

Friday, 13th January, 2017



St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

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Bernadette's Blog

Happy New Year!

Road Safety

2017 got off to a busy start at St. Bernadette's this week! On Monday morning, we had a visit from the **Be Smart Road Safety Team**. They worked with the children in our Year 3 and Year 3/4 classes.

They will be in every Monday morning for the rest of this half term.



St. Bernadette's Big Garden Bird Watch!



You may have seen the Big Garden Bird Watch for 28th-30th January advertised on TV recently.

Our Key Stage One children are now experts, ready for the challenge. They spent time on Thursday with a representative from the RSPB, learning to identify birds and collecting data.



Hockey Taster Sessions

We were delighted to welcome, Claire and Ellie from OneHockey on Wednesday. They were able to introduce every child in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 to the skills of hockey. It was fun-even in the cold!

The teachers then had a very useful training session after school too!

We are hoping to purchase some new equipment very soon, to take advantage of all the enthusiasm that was seen!



NHS Nursery Style

The children in our Nursery classes enjoyed playing in their new Doctors' Surgery role play corner this week. It is just like the new Cramlington Hospital in there! Doctors were taking blood pressure, testing eyes, bandaging wounds and using stethoscopes.

Perhaps they can help Mr Thomas cure his sore wrist!



Lego League Assembly and Competition

UKS2 were treated to a special assembly by our Lego League Club this week. Mr Keys and his Lego Team have been busy preparing for a Lego League competition-which is actually taking place this morning. We wish them well and look forward to seeing pictures and hearing all about it on next week's blog!



Fun in the snow!




We had a fantastic time in the snow!!! We threw snowballs, made snow angels (Mrs McGuigan did too!) and built snowmen!! ❄️🌨️👤
👤 We hope we get some more!



PICCOLLAGE

School Meal News

Our next Fun Day  is going to be out of this world!!

Thursday, 19th January 2017

The theme is Outer Space

Some children may like to dress up in their favourite costume- but this is really not necessary.

Please do not go out and buy!

As our UKS2 children are out on a visit-they must still wear their uniforms-sorry!



7000 Books

Our Reading Challenge Update

Our Reading Challenge bookworm continues to grow each week. There are dozens of raffle tickets for this afternoon's draw-to see which lucky people will attend next Monday's special "Wicked Readers" lunch.



Our final Travelling Crib Photos



Thank you to everyone who shared their photos of the Travelling Crib with us. Here are, Leo, Theo and his little brother, Alex, Dominic and Georgina enjoying the experience on the final days of last term.

Sports/Achievements Page



Here is Hannah with the badge and certificate she received for passing her Stage One Swimming Award! Fantastic effort, Hannah! Congratulations!



Niamh competed in the Tynemouth Gala recently, in all four strokes. She was overall Gold Medal winner of the freestyle, butterfly, breaststroke and backstroke.

She managed to break three club records, that have stood for ten years in the process. Absolutely incredible! Keep it up, Niamh!



Here is Joe with the certificate he received for completing the Toma Run and raising money for this very worthy cause. Congratulations Joe!

Hannah, Emily and Ava were delighted to win the Under 9's football tournament for their Benfield Team, on a very cold morning during the holidays. Congratulations, girls!



Matthew took part in the Woodlawn Christmas Pudding Run on Boxing Day...I just ate Christmas pudding!! Well done, Matthew!



Luke and May made it a family celebration, with May receiving awards for her dancing and Luke for gaining skills in football. Congratulations to you both!

We love to hear all about your achievements! If you want to be on this page, take a photo and please send it to:

christine.mcconville@ntlp.org.uk

More Sports/Achievements



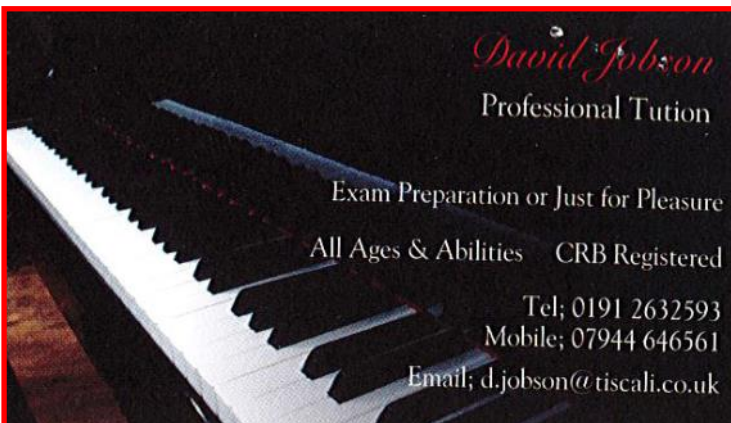
Mollie was delighted to gain her Stage One swimming award during the holidays. Congratulations!



