



Headteacher's Update

21st May 2021

Key Messages



4TH SUNDAY OF PASCHA
SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support and for your informal feedback on how things are going since I have joined the school. It is always helpful to know when things are going well and also to know what we can do to improve further. I will be gathering more formal feedback in a survey I will send to you after half-term.

We are very much looking forward to our Leavers service for our Year 11 and Year 13 students at St Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church on Friday 28 May. Father Damian has planned a wonderful service for our students and I know that this will be a memorable and fitting occasion for our students.

Year 11 and Year 13 students will arrive at school in time for form time at 8.30am. Thank you for supporting us by ensuring that your Year 11 child is smartly dressed in full school uniform and that Year 13 students are also formally dressed on this very important occasion.

I am pleased to let you know that we are also continuing to work closely with Father John of St Demetrius Greek Orthodox Church and we will recommence live assemblies to form groups after half-term.

After half-term, we will be making some timetable changes and you will be notified where this is the case by the Head of Year. The reason for this is that we would like to ensure that we are making the best use of gained teacher time following the departure of Year 11 and Year 13 students.

Parents and carers have received a letter from Mr Michael, Ms Beddoes and Ms Fourcade regarding end of year assessments for Year 10 and Year 12 which commence from Tuesday 8 June. We will inform parents and carers of the arrangements for the end of year exams for Years 7, 8 and 9 later on this week.

Over the coming weeks, teachers will be setting specific homework with revision lists and practice questions for students so that they may prepare for these assessments.

Do contact your child's Head of Year if you have any concerns or if you would like to request additional support for your child.

Finally, a reminder that school is closed to students on Monday 7 June as this is a staff training day.

In everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God
in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Best wishes,

Mrs I Warwick
(Headteacher)

Sunday of the Paralytic

O Thou Who holdest the ends of the earth in the palm of Thy hand, O Jesus our God, Who art co-beginningless with the Father, and Who, together with the Holy Spirit dost rule over all things: Thou didst appear in the flesh, healing infirmities, driving away passions, and giving sight to the blind. And, by a divine word, Thou didst raise up the paralytic, commanding him to walk straightway and to take up upon his shoulders his bed, which had carried him. Wherefore, together with him we all praise Thee and cry: O Compassionate Christ, glory to Thy dominion and might.

On this, the fourth Sunday after Easter, we commemorate the miracle of Christ healing a man who had been paralysed for thirty-eight years. The biblical story of the event is found in the Gospel of John 5:1-15.

The word of Christ was strength for the paralytic;

And thus, this word alone was his healing.

The icon of the Sunday of the Paralytic depicts the Biblical story of Christ healing the paralytic. Our Lord, accompanied by His disciples, is shown blessing the paralytic. The man has risen and taken up his bed as commanded by Christ. The paralytic is bowing toward the Lord in reverence and in gratitude for the great miracle that has been done. In the background of the icon is the pool where the infirmed came for healing.

Close to the Sheep's Gate in Jerusalem, there was a pool, which was called the Sheep's Pool.

It had five porches, that is, five sets of pillars supporting a domed roof. Under this roof there lay very many sick people with various disabilities awaiting the moving of the water. The first person to step in after the troubling of the water was healed immediately of whatever malady he had.

It was there that the paralysed man was lying, tormented by his infirmity of thirty-eight years. When Christ beheld him, He asked him, "Will you be made whole?" And he answered with a quiet and meek voice, "Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool." The Lord said unto him, "Rise, take up your bed, and walk." And straightaway the man was made whole and took up his bed. Walking in the presence of all, he departed rejoicing to his own house. According to the Gospels, the Lord Jesus healed this paralytic man during the days of the Passover, when He had gone to Jerusalem for the Feast, and dwelt there teaching and working miracles. According to Saint John the Evangelist, this miracle took place on the Sabbath.

By Thy boundless mercy, O Christ our God, have mercy on us. Amen.

So let us not only say "Christ is Risen!" this Paschal season; let us rise with Him, getting up from whatever sins have weighed us down, finding the strength in His resurrection to overcome our paralysis and weakness, to refuse to be shackled by fear, and move step by step, day by day, into the joy of His Kingdom. Now is the time to take up our beds and walk in the brilliant light of the empty tomb, for Christ is Risen!



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: Kacper C (7E) and Maya G (7H) for showing consistent and outstanding effort throughout the week in lessons.

Year 8: Leah CT (8P) and Christos M (8S) for being excellent ambassadors for our school.

Year 9: Alex A (9H) and Anastasia P (9T) for consistently supporting and representing our school values.

