them "Saints".

The second Sunday after Pentecost also shows us the work of the Holy Spirit and his acts in the Church by inviting dedicated workers to the Apostolic mission.

Last Sunday's Gospel shows us the start of Christianity, which grew from a very small group. Twelve Apostles were invited to be of humble service to each other; they were mostly fishermen of no education, knowledge, or social status. They were men living on the outskirts of Lake Tiberias. Interestingly, when Jesus called the first Apostles, they were not unemployed, or out of work. They were preoccupied with their work. "They were throwing their nets at sea".

The Lord Jesus called them and as the Bible says: "Immediately they left the nets and followed him", they didn't hesitate to leave their livelihood and their lives to follow Jesus. He did not promise riches, position or status to them, He said one sentence: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men". The same scenario is repeated with John and Jacob, the sons of Zebedee; they were fixing their nets with their father. "Immediately they left the boat, their father, and followed Him." It seems that these pupils did not hesitate for a second to become missionaries, that is, the "fishers of men." What calls for attention on the first Sunday after Pentecost, is that first and second calls were to two brothers; that is two persons from the same family were called to serve the Lord. These Apostles and others were given but one commandment by Jesus, "go make disciples of all Nations".

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit gave them grace and wisdom, understanding and strength. This strength gave the disciples the power of Evangelism and enabled them to reach Rome and as far as India and Africa. Every baptised Christian, who has received the Holy Chrism, is called to serve the Lord by their talents, abilities, and resources. All from their baptismal day are dedicated to the Lord.

When we say "Yes" to the Lord, we are called to abandon the nets that tie us to the things of this world which may prevent us from following Christ. The traps of this world are many, However, it was Jacob and his brother John, who were "Fixing the nets" when the Lord called them and "they left everything and followed Him."

All are called according to their talents and ability to meet the Lord's calling, to become a fisher of men so that we all know and worship God and His Heavenly Kingdom.

Mr M Vassiliou (Senior Deputy Headteacher)

Student of the Week

Well done!

All students mentioned in the weekly Newsletter will receive 10 recognition points awarded by their form tutor.

Year 7: RAY M (7E) MATIA Y (7H) for outstanding work and progress in Science.

Year 8: MELISA K (8M) for excellent contributions in lessons, demonstrating growth and maturity. **MARC C (8L)** for exceptional hard work and support shown in Drama class.

Year 9: ROMPERT G (8M) and VINISHA S (8P) for brilliant effort and excellent progress in Humanities.

Year 10: KARIM M (10I) and ANDREA S (10N) for outstanding effort with their classwork in Business Studies

STA Notice- Changes to parking

Please could parents and carers be aware that the parking spaces that some parents and carers use to pick up their children at the end of the day (opposite the entrance to Building 5) will now be out of bounds to STA parents and carers with immediate effect. With the good weather as it is, this is an excellent time for us to consider 'ride and stride' for your children. This will promote the importance of exercise for good health.

Barnet Summer Festival



The [summer festival's](#) packed programme features open air cinema and major sports screenings (Euros), community carnivals, live music, artisan food markets, open air theatre, street performers, and activities for the whole family. The majority of the programme's events and activities are free to attend.

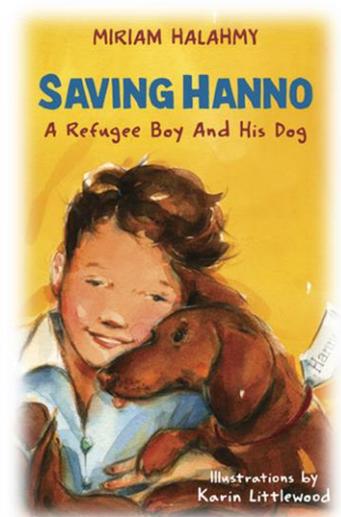
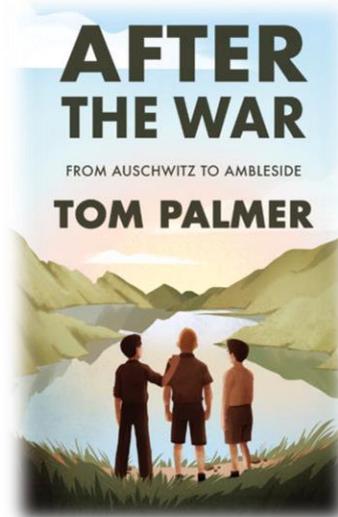
Discover Barnet Presents encourages the safe return to our town centres, high streets, parks and open spaces. Everyone is invited to come together safely and celebrate local talent, local businesses, local communities and everything that makes Barnet a great place to live.

