

Friday, 12th May, 2017



St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

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Bernadette's Blog

Year Six SATs Week



This week our Year 6 children took their SAT Tests.

Every day began with a delicious cooked breakfast produced by Dot and lots of staff who gladly volunteered. This was followed by some "GoNoodle" exercises.

After each test a refreshing walk up the Rising Sun was taken.

Mrs Fallon, Mrs Hall and Mr Keys are so, so happy with how the children conducted themselves all week.

The children and staff involved must be commended for their commitment and resilience, always appearing smiling and cheerful.

Thanks must go to our wonderful parents for being so supportive at this time.

Next week is
Fun Week!



Wash, Squash and Recycle!



Last Friday afternoon, our Eco-Monitors were delighted to receive a certificate and prize of £100 from Rebecca of Groundworks for our efforts in the **"Wash, Squash and Recycle" Project**.

Each KS2 class has an eco-monitor whose job it is to check we don't waste energy by leaving on lights and projectors when the classrooms are not in use.

We hope to spend some of the prize on litter pickers to help keep our environment tidy.

Our Year 2 class were also lucky enough to win a prize of £50 for taking part in the RSPB workshops earlier in the year. Congratulations!



7000 Books...

Mr Milner had a great time chatting to this week's Wonderful Readers on Monday. We are getting close to our target now! By last Friday, we had read a total of

6,394 books.
Amazing effort!!



First Communion Day is on May 20th.

Gifts and cards are available now from St. Bernadette's piety stall.



Travelling Book Fair Arriving Soon

Mrs Walker will be running a Travelling Book Fair from

Monday 22nd May- Friday, 26th May.

Special Offer: **3 books for the price of 2!!**

Open in school foyer from 8.30am-8.50am and 3.40pm-4pm.

Please come along and support us.

All commission made will go towards books in our new library.



On this weekend...



Friends of the Rising Sun Country Park invite you to a Coffee Morning this Sunday 14th May 2017 at 1100 to 1230. Come and say hello to the Friends Group and find out how you can get involved with their activities.

- Coffee, Tea and Juice Provided
- Tombola to Raise Funds
- Clue Trail - suitable for ALL ages

Please come along, all welcome. Rising Sun Country Park Visitor Centre, behind Asda Benton

If you would like further information about the Friends Group please visit our Facebook Page:

'Friends of Rising Sun Country Park'

or email us at:

friendsofrscp@gmail.com

Money Matters



Leeds Building Society

We believe that the concept of saving and spending money are a life skill that we need to be teaching our children. With that in mind we have teamed up with Leeds Building Society, who will be coming into our school

next Thursday 17th May
from 2.45 pm.

The building society staff can open a savings account for your child, and will be coming back into school at regular intervals so your child can bank any pocket money they may have saved up.

You will have received a parentmail about this with further details.

A Nissan car key and house key, found on the school car park, were handed in to the school office last week. Could they be yours?

Tax-Free Child Care...

Tax-Free Childcare is coming soon - so sign up today!

We invited you to sign up for Tax-Free Childcare, but you don't appear to have done so yet. Tax-Free Childcare will start to rollout to parents very soon and over 20,000 childcare providers have already signed up - so don't miss out and sign up now! If you've signed up in the last month you don't need to take any action.

To sign up now go to www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk.

To sign up you'll need:

- your user ID 50004320794
- your bank account details (the account which you want childcare payments to be paid to), and either
- your business 10 digit Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR) and the postcode this is linked to (e.g. business address, personal address, registered office). You can find these on previous tax returns or other communications from HM Revenue and Customs; or
- your National Insurance number, if you're a nanny and don't have a UTR.

Remind me, what is Tax-Free Childcare?

Tax-Free Childcare is a new online government service to help working parents with the cost of their childcare. For every £8 a parent pays into their childcare account, we'll pay in an extra £2, up to a maximum of £2,000 every year for each child. **Parents will then be able to pay you for childcare directly from their childcare accounts.**

It's important you sign up so parents can use Tax-Free Childcare

Parents can only pay you from their childcare account if you've signed up to Tax-Free Childcare. Once you've signed up, you won't need to do anything else. Parents will be able to use the online service to select you as their childcare provider and make payments directly into your bank account. So your 'parents' may soon start asking you whether you're ready for Tax-Free Childcare.