Year 10: Leah A (10N) and Anastasia K (10N) for being excellent ambassadors for our school.

Year 11: Thea P (11L) and Konstantinos K (11P) for consistently supporting and representing our school values.

Sixth Formers of the Week

Year 12: Harry L (12A) for being outstandingly supportive to staff, pupils throughout this academic term. **Mashal S (12O); Mario P (12O); Georgia C (12O)** and **Thomas F (12O)** for being excellent ambassadors for our school.

Year 13: Paul V (13A) and Andreas G (13O) for their resilience and commitment to hard work.



Barnet & Culture for Youth Advocates



What is Barnet & Culture for Youth Advocates?

Join Barnet & Culture for Youth Advocates and develop your ideas and confidence to make a change. You'll have a platform to explore issues about arts and culture in Barnet that are important to you and your opinions will be listened to. As B&CY Advocates you'll have access to stimulating workshops with artists such as Belarus Free Theatre and you'll learn skills such as how to run a social media campaign, and how to use your voice to challenge the status quo. You'll learn more about creative careers and hear from a variety of artists and people working in the arts about their pathways into the creative industries. It is free to join B&CY Advocates.

You'll take part in sessions such as:

- Arts Education - What is arts education? Why is it beneficial? What's on offer in Barnet?
- Advocacy and Activism for the Arts - Working with theatre company Belarus Free Theatre, you'll look at how arts can be used as a form for activism.
- Diverse Arts Curriculum
- Access to the Arts - What barriers are there for people being able to access the arts?
- Creative Careers and setting up your own organisation
- What is a young trustee? Why is it important that young people's voices are heard on boards?

As well as these workshops, you will have time to work with your peers to design your own creative project about something you're passionate about.



Where and When?

B&CY Advocates will meet roughly every 3 weeks, on Mondays this year: 7 Jun, 28 Jun, 19 Jul, 13 Sep, 27 Sep, 18 Oct, 8 Nov, 29 Nov & 13 Dec.

Sessions will usually take place at the artsdepot (under COVID guidelines) from 4pm - 6pm. If sessions cannot take place in person, they will be on Zoom.

On Mon 13 Dec, there will be a celebration event where you can share your creative project with your family and friends.

Who's it for?

Anyone with a connection to Barnet aged 14 - 21. We are looking for young people with an interest in and passion for the arts which could be anything from drama to film to visual arts.

To sign up, please complete this short form by [clicking here](#) by **Friday 28 May at 5pm**

Heroes stamp design competition



Since the coronavirus pandemic began, there have been many people who have done great things. Many of them are not famous, but they have done extraordinary work. These are the people who have helped us all through a really difficult time. Some are frontline workers in healthcare, others look after elderly or vulnerable people.

Millions of key workers have kept the country going when most of us were told to stay home for our own safety. And there have been many people who volunteered to help people in their communities who needed help or support. We think that what these people have done makes them heroes, so Royal Mail wants to honour them by producing a set of eight stamps.

The stamps will feature designs created by eight school-aged children. We are asking our young designers to think about who their hero or heroes are, and to then design a stamp in their honour. A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs. The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they can be printed and issued.



GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON

	SCHOOL	ENTRANT/FAMILY
Overall Winners x 8:	£1,000	£1,000 vouchers
Regional Winners x 16:	£500	£500 vouchers
Regional Runners Up x 96:	£100	£100 vouchers

All children aged 4-14 from across the UK can enter the competition through their school.

[Click here](#) to watch a short video by Boris Johnson and the Royal Mail. Send your entry to us at admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk by **Thursday 27 May** and we will pass on the entries from our school to the Royal Mail ahead of the deadline of Friday 28 May.



Young Artist summer exhibition



The artsdepot's brand-new Young Artists Summer Exhibition is a celebration of the creativity of North London's young people.

Young artists aged 11-25 from Barnet and the surrounding boroughs are invited to apply for a chance to display their work this summer in our Apthorp Gallery. The exhibition will run from Thursday 22 July – Thursday 26 August 2021.

It is free to submit work for consideration for the exhibition. Each artist can submit a maximum of 2 artworks for consideration. Artworks may be in any medium, from pencil to paint, clay to sculpture, whichever you prefer!

The range of work chosen for display will be selected by a panel of arts professionals from the local area. Prizes will be awarded to some of the artists taking part in the YA Summer Exhibition.

Are you interested in being part of the exhibition? Find out how to submit your work by [clicking here](#).

Deadline for submissions: Friday 11 June 2021, 12.00pm.

Barnet Early Help Service

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Early Help Service

This summer Barnet have adapted and changed the way in which they are delivering holiday activities to young people within the borough. Instead of just face to face delivery or in most recent times, just online delivery, we will be offering both.