The majority of the programme's events and activities are free to attend, but pre-booking is required for some events and a nominal ticket fee is in place for three of the evening cinema screenings. Any revenue from ticket charges goes directly towards the delivery of the festival programme, supporting our local businesses, traders and communities to take part.

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| 2 - 11 July Victoria Park, Finchley | Open air cinema and sports screenings Gather under the summer sky to enjoy an open-air cinema programme of family favourites, cult classics, and everything in between, as well as live tournaments from Wimbledon and the Euros. Click here to see the open air screen programme. |
| 24 - 25 July Lodge Lane Car Park | North Finchley Community Carnival Showcasing local talent, Barnet's free to attend Community Carnivals will feature local food and drink, a funfair for kids, workshops and activities for all ages, and more |
| 20 - 22 August Edgware Boardwalk Car Park | Edgware Community Carnival Showcasing local talent, Barnet's free to attend Community Carnivals will feature local food and drink, a funfair for kids, workshops and activities for all ages, and more. |

Barnet Library 'After the War'

Barnet Libraries presents: An evening with author Tom Palmer discussing his book *After the War* on Wednesday 1 September from 6.45pm-8pm including a 15mins Q&A session, with a prize for the best question.



Tom will be in conversation with writer Miriam Halaahmy. Miriam's current book is *Saving Hanno*. Both books have links to the Kindertransport. Kindertransport was the name given to the mission which took thousands of children to safety ahead of World War Two. It is called this as kinder means 'children' in German.

After the War. The Second World War is finally over, and Yossi, Leo and Mordecai are among three hundred children who arrive in the English Lake District. Having survived the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps, they've finally reached a place of safety and peace, where they can hopefully begin to recover. Will life by the beautiful Lake Windermere be enough to bring hope back into all their lives? *After the War* has been nominated and longlisted for the Carnegie Book Award and selected as one of the Daily Telegraph's Children's Books of the Year 2020

Saving Hanno. Nine-year-old Rudi has a chance to leave the dangers of Nazi Germany on a Kindertransport to England. However, he cannot bring Hanno, his wonderful dachshund. Luckily, his family finds a way to smuggle Hanno to London. But with England on the brink of war, Hanno is still not safe. As a German invasion of England becomes imminent, many people decide their pets will suffer as well as drain limited resources, and thousands of animals are put to sleep. Rudi joins a group of children who vow to save their pets and he and his new friends set out on a dangerous adventure.

Will Rudi find a safe haven for Hanno? This fast-paced novel, based on real events, is full of courage and excitement.

Mental Health



Barnet Local Offer

[Barnet Local Offer: Home / Mental Health and Wellbeing Zone](#) has been designed for young people, their families and the professionals supporting them. On the Zone, you will find a lot of useful information and resources to support positive mental health and wellbeing as well as advice and guidance for further support including links to helpful organisations and services.

Please [click here](#) for information from North London Partnership about a mental health crisis line for secondary aged pupils. This is a newly developed crisis service and will be able to offer guidance and support and provide a same day appointment if required.

Clinics can also be contacted directly on **0208 702 4500** or **0208 702 3300** and the duty clinician on the day will also be able to help.

We are also able to offer our students and staff a drop-in service to help those coping with grief.

Please [click here](#) to access helpful advice and support from **Young Minds**.

Please [click here](#) to access helpful advice and support from the **NHS for teenagers and young adults** who need support with their mental health and are coping with bereavement.

Reminder: During school, students needing emotional support can talk to their Form Tutors and their Head of Year. The following members of staff are also available:

Mr C Sweet (DSL*); Mr M Vassiliou (DDSL*); Mr C Martin (DDSL*); Ms M Henshaw-Devall (Millie); Mr N Anemori and Ms M Hirli (Melisa) *DDSL is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead *DSL is the Designated Safeguarding lead



Barnet Summer BACE Holidays- Reminder



BACE Holidays stands for Barnet. Active. Creative. Engaging. Holidays! Children and young people will be given the opportunity take part in an activity face to face at one of our Summer BACE Camps and receive a nutritionally balanced lunch. Activities may include; football, cricket, arts and crafts, performing arts and lots more. The Summer Camps are free and for all children currently in receipt of free school meals.