Here are our new Librarians. They will be on duty from Monday, opening the library at lunchtimes for Y2 children upwards.

Keyboard Lessons

Breakfast Club



This afternoon during our Celebration Assembly the children will be treated to a keyboard demonstration by Mr Jobson.

Mr Jobson currently teaches at St. Thomas More and has offered to be our new keyboard teacher.

Lessons start at £5.90 and will take place on Friday afternoons.

If your child is interested please ask for an application form at the office next week.

Many thanks.

Anyone wishing to attend Breakfast Club is reminded that booking closes at end of school on Fridays.

Children should be booked on for the following week in advance to enable correct staffing and supplies to be arranged.

Children requiring breakfast must arrive by 8.15am please.

Parents are reminded not to park on the school car park.

Parking

Please may we remind parents to use the Barking Dog Car Park for dropping off children and collecting them. Some of the residents on Mullen Road are experiencing difficulties due to cars being parked in front of their homes. Thank you!

Attendance Matters

As part of our Attendance Policy, and keeping parents informed, we are required to send out letters every half term if your child's attendance has dropped below 90%.

Your child's attendance is also shown on their termly reports.

The Department of Education class a child as a "persistent absentee" if their attendance is below 90% by the end of the second term (Easter).

Every School Day Counts

100% attendance = 190 days in school = 0 absences
 95% attendance = 180 days in school = 2 weeks absence
90% attendance = 171 days in school = 4 weeks absence
85% attendance = 161 days in school = 6 weeks absence
80% attendance = 152 days in school = more than half a term absence
75% attendance = 143 days in school = 9+ weeks absence

Danger Zone - as few as 19 missed days over the year reduces your chance of success with results in your SAT results dropping by one grade.

Attendance League Table

Class	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attendance
Nursery AM	5.8	0	92.5
Nursery PM	7.4	0	91.1
Mrs McGuigan	4.5	0.4	95.0
Miss Rogers	2.4	0	97.6
Miss Willits	3.8	0	96.1
Miss Kincaid	2.3	0.2	97.5
Mrs Walker	1.8	1.8	96.4
Miss Hall	1.9	0.8	97.2
Mr Milner	2.2	0.5	97.3
Miss Smith	2.7	0.3	97.0
Miss Dempsey/ Mrs Beresford	1.5	1.0	97.5
Mr Keys	3.5	0.4	96.2
Miss Harrison	3.2	0.3	96.5
Totals	2.9	0.5	96.5



Congratulations to Miss Rogers' Reception Class, who have the best attendance in school so far. Mrs Wigham will be along to see your class soon with a little treat !

100 % Attendance

Congratulations to the 117 pupils who gained 100% attendance in our first term.

To those of you who didn't quite make it, maybe you can get 100% attendance this term ?

Did you know that if you are doing a sporting activity eg, dance exam, football tournament, etc in school time, it doesn't affect your attendance as long as you bring a letter from the sports club/dance school with the date of event shown.

Here is a reminder of term dates for the rest of the year.
KS2 SATs take place week beginning 8th-11th May 2017



St Bernadette's R C Primary School

Holiday List

September 2017 – July 2018

Advent Term (Autumn Term)

School opens	-	Monday 4 th September 2017
School ends for half term	-	Friday 20 th October 2017
School re-opens	-	Monday 30 th October 2017
School ends for Christmas	-	Friday 22 nd December 2017

Lenten Term (Spring Term)

School opens	-	Monday 8 th January 2018
School ends for half term	-	Friday 9 th February 2018
School re-opens	-	Monday 19 th February 2018
Teacher Training Day	-	Friday 16th March 2018
School ends for Easter	-	Thursday 29 th March 2018

Trinity term (Summer Term)

School opens	-	Monday 16 th April 2018
*Bank Holiday	-	Monday 7th May 2018
School ends for half term	-	Friday 25 th May 2018
School re-opens	-	Monday 4 th June 2018
School ends for summer	-	Friday 20 th July 2018

Children's entitlement to school

All schools in the country must open for children for 190 days of education. Holidays in term time are no longer permitted unless in exceptional circumstances, and only with headteachers permission. Please note these holiday regulations do not apply to Nursery.

Teacher Training Days

Teacher's contracts of employment identify five days when teachers must attend in service training. There will be 3 training days this academic year.

Please note there are two further training days to be taken throughout the year.

A further 2 training days must be taken from holiday time or twilight sessions after school.