You will be able to take part in ONLINE activities for young people aged 4-18 and up to 25 with Disabilities and/or Autism. Activities and Courses start from as little as £3 per session. If you would like to request for a limited free place and you meet the criteria your child can receive a place free of charge.

Just [click here](#) to access the link and see what activities are available to book your place. Please note there are limited places on each activity. Course will take place from 20 July – 14 August 2021

Sumdog competition-coming soon!



To unite pupils, [Sumdog](#) is hosting an extra-special online maths contest exclusively for schools, and everyone at St. Andrew the Apostle School is invited to join the fun!

Taking place between 11 - 17 June, the contest is a fun, easy way to ensure St. Andrew the Apostle School pupils are engaged in maths practice. Ms A Sorgente will be launching the competition in school this week and I will give further details in next week's Newsletter.

How does it work?

Accuracy is key - Children answer as many questions as accurately as possible whilst playing Sumdog's fun games.

Engaging and inclusive - Questions are tailored to each child's level, meaning children in Year 1 can compete fairly against their peers in Year 9!

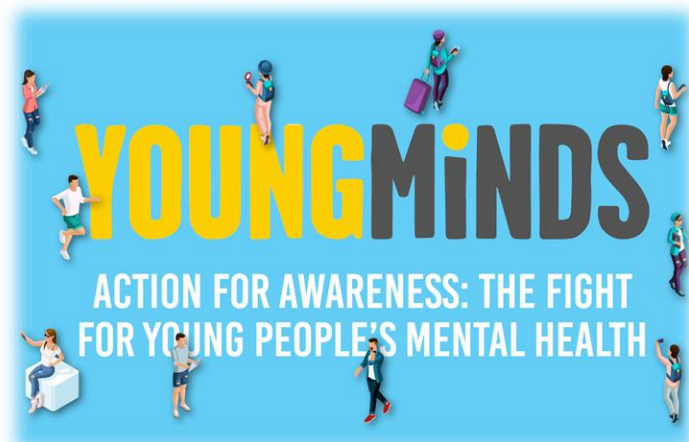
Play anytime, anywhere - Children just need access to smartphone, tablet or computer to play.

Points mean prizes - Sumdog motivates students with certificates and virtual coins, alongside other goodies.



Sumdog offers free online maths practice so students will be able to continue to use the platform even after the contest has finished.

Student Support - Mental Health



Please [click here](#) to access helpful advice and support from YoungMinds for young people and families who are coping with grief.

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)**

*DSL is the Designated Safeguarding lead

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Safeguarding-keeping safe

We will be reinforcing the message below during form time. Parents/ carers- please support us by reading this message to your children:

We would like all of our students to follow the safety advice below when travelling to and from school:

- Travel with friends where possible.
- Be vigilant.
- Headphones - try not to wear or have them on low volume.
- Stay on the main roads where possible.
- Smart phone – Switch your location setting on / tracking software. Do not have your phone on visible display.

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 5.00pm until 6.00pm. The time allocated for appointments will be 15 minutes in the first instance. Please send your request for an appointment in by 10.00am 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)

We are having our second meeting on Wednesday 26 May at 4.30pm. Please email admin@standrewtheapostle.org.uk if you would like to join our group of ten parents/ carers. We had a fantastic first meeting and we are ready to agree our final plans for how we can work together to support our school and to raise money for charities that support young people. Watch this space for further announcements!

Mr M Vassiliou (Senior Deputy Headteacher)

Important dates for the calendar

Please [click here](#) to access dates for the calendar. 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

Uniform Reminder

Please [click here](#) to view the PE Uniform list. A reminder that no hoodies or branded sportswear are permitted in school. Please let your child's form tutor know if you need help or support to purchase any item of uniform and we will do our best to help.

Government guidelines

To access government updates on the current COVID guidelines, please [click here](#).

<p> BUSINESS / ACTIVITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor hospitality Indoor entertainment and attractions Organised indoor sport (adult) Remaining accommodation Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances) 	<p> SOCIAL CONTACT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum 30 people outdoors Indoors: Up to 6 people or a larger group from 2 households only (subject to review)
<p> LARGER EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most significant life events (30 people) Indoor events 1,000 people or 50% capacity (whichever is lower) Outdoor events 4,000 people or 50% capacity (whichever is lower) Large seated outdoor venues 10,000 people or 25% capacity (whichever is lower) 	<p> TRAVEL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic overnight stays International travel (subject to review) <p>COVID-19 ROADMAP 2021</p>