We're also about to launch our 'Childcare Provider Checker', www.childcare-provider-checker.tax.service.gov.uk which allows parents to check which childcare providers have signed up for Tax-Free Childcare.

If you're a registered charity and don't have a UTR please phone our helpline on 0300 123 4097 and we'll tell you how to sign up.

It's important you sign up yourself rather than asking someone to do it for you, as you need to set your own security questions. If you want to nominate someone to help manage your childcare account in future, you'll have the opportunity to do this when you sign up.

How is Tax-Free Childcare different to Childcare Vouchers?

Tax-Free Childcare will eventually replace the current childcare voucher scheme, and it will be available to many more parents. You'll still be able to receive payments from parents using childcare vouchers once you have signed up to Tax-Free Childcare, although families will not be able to use both at the same time.

To check you have all the information and to make sure you are ready for the launch of Tax-Free Childcare, go to www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/moreinfooccp to find out more.

30 Hours Free Childcare

The government will also be launching the 30 hours free childcare offer in September 2017. Working parents of 3 and 4-year-old children in England may be entitled to an extra 15 hours a week of free early education or childcare (on top of the universal 15 hour entitlement). Parents will be able to apply for Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare at the same time, through a single online service.

You can find more information on www.foundationyears.org.uk/30-hours-childcare-resources and www.childcareworks.co.uk or through your local authority early years contact.

Just Kids Page

Our Just Kids editors have been busy with SATs this week.

It will return next week.

Sports/Achievements Page



Congratulations to Holly!
Here she is with the "Player of the Match" trophy which she was given for her play in the recent Under 9s Cup Final for the Benfield Tigers.



Leo has just passed his driving test!
He brought his Legoland licence in to show us.
He'll have plenty of chances to drive on our new track.



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



Here are Holly, Emily and Hannah with their trophies for the Benfield Tigers Under 9 cup final. Well done, girls!



It's great to see so many of our girls involved in football! Here are Jessica, Esme and Abi and their team mates from Wallsend Girls u11 Vikings. They were runners up in the u11's Wade Financial League Trophy Final on Saturday. Jessica also got pinpoint player of the match for Wallsend. Fantastic game and everyone is really proud of all of the girls.



Sienna has had a really busy time! Here she is with her 50m and Stage 6 swimming badges AND her Stage 5 award for gymnastics!
What a great effort! Well done!!



Lily passed her Badge 2 award for gymnastics, this week.
Congratulations, Lily!

More Sports/Achievements



Here is Joseph.

He received his half marathon award at the Whitley Bay Junior Park Run.

Fantastic achievement!
Well done, Joseph.



James is another great runner.

He completed the Gordon Smith fun run this week. This is a run in memory of Gordon, a fellow runner & friend of his dad (John).

Congratulations,
James.

Congratulations to Year 5 and Year 2 who won the Best Class Attendance with 97.6%. They enjoyed a nice lolly treat and an extra long playtime on our new playground markings. I wonder who will win the by the end of the year



Best Class Attendance Reward





KS1 Forest Club

Due to staff training with other primary schools, next Monday's Forest Club has been rearranged to **Wednesday, 17th May**. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Mass: Sunday 11.15 am
Fr John McElhone— 0191 2623820

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Star of the Week

Dates for your Diary

16th May St. Aidan's FHC Rehearsal (after school)

20th May First Holy Communion Day

22nd-26th May Travelling Book fair

23rd May Nursery Stay and Play

PTA Meeting-all welcome!

For more dates check out our website at

www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk

Holy Toast Winner



For safety reasons, ear rings must be removed for school. If your child had their ears pierced within the last six weeks and cannot yet take ear rings out, please ensure they come to school with their ears taped. Thank you!

Our Mission Value

Our value for this half term



Community

"If we as a Community don't step up to help each other, then who will?." *Kathy Grimes*

Nursery am	Ava D
Nursery pm	Sienna
Reception (DM)	Auria
Reception (AR)	Vinnie
Year 1	Lucas
Year 1/2	Kate
Year 2	Finley S
Year 3	Aaron
Year 3/4	Elizabeth
Year 4	Phoebe
Year 5	Emmanuel
Year 5/6	All our Y6 pupils for
Year 6	a fantastic attitude to SATs!

Attendance of the week

Year 2
100%