Public Examinations

Parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 will be taking their SATS in May, and it is very important that they have excellent attendance and no absences in May.

PUPIL PREMIUM PLUS

Schools can receive the Pupil Premium for children adopted from care or who left care under a Special Guardianship Order or Residential Order : The Pupil Premium can be used to provide additional resources to help raise attainment, or support your child in other ways.

Pupils that are eligible include those:

- That were adopted from care
- That left care under a Special Guardianship Order
- That left care under a Residential Order
- That left care through a Child Arrangement Order

If your child is eligible and you would like the school to receive this funding then you need to let school know.

You will need to self-declare before January 20th so we can record the information on

Care & Connect

is a service for children, families and individuals in North Tyneside. We help you to stay safe, healthy and independent by providing information and advice about local groups and activities and supporting you to access resources in your community.

Care & Connect can help you with:

- information and advice about local care, support, groups, activities and services
- managing your home, maintaining your tenancy
- meeting new people and participating in your community
- help with parenting and your child's behaviour
- finding paid and voluntary work, helping others, training or learning
- advice regarding equipment to help you stay safe in your home
- help to plan for your future care needs
- information about social care



Connecting you to activities and care services



For more information:

Telephone: 0191 643 7474

Email: care&connect@northtyneside.gov.uk

Or drop in at:

Wallsend Customer First Centre,
16 The Forum, Wallsend, NE28 8JR

Opening hours:

9am - 5pm, Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
9am - 4.30 pm, Wednesday & Friday

You can also meet with a Care & Connect navigator in a range of other settings, across North Tyneside. To find out where and when please contact us.



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0117 970 7635
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Northumbria Healthcare **NHS**
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healthy4life



FREE Healthy4Life Clubs 2017

Are you worried about your child's weight? We offer fun, friendly physical activity and lifestyle sessions for you and your child. Clubs run for 10 weeks and details are below.

The Parks Sports Centre on Tuesday 17th January- Tuesday 28th March 2017 from 4-5.30pm (Ages 4-7 years)

The Lakeside Centre on Wednesday 18th January- Wednesday 29th March 2017 from 4.15- 6.15pm (Ages 8+ years)

There are limited free places so find out more and sign up today by contacting Healthy4life
tel: 0191 643 7454 or
email: chat@northtyneside.gov.uk



**Have your family made any
New Year Resolutions?**



Happy Birthday



Just Kidz

Our school Lego team, will take part in the competition they entered today, at a school in North Shields.

We wish them all the best! GOOD LUCK

SCHOOL LIBRARY GRAND OPENING

On Monday (the 16th of January) our school library will be opening , for children in Year 2 and above. If you would like to borrow a book, then please come on your class' day.

Monday—Year 2

Tuesday—Year 3

Wednesday—Year 4

Thursday—Year 5 and 6

Friday—Closed

Punny corner

Year 6

Gender: girl

Hobbies: gymnastics

Eye colour: brown

Hair colour: brown

**Favourite colour:
orange**



WHAT KIND OF SHORTS
DO CLOUDS WEAR?

THUNDERWEAR

WHAT DO YOU CALL A
BEAR WITH NO TEETH?



A GUMMY BEAR.

WHAT DO YOU CALL A PIG
THAT DOES KARATE?



PORK CHOP

Mass: Sunday 11.15 am
Fr John McElhone— 0191 2623820

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parishioners who would like to receive our Blog in full colour
via email, please let us know by emailing us at

stbernadettes.primary@northtyneside.gov.uk



Star of the Week

Mini Vinnies!

Our Mini-Vinnies Club will begin
again on Thursday, 26th '17
It will run from 3.40pm-4.15pm



Dates for your Diary

16th January After School Clubs begin
Road Safety Team in Y3 and Y3/4
17th January Recycling assemblies for KS1 and KS2
18th January Fire Service visiting Y2 and Y5
6pm Celebration of Sacrament of Reconciliation @ St. Aidan's
19th January UKS2 @ St. Aidan's
Fun Day Lunch

For more dates check out our website at

www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk

Nursery am	Oscar
Nursery pm	Ava H
Reception (DM)	Daniel
Reception (AR)	Isabel G
Year 1	Emily
Year 1/2	Tyler D
Year 2	Lucas
Year 3	Dominic
Year 3/4	Phoebe G
Year 4	Lexie
Year 5	Sean H
Year 5/6	Chloe
Year 6	Martha

Our new value for this half term
is
SERVICE.

S is for **S**pending time on others



Attendance of the week

Reception 100%
(Miss Rogers)
Congratulations!

Our Mission Value