

St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter



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Easter Church Services



After a glorious sunny spring walk through Bethune Park, students and staff alike enjoyed our termly visit to St Katherine's Church in Barnet on Tuesday. Father Damian and Deacon Andrew began by hosting an illustrated Q&A session on the main events of Great Lent in the run-up to Pascha. Father Damian then led a Compline Service, in which several students gave readings and the whole congregation sang their responses with gusto.



Achievement and Reward Assemblies



New Build



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Message from the Headteacher

This has been a week of celebration, of the Feast of the Annunciation on Monday, of individual academic and Attendance successes in our Year Group Achievement Assemblies and of the progress being made on our superb buildings, as the foundations of the main school building continue to be poured and as the finishing touches (brick cladding, lantern lights etc.) are put in place on our new Sports Hall, which you can see in the photos.

Our Year 9s and 10s were treated to some chanting of the Akathist Hymn to the Theotokos in a memorable assembly from Dr Bamford this morning.

Orthodox Eastreis late this year, in early May, but our observance of Great Lent was enhanced by our termly visit to our good friend Father Damian at St Katherine's. The behaviour of our students both in the service itself and in the walk to and from the church was quite exemplary, which is always nice to see.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have major public exams coming up, and will, I am confident, make the most of the opportunities to revise and attend interventions in the fortnight ahead. I wish you all a happy holiday and to those of you who are on the Julian calendar a very Happy Easter.

Do have a look at Apostle News when you have a chance; its packed full of features including an article with His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas, containing one or two "scoops"! [APOSTLE NEWS EASTER EDITION - ISSUE 4.](#)

Philip Hills



Faith

Annunciation of the Theotokos 25 March

This week in assemblies we have been looking at the icon of the annunciation and considering what this momentous event meant for Mary, the world and for all of us.

The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Virgin Mary is celebrated on March 25 each year.

The Feast commemorates the announcement by the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary that our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Son of God, would become incarnate and enter this world through her womb.

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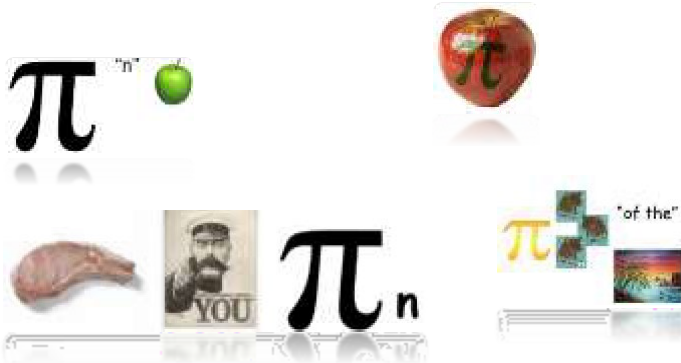
The school will be hosting a [Newquay Parents Information Evening on Monday 15 April 2024](#). The event will take place in Building 4 school hall from 6.00pm-6.45pm. The evening will involve the trip leader explaining the key details of the trip and give parents the opportunity to ask questions.

Mathematics

The mathematics department extends its heartfelt congratulations to all the students who enthusiastically participated in this year's Pi Day competition. Your dedication and passion for mathematics have truly made this event a resounding success.


Pi Day, celebrated annually on March 14th, is a time-honoured tradition that allows us to recognise the importance of the mathematical constant π and its profound impact on our understanding of the world around us. Through your participation in various activities and challenges, you have demonstrated not only your mathematical prowess but also your creativity. It's now your turn to have a go at some of the questions below and see if you can compete with our talented students.

Miss Sorgente | Teacher of Maths




Root word of the week


frag/fract (from Latin) = break/shatter



FRAGILE
Fragile
(easily broken)

Fraction (when the whole is broken down into constituent parts)

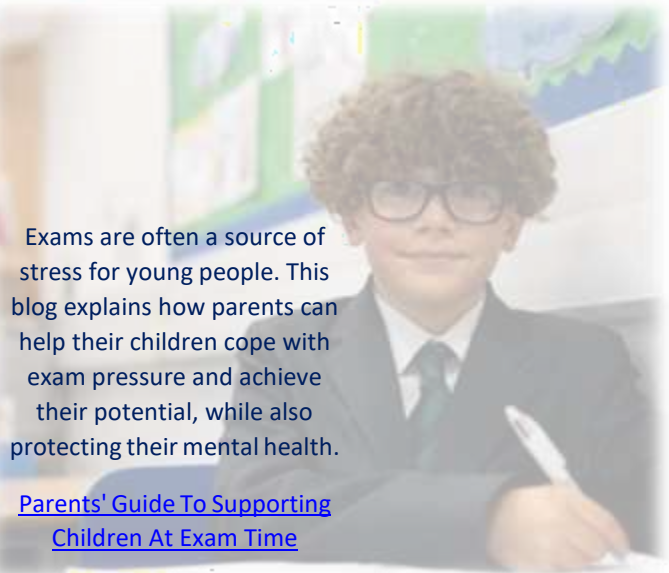




Fracture
(a break, especially of a bone)

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APOSTLE NEWS



Exams are often a source of stress for young people. This blog explains how parents can help their children cope with exam pressure and achieve their potential, while also protecting their mental health.

[Parents' Guide To Supporting Children At Exam Time](#)

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ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS AND PARENTS TO THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:



Morning and Afternoon Tours from 4 March 2024





FREE Summer School Wednesday 24 July to Friday 26 July 2024 9.30am to 1.30pm for Year 5 students



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