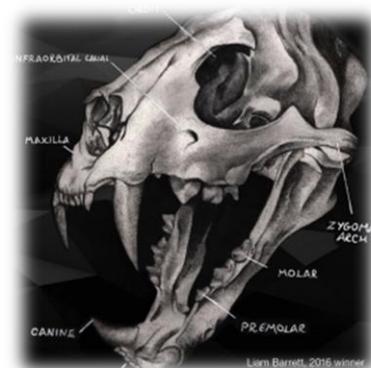
Marcus Rashford MBE & Henry Dimbleby MBE have written a personal letter to all Parents / Guardians. To view, please [Click here](#).

Community Focus Open Day on Saturday 17 July

This is a free one-day event for parents, carers and their children and young people who want to know more about what Short Breaks and Articulate do. Short Breaks is a Barnet Council initiative; providing a range of creative art and leisure services for children and young people from 10-18 with additional needs and disabilities, while Articulate encourages creativity to enhance and celebrate the positive mental health and emotional well-being of 16 – 25 year old's. [Click here](#) to find out more!

Royal Society of Biology Competition-Reminder

[The Nancy Rothwell Award](#) celebrates specimen drawing in schools and highlights the benefits of combining art and science. The Nancy Rothwell Award 2021 is now open for entries. Each entrant can submit only one drawing for the award. We encourage entrants to enter scans of their specimen drawings rather than photographs. Entrants should keep hold of their original drawings as these may be requested at a later date. The Award will close for entries at **30 July 2021**. Winning entries will be announced on the RSB website in September 2021.



Photography Competition

Interconnected' is the theme of this year's Royal Society of Biology [Photography Competition](#). Life on Earth is connected and this year we invite you to capture these interactions. Your photograph could depict the relationships between living things or of a living thing with its environment. You could also consider the exchanges between different species, such as mutualistic or parasitic behaviours. You may want to focus on the impact humans have specifically had on other organisms and the world around them, whether that is at home or at work, in urban or rural areas.



Your entry can show the impacts of biological processes and phenomena in a range of settings or portray the chains of consequences and how knowledge about biology can illuminate a story. The competition will close for entries on **23 July 2021**. Winning entries will be announced on the RSB website in October 2021.

Free Thank You Cards for School Staff

Please click [here](#) to send a free 'Thank you' to a member of staff postcard. Anyone can send a card all year round. The *Thank a Teacher* campaign recognises ALL staff working in UK schools and colleges; school leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, and all support staff such as office staff, technicians, lunchtime supervisors and caretakers.

Headteacher Parent Surgery

If you would like to meet with the Headteacher or a Senior Deputy Headteacher at our weekly Parent and Carer surgery, please email admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk

This will take place every Friday from 5pm until 6pm. The time allocated for appointments will be 15 minutes in the first instance. Please send your request for an appointment in by 10am every Wednesday so that we may allocate an appointment and send you confirmation in good time. All appointments will take place via Microsoft Teams during current restrictions.

Friends of STA (FOSA)

Thank you to parents and carers for your responses to the survey we posted in this section of the newsletter. Given the current increase in COVID-19 cases in London, we have decided to postpone the social events we had planned to take place at the end of this term.

Thank you for pledging to help us and for your offers to donate a prize for a raffle. We will now aim to launch social events for parents and carers and we will run fundraising activities in time for Christmas 2021. We will make contact with you and other interested families nearer the time.

There is still time to join our small group if you would like to do so. Please email admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk and mark your email for the attention of **Mr M Vassiliou (Senior Deputy Headteacher)**.

Important dates for the calendar

Please [click here](#) to access term dates for this and for next academic year. Please note that these dates are subject to change, so please do keep checking in on a regular basis. If you have any queries about a specific date, please email us at admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk

COVID-19 update

Please [click here](#) to view data from the Barnet COVID-19 weekly round up.

BARNET COVID-19 WEEKLY ROUND-UP

20 June - 26 June 